



# The Capon Weekly

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CAPON SPRINGS, WV

## Front Porch Chatter...

A new addition commemorating Capon's 75th anniversary adorns the hunt board on the way into the dining room. The handiwork of Norval Van Sickle of Florence, South Carolina, was brought by his family, who are here as part of the extended Reardon family reunion. The Reardons have been coming to Capon Springs since the early 1970's.



Fashioned from high quality basswood, this artwork was inspired by Capon's 75th anniversary logo Indian head with the traditional Capon laurel wreaths. This latest gift joins his previous donation of the wood spirit on the front porch that hangs by the front door to the Main House. An artist and carver, Norv has won many best-in-shows for his work in South Carolina and Virginia.

## Capon Connections:

Having Capon collectibles makes finding other Capon guests so much easier. Just ask Susan Murphy who made an unexpected Capon connection recently. After so many training runs past the Arlington, VA, Park



Service Office housed in an old railway car, Susan's curiosity finally got the better of her, so she stopped her workout to go inside and look around. A tall slender man was giving a tour to a young family, so Susan looked around on her own. When she noticed a Capon tote bag on a table, she interrupted the conversation to find out who the owner was. That's when the park service volunteer, Sedge Moss, (who is also a Capon 75th anniversary honoree) introduced himself.

News of another Capon connection arrived this week via a postcard from Paris. Tyler Davis & Kim Miles hooked up in this French capital after Tyler noticed the 75th anniversary luggage tag on Kim's suitcase. As it turned out, although they did not know it, Tyler and Kim shared three days of their Capon vacation this past June. Catherine Jacobs made an Italian hookup last year. When giving a school report while studying abroad in Venice, another student's ears perked up when she realized Catherine was talking about Capon. In true Capon fashion, Catherine now has a new fast friend.

## Historical Happenings



Two guests were honored this week for their long term contributions to Capon. All three adult children of Marie Graeff were here with their families. In a span of over 50 years, Marie accumulated 385 total days stayed at Capon during 71 separate visits.

Although Sidney Seidenman Jrs's first recorded visit was in 1967 when he began coming as an adult, he came to Capon many times as a youngster with his parents in the 1930s. Thanks to his professional connections, Sidney has arranged for a jazz band to play every spring and fall since 1993.

The Capon Weekly Archives revealed that things were happening ten years ago here at Capon. Dan Hallinan Jr. and JD Johnson made the talent show one to remember with their memorable "10 Most Asked Questions at Capon". Highlights of the list included: Will I ever win a game of Bingo?; and #1, Who are Mr. & Mrs. Me? Later in the week, the golf course proved to be extremely challenging for Friday's pot luck best ball tournament, as a mere two teams were lucky enough to finish under par. Also, the Little Me and the Great Me Daycare Center moved from Capon Springs to Wardensville. The daycare center was founded in 1977 by Laurie McKeown, daughter of longtime managers Harry and Virginia Lou McKeown.



# FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE



Friday night's stage show opened and closed with oohs and ahhs thanks to the cuteness quotient of this week's youngest participants. Patty Austin once again directed the 4-7 year old crowd in singing three songs to a packed auditorium. Then, the piano players took over. Ellie O'Reilly and Caitlin Dennin shared their ivory skills, as did mother/daughter duo Debra & Megan Burgess. Two guitars were needed for Jonas Bowen and Erin O'Reilly to offer "Bad to the Bone" strumming. The Capon family players broke things up with two commercials. The first one focused on the right and wrong way to give a massage at the Hygeia Bath House & Spa. The second one demonstrated the right and wrong way to look for a 75th anniversary token. Then the crowd was ready for more vocal talents so Jake Millard, Annie Fitzpatrick and Ganga Braun harmonized to "Season of Love". Paul Levine used his granddaughter Zoe's acting skills to sing a silly song called "The Thing".



Fast hands came next as Sophia Zambri displayed her magic tricks. First she broke a toothpick under a napkin and it emerged intact. Then she made four quarters move from all the corners on a piece of cloth to only one corner. Her dad Sal warmed up the audience with his juggling before David Levine wowed everyone with his robotic juggling tricks. A "Mysterious Ticking Noise" was explained by the Potter Puppet Pals, who's harmonizing brought together many of the Harry Potter character's names all in one rap song. Despite losing her voice late in the afternoon, Ora Ermold rebounded to be able to perform with Jonas Bowen on guitar. Last minute entrant Alison Batchelor provided sharp contrast to her "Sanjaya" look-a-like boyfriend Lucas Imbrogno. Still Lucas's dad Doug, with pigmy sized blue guitar (which matched his outfit), offered his picking and singing talents with an original song about what he saw while commuting.



Just when the show was winding down to a relaxed conclusion, the ever popular "Hallinan Hustlers" (Dan Hallinan, Sr., Bart Dennin & Ed Hallinan) returned in full costume. Their manager, Joe "Germaine Smokey Rudolfo Ray" Hallinan pumped the audience for a stirring tribute to Ray Charles & Lee Greenwood. To recover from all the excitement, Patty Austin prepared a slide show of photos taken of this week's guests enjoying their Capon family vacation.

## Softball score

Just like in the last two years,



the youngsters jumped out to a commanding lead, only to see it slip away again in an exciting 9th inning stretch. Bob Jones popped one out of the park in the top of the last inning for the go-ahead run to break a 10-10 tie. In the bottom of the 9th, Sal Zambri's third base catch and throw routine nailed down the out at first to end the 20 and unders' hopes of victory.



## Nothing But Net

After the rain subsided on Friday afternoon, twenty shooters made their way to the court to try their hand at free throws. Four people, Chris O'Connor, Blake Burgess, Trevor Price, and Robbie Fitzpatrick sank five out of ten on the wet court, but Sarah O'Connor and Chad Heiges took the lead with six each. Sarah went first in the shootoff and could not find the range. Chad Heiges then missed his first before sinking four straight to claim the prize.

## Guest Celebrations

### BIRTHDAYS

7/24 MILDRED HALLINAN

7/24 STEPHANIE BRAUN

7/26 BRIAN LANE

7/26 MADELYN MUDD

7/26 ED HALLINAN

7/27 FRANK PATCH, JR

7/28 JOHN ZAPPA



### ANNIVERSARIES

7/24 Mike & Sophie Schubert

7/27 Richard & Margaret  
Dodds- 50th celebration

7/28 Sal & Mary Zambri

## **CELEBRATING 50 YEARS**

### THE BOOK : THE LITTLE ME AND THE GREAT ME

“People love to be around THE GREAT ME. They see how kind THE GREAT ME is to everyone. How THE GREAT Me helps everybody. They see how everybody loves THE GREAT ME. That’s why I want to be THE GREAT ME. So I will remember to blow out the Little Me.”

Capon founder Lou Austin from his book, *The Little Me and THE GREAT ME*, p. 20

***Pick up a copy of this timeless children’s classic in the Food Shop and help us celebrate 50 years of being THE GREAT ME.***

## **BINGO MAGIC**

During Wednesday night’s bingo party, Bill Graeff waited until 0-75 was called to win the special four corners game and take the coveted bonus prize of a 75th anniversary token. Later, first timer Mary Zambri knew how to pick a lousy card, as it was bad enough to win the stand up game. When Brian James “volunteered” his vocal talents for a special game of screwball, Colleen Geddis, Nancy Ross and Debra Burgess all benefited with strawberry preserves. Rachel Hallinan’s dream came true when she called a game in the shape of a “T”. Half way through her calling, her father Dan thought he won before realizing he had a regular Bingo instead of the special design. Drew Kot added his cherubic voice to the mix by making sure two regular games went as well as planned.



## **Packed Pack of Runners**

Unseasonably cool temperatures were welcomed by the fifty brave guests who took on the Capon mile Tuesday afternoon. Daniel Hallinan Jr. took advantage of the conditions to turn in the best time of the season with a 5:06. Age group winners among the men were John Paul Wehner, Trevor Price, Thompson Ross, Zach Kelly, Chad Heiges, and Dave Browning. The ladies were led by Kelly DeMeester who traversed the scenic course in a time of 5:56. Age group winners among the ladies were Sophia Zambri, Caitlin Dennin, Anne Browning, Nancy Meadows, and Carol Hoover. The best effort award goes to Eliza Hoover, who at the age of 3 finished the race in 11:35, making her one of the youngest ever to complete the run. The following guests showed marked improvement over last year’s times with these posted decreases in time traveled: Henry Fitzpatrick, 1:17; Frank Marzella, 2:56; and Bill Bishai, 2:08.

## **Golf Digest**



On Tuesday, all teams

shooting par or better won prizes, but only one team was able to actually break par. Four other teams came in at even par. The under par team consisted of Dick DeMeester, Blake Burgess, George Leuchte, and Audrey Hallinan. Each member of this team received a 75th anniversary hat. Sixteen guests made up the four teams that tied for second and those team members were as follows: Rob Theis, Bob Brown, Lynn DeMeester, Colleen Geddis, John Han, Jerry Alms, Kristin Geddis, Pat Heiges, Bob Bell, Kevin Price, Tucker Alms, Jean Heim, Bob Heiges, Dan Hallinan, Jr. Jim Severns and Kelly DeMeester.

On Friday, the team of Dan Hallinan, Sr., Bob Jones, Sam Browning, Beau Simpson, and Dot Tull carded a 29 to capture a quintet of hats. Two teams put up a score of 31 to pick up a honey bear for each team member. Those runners-ups were Chad Heiges, Blake Burgess, Don Heim, Lynn DeMeester, Winne Hersh, Ray Meeker, Jr, Dick DeMeester, Kevin Price, Jim Severns, and Mary Zambri.

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## Tennis Triumphs Again

The old saying "always a bridesmaid but never a bride" does not apply to the tennis playing Butterfields any more. After a string of seven consecutive trips to the finals in which they went without cookies, Bill & Dianne Butterfield broke through this week with a 6-1 victory over the brother/sister team of Brian and Catherine Jacobs. The Butterfields breezed through the upper court bracket with a 15-1 record with the only blemish being a loss to Bill and Martha Bishai. Their romp into the semi-finals included a 4-0 sweep of Jake Millard & Judy Schank. (Sal Zambri and Patsy Ewing ran off an equally impressive 15-1 mark on the lower court with their only loss coming at the hands of the eventual wildcard from that court, that being Jake and Judy.)

In the other bracket, Brian's & Catherine's eight wins gave them a one game edge over Joe Hallinan and Kristin Geddis in the chase for the wild card slot from the upper court. As the tournament had played quickly and time allowed, the finalists agreed to eschew the four game final and played a full set. After splitting the first two games, the Butterfields ran off five straight games for the cookies to finally take the crown.

## Ping Pong Patter

When a cascade of no show pongers didn't make the 4:00pm roll call, a wave of new faces swept to the take top honors. In the 15 and under bracket only 12 participants showed up to make a fast track for Frank Marzella into the finals. Waiting for him was a very lanky Charlie Fitzpatrick who used his size advantage to paddle past cousin Emily in the semis. In the championship match, Charlie quickly took a commanding lead, extending it to 18-12 before Frank caught his stride. Battling back from such a deficit, Frank was the crowd underdog favorite as he forced Charlie into 4 overtime challenges before losing 25-23.



In the 16 and over, Capon first timer Sal Zambri worked his way past several worthy opponents including Catherine Jacobs and Blake Burgess on his way to the title match. Meanwhile in the opposite bracket, just age-eligible Brian Jacobs had to beat previous champ Ben James for the right to go for the top prize. Sal's error free play proved the difference as he ponged his way to a lopsided win over Brian.

## Court Shufflers



Thanks to the "Great Me" action of Erin O'Reilly who joined the 10 1/2 teams that signed up for the kids shuffleboard tournament, Thursday's event got off as scheduled. She paired with John Paul Wehner to battle a first round evenly matched team of Alex Fitzpatrick & Andrew Phillips. Alex & Andrew advanced only to be eliminated by Joseph Ranney & Ellie O'Reilly. In a fast scoring semi-final, Joseph lined up against his best friend Tomas who had ace player Lily Fitzpatrick as his team mate. Tomas & Lily proved too strong moving directly to the final.

Waiting for them there were Morgan Butterfield & Robbie Fitzpatrick. They arrived at the championship by besting Samantha Zambri & Connor Patch and Erin Bare & Trevor Bishai. The final featured several lead changes and a game saving miracle shot by Lily to keep the action going another round. However the points kept coming for Robbie & Morgan, so they took home the title and the 75th anniversary T-shirts.

Unlike most summer weeks, this adult tourney likes to get an early start, so almost all first round matches were played out on Tuesday. By Thursday night, the semi-finalists emerged. Chris O'Connor and Sarah Heim were matched up against perennial powerhouses, Bill and Martha Bishai, while newcomers Sal & Mary Zambri took on the teen sensations Henry Fitzpatrick & Caterina Marzella. While Sal & Mary advanced quickly, Sarah & Chris had to survive two 2-hour marathon games to have a chance at the coveted nutbread. Come see these new faces in the finals after dinner tonight!

**CATHOLIC MASS** Sunday 8:00am at Sunset Lodge.