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CAPON SPRINGS, WV

Front Porch chatter...

Many guests offered their talents for activities throughout the week. To prepare for a day of Capon fun, Yoga instructor Kit Kashap again offered four mornings of stretching, posturing and breathing exercises. The sign-up for the 12 slots on all four days was immediately filled. Jenny Kittrix also returned to share her talents in making bead jewelry. Over two dozen crafters of all ages showed up for her brief body ornament designing session. On Wednesday and Thursday, Claire Paulsen helped about a half a dozen "tweens" learn to hip hop dance in preparation for Friday's talent show.



Wednesday was also the day for the traditional Kiddie Singalong. This year, Marshall Paulsen and Ben Ferdon returned to join Bob Rosenberg on guitar and Jonathan Bellingham with his recorder. Traditional songs like "Twinkle Twinkle" and "Itsy Bitsy Spider" rang out from the Main living room. The grand finale was orchestrated by Tom Walsh and all of his noses, helping to create an original Old MacDonald's farm full of dinosaurs, lobsters, anteaters and even a shark.



Everyone again enjoyed, Doug & Jeannette Rosenberg's lawn games. Both the bean bag and the roped golf ball tossing games were handmade by Doug, after watching others enjoy similar family fun at NASCAR events. The squirrels especially like the bean bags (rather the corn inside them) prompting Doug to keep them in a sealed tupperware container when not in use.



Several guests this week will be adding to the attendance in 2009. The most visible contributor is 7-month pregnant Catherine Walsh. Big Brother Spencer will welcome a little sister in October. The Duffin family found out about daughter Melissa adding to her family at the evening meal on Sunday. It took awhile for the whole family to notice 3 year old Abby wearing a "I'm going to be a big sister T-shirt". There was little visible means of knowing Sallie Permar & Matt Ferraguto were with child this week. Since they were married at Capon last year, they thought they would let their family know about the upcoming baby during their Capon trip. Married here three years ago this week, Patrick and Ashley Bailey will be adding to the bounty of Bailey babies.



This week already has its share of kids. They so overflowed Monday night's hayride, a second wagonful was need to accommodate all the young people. Participation was the SOP as every sports tourney needed two sign-up sheets to accommodate all the entrants.

To spread the word about Capon, artistic cousins Charlotte Masters and Delia Simson wore their freshly made T-shirts listing the top 5 reasons they liked Capon. Number #1? FUN. The day before their arrival, they were hanging out with their moms at the local salon and another patron noticed the shirt and another Capon connection was made. Turned out Sheila Slattery had just returned from her Capon summer week. Jeannie Collman added to the personalized T-shirt business by providing supplies on Thursday afternoon for a front porch clothing art session.



Treasure Hunt

Lisa Ham and Sallie Permar used their competitive natures to work intensely at the new Caponchase adventure, completing the entire puzzle before most people even knew about the game. Other families followed their lead as the word slowly spread about the challenging token search. As in other weeks, many teams reached a frustration level early as the coin locations proved difficult to find. As of Saturday morning, only 4 out of 14 teams completed the riddle successfully.



Several guests were rewarded for their efforts during the 75th anniversary season, redeeming the commemorative prizes they earned last year. Hayes Permar pulled out of his wallet the actual coin as well as the slip of paper listing his choice of prizes: Call Bingo, Kitchen Tour or Ring the Bell. Hayes, of course, chose calling Bingo, which he did during the very first game of the night on Wednesday. Hayes used the opportunity to express his suggestions for improving Capon. He also announced that for the first time ever, Bingo would be simulcast in Spanish as well as English, while sister Sallie blogged the results to the Internet world.



William Masters also had a coin prize with the same three choices as Hayes but he cashed in the Kitchen Tour as his reward which he enjoyed with cousin David.



Batters up!



This year, for her fifth annual banging away at Paper Mache candy holders, Lori Masters took on a Nickelodeon theme. After dividing the eager kids into very large 3-6 and 7-10 year old age groups, she enlisted Hannah Quinn and William Ervin to help administer the destruction of Sponge Bob Square Pants and Curious George's country cousin piñatas. Mason Dowell was the lucky one who smashed one open, as kids dived on the ground to grab the candy. Just 100 yards away, the adults enjoyed their own batting fun. The over thirteen crowd filled the middle of the 9th fairway with softball action. At first, the age cut off stood at 19 as more of the oldies but goodies sat out this year's event. When more of the aged arrived later, the final division came at age 23. With Caroline Ervin pitching, the senior group kept their early lead through three innings. The youngsters with Burt Grinstead on the mound, played some tight defense and bundled up some runs in the 4th to pull within one run. Jimmy Ervin's triple set up a 2-run cushion for the oldsters. In the bottom of the last inning, the Grinstead brothers hammered the ball out of park to score the necessary three runs for victory as a pastel purple and pink sunset filled the sky.



PING PONG PADDLING



A packed house of past champions made the all-comers table tennis tourney one to watch. For the 15 and under set, Mason Dowell kept his streak of undefeated matches alive by besting sister Gabby in the semis to advance to the final. Meanwhile, the consistent play of 9 year old Caleb Miller brought him success in his semi against fast spinning George Kashap. Caleb held his own against defending champion Mason, even leading some of the way until the score was in the late teens. That's when Mason pulled away 21-16 for the win.

In the 16 and over group, after 90 minutes of play, three Kashaps advanced to the semis. Only Troy Osborne made it through to the next to last match, but he fell to Kit Kashap in a lop-sided game. Joseph Kashap had to best his father Phil to move on to the championship. In a very even back and forth title game, Joseph pulled away from his uncle Kit to dethrone last year's top player.

BOOMING BASKETBALL



After full participation in all the other sporting events, the crowd fizzled for the Friday afternoon Free Throw Contest. Still, youth was served. Once all the shots were fired, the only two at the top were 9 and 7 year old brothers Caleb & David Miller. It took two overtimes to break the tie of 7 out of 10 for the older Caleb to top the younger David for the win..

Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS

8/18 Bob Rosenberg
8/20 Vicky Young
8/20 Charlotte Trigg
8/20 Loretta Weitzel
8/21 Bob Wallace
8/22 Burt Grinstead
8/23 Todd Savage
8/23 Tim Atkinson—50th



ANNIVERSARIES

8/17 Billy & Pattie Taylor— 40th
8/22 Patrick & Ashley Bailey
8/23 Ed & Sue Gannon—
50th celebration

Inspiring Words

"You need money, but too much money causes all kinds of trouble. It can ruin perfectly good children; it can cause a rift between husband and wife; it can separate good friends. Earning a living is a necessary and desirable thing for all of us. But the making of money is only one part of living. It is by no means all of life. Nor does the ability to amass money deserve the high place in life often accorded it." Capon co-founder Lou Austin, pg 26-27, "You Are Greater Than You Know"

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Kids perform!

After the biggest Capon Chorus of the season wowed the audience with three snappy tunes, the piano players took over. Keyboardists included Leah Kaye, Justin Schwager, Delia Simson, Fiona Gannon, Jonathan & Sarah Miller, David Miller and Caleb Miller. Then William Masters stumped an audience volunteer (his sister Charlotte) with several tongue twisters. Then it was Charlotte's turn to thrill the audience with a song about love. Elizabeth Ervin & Bailey Ham provided a skit about Capon Olympics. Two teams, the front porch sitters and the pool hanger outers, battled for the top of the podium. After the first round of shuffleboard, it was a tie. The second round of eating shrimp casserole was also even because neither team would eat it. The final event, jumping in the pool, was a draw because Justin and Rachel Edwards didn't want to get cold. So in true Capon fashion, everyone took home the gold medal.

The Omelchencko, Jeral & Duffin families offered a skit about the best place to fish— not at an ice rink!. Harry Potter Puppet pals showed up with the Capon players demonstrating a strange ticking noise. Then the sister acts took charge. First Jenn & Kim Osborne showed off their rhythm after drinking some Capon water. Then Maia & Talia Chicherio provided beautiful harmonic singing with guitar to the song "The Rose". Bob Rosenberg also brought his guitar and was joined by Lila McNulty for a bouncy number. Claire Paulsen showed off her hip hop dancers and added a snappy solo number. Marshall Paulsen made everyone think of Christmas with his original rendition of "The Twelve Days of Capon".

Everyone especially appreciated the 11th day reminding them of the printed curfew policy found on the dining room tables this week. Lisa Ham ended the guest participation with a song she wrote and rehearsed with a gaggle of Capon kids. It included verses about the new Caponchase adventure, Bingo, golf and building happy memories. Patty Austin closed the program with an audio/video presentation of guests this week. The 20-plus minute show featured over 100 photos taken by Patty, Tom, Jonathan, Katie McGee and Jeanne Osborne.

Golfing Times



One birdie made the difference in Tuesday's Pot Luck Best Ball Golf Tourney, as four teams settled for a tie one stroke back. The team of Ed Offterdinger, Mike Bailey, Ed Gannon, Tim Masters, Loretta Weitzel and Becky Grinstead was able to card a solid 4-under round of 30 to secure the tournament victory and the coveted apple butter. Runner up teams in the tournament consisted of: Doug Rosenberg, Patrick Bailey, David Ervin, Joe Kashap, Meredith Apfelbaum, and Jeannie Coleman; Brian Carretta, David Gannon, Bill Weitzel, Bob Rosenberg, Rosemarie Luttinger, and Cara Offterdinger; Billy Weitzel, Phil Kashap, Jeff Lundy, Zach Cotter, Sam Kaye, and KC Vitaniemi; Chuck Collman, Rob Kaye, Dixie Hobgood, Ben Ferdon, and Lanny Dowell.

In Friday's action, the largest field this season (90 golfers) gathered to total 51 strokes under par. Co-winners were declared when two teams pulled away with six birdies to score 29. Champions included: Chuck Collman, Phil Kashap, Scott Edwards, Andrew Weitzel, Mason Dowell and Meredith Apfelbaum; Burt Apfelbaum, Dave Rector, Bill Weitzel, Ryan Conner, Tim Masters and Cindy Tanenbaum. Lexa Hamilton-Cotter and Paul Kashap won the closest to the pin contest on Hole #2.



RUNNERS WORLD

A massive turnout and a season high 73 runners withstood the summer heat for Tuesday's One Mile Road Race in its 25th Anniversary Season. Austin Washington and Matt Ferraguto took the race out hard, but good pacing led Chris Jefferds and Marshall Paulsen to pull away on the second loop around the grounds. They stayed neck and neck until the final stretch of the race, where Chris pulled away to take 1st place overall in 6:21. On the female side, Meredith Apfelbaum narrowly defeated her sister, Katie, to lead the women's division in 6:46. Joining Marshall and Katie as age group winners were: Ben Jefferds, Max Kaye, Sam Kaye, Matt Ferraguto, Scott Edwards, Eva Arnade, Bailey Ham, Leslie Miller, and Anne Masters. Young Patrick Vitaniemi received the best effort award for his gutsy and persevering performance, completing the entire race and winning the Olympic pin.



Badminton Banner



The shuttling took many forms as a crowd formed for the mixed doubles tourney on Friday. Early scouting reports listed members of the Sherlock family as top seeds and they didn't disappoint. Eli Sherlock teamed with Delia Simson to advance through the early rounds to the semis. There they met an unstoppable fast hitting Phil Kashap and a determined Erin Cruise. Phil & Erin "cruised" to the finals. There they met Eli's twin brother Cody, who paired with Isabel Arnade had already dispatched Becky Grinstead and Same Kaye in a tight 11-9 semi. In a quick scoring final, Cody and Isabel went up 10-0, when it was time to switch sides of the court. Both the strong wind and sun played a factor as Phil & Erin fought back with five unanswered points of their own. Alas, Cody & Isabel had too large of a lead and grabbed the last point for the championship.

TENNIS TROUBLES



Hayes Permar didn't need to dress up in a skirt to play in Wednesday's mixed doubles tennis tourney; but he did need a partner. Cara Offterdinger volunteered after rescheduling her massage to fit the AM court schedule. Meanwhile, Carrie Grinstead finished all four of her matches in her flight with partner/son Burt, so she could be on time for her Hygeia body-work.

As the three flights got underway, several past champions rose to the occasion by winning their flights. With the return of Jeannie Collman, Jimmy Ervin took his usual partner to the top. The two teamed for 14 out of 16 wins to take the Har-Tru flight. Flight II also had a dominant team as Billy & Loretta Weitzel swept all 16 of their games. However, in the last match, Billy twisted his ankle causing a temporary delay in the scheduling of the semifinals.

Stuart Schwager could relate to lower leg injuries. His wife Leslie ripped her Achilles while playing in the Capon tennis tourney on their July visit. So she sat this one out, earning the title of "Queen of the Front Porch" as she visited with many guests throughout the week. Meanwhile, Stuart teamed up with Julie Luttinger and won flight III. Their victory was an act of redemption over last year when Stuart, with wife Leslie, was knocked out of the finals by the same team they beat to win their flight: Andy & Michelle Weitzel. However, Andy & Michelle had enough wins to earn the wild card spot, and the right to face Jimmy & Jeannie in the semis. After a 2-2 tie, Jimmy & Jeannie prevailed 7-5 in the tie-breaker. In the other semi, Stuart & Julie faced the undefeated Billy & Loretta and kept the Weitzel winning streak alive, when they were knocked out in 3 games.

All that first round action took longer than usual, so for the second straight year, time ran short, forcing the finals to be scheduled for after lunch. The time of 3:30pm was picked because it could be sandwiched in between Loretta's 2:15pm and Jimmy's 4:45pm massage. However, at title time, the tourney director checked the playing status of Billy's ankle (not good) and after consulting with both teams declared co-winners.

Puck Power



A healthy mix of both ends of the age and both sides of the sex spectrum showed up for the Thursday morning's kids' shuffleboard tourney. Once again returning champion Sam Kaye partnered with a just old enough teammate, this time Aideen Gannon. They barely escaped defeat in long matches in both early round contests, and just outlasted a tight semifinal match against Charlotte Masters & Justin Schwager. Meanwhile, their siblings had their own challenges in advancing to the finals. Donal Gannon and Max Kaye had a scoring flurry in the semis to reach the golf medal round. A large crowd of adults were treated to one of the best kids' championships, as brother battled next to brother and brother battled next to sister. Back and forth scores and knock-offs provided plenty of drama as Donal and Max finally earned enough to win.

The adults had their usual packed tourney. The difference between this week and other summer weeks is that these pucksters get out of their blocks early, packing the courts every night with great pushing entertainment. Returning champs Doug & Jeannette Rosenberg were eliminated early by Burt Grinstead & Meghan Apfelbaum who went on to face Ed & Cara Offterdinger in the semis. Meanwhile, last year's runners up, Dave & Emily Rector cruised through their matches to reach the semi-finals against Bill & Loretta Weitzel.

Birthday Boy Burt used his birthday luck on Friday to advance with Meghan to the finals. They will be joined in the championship match by either Dave & Emily Rector or the Weitzels. See who wins it all after dinner tonight!

