



# ACFA

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## August 2006 Newsletter No.7

It's almost time for our August meeting, and it'll be held Thursday August 3 at 7pm at the American Legion Post 88, @ 2663 Halls Mill Road (the usual place with ALL the vehicles parked around it).

Our guest speaker for the evening is homemade lure maker John Pugh. He will be telling us about how he does it, different styles, colors and uses of lures and will even have some on hand for sale.

And our own Sean Sullivan "Gaither Trout" will do the 'Quick hits' this month, sharing his love of the outdoors, fishing prowess and quick wit. That alone should be worth the price of admission ;-)

## Membership Rosters...

will be available for pickup at the August meeting IF you weren't able to get yours in July. Due to privacy considerations, the rosters are not mailed.

## July Tournament Results

Well this year's July 'Rodeo Warm-up' Tournament went off without a hitch (unlike last year's hurricane delay). In fact the weather July 8th was mostly clear and HOT (of course). But it was breezy enough to make fishing bearable for those who braved the heat and it kept the thunderstorms away for the most part.

Again the best speck fishing seemed to be in the Delta areas and in fact all of the top three teams broke the existing club speckled trout creel record of 16.20# while fishing north of the Causeway.

<u>5 Speck Creel (14 teams)</u>	<u>Redfish (13 entered)</u>	<u>Flounder (22 entered)</u>
Todd Golomb/Hal Scheurich 18.45# *	Jim Foster (N) 6.15#	Joel Midgette 3.75#
Bud Barr/Jimbo Miller 17.85#	Evan Fassbender (N) 5.05#	Jad Pope 3.60# **
Bill Midgette/Mutt Burke 16.70#	Cameron Calhoun (j) 4.55#	Bryan Hack 3.60#

And the Smith brothers made their day a family affair in the white trout, taking 5 of the 6 plaques for that species.

<u>White Trout (12 entered)</u>	<u>White Trout Juniors (4 entered)</u>
Belinda Smith (L) 2.35#	Cameron Calhoun 1.60# ***
Les Smith 1.95#	Savannah Calhoun 1.15#
Doug Smith 1.50#***	Matt Corley 0.55#

(N) New member 2006 (L) Lady angler (j) junior angler (\*) New Club Record (\*\*) Weighed in first (\*\*\*) Once again a junior angler placed overall in the 'adult' division and gets points for the appropriate placing (3rd) and a plaque for placing 1st in the Junior Division. The 4th place angler gets the 3rd place plaque but NO additional points (sorry Doug). To avoid this confusion in the future, special Junior angler divisions will be a separate species.

## Thank You!

To Bill Duke (a new member in 2006) who volunteered as weigh master during the July tournament when Pat Hughes couldn't be there. And I understand Doug Smith was his able assistant. Good job guys!

Also, thanks to Randy 'Bigun' Wiscaver and Kevin 'Doc' Cormier for putting on a great fish fry.

Folks are still talking about the grouper and tilapia, seasoned and fried to perfection.

### And on the lighter side...

In case you missed it, David Hare "Burl Minnow" confessed on the internet forum how at the fish fry he had loaded up his plate with fish, coleslaw and a heap of potato salad. And after taking a big bite of his 'potato salad' remarked to someone quietly (so as to not offend the cooking crew) something to the effect that the potato salad was awfully tart. The reply was "Dude, that's TARTAR SAUCE!" LOL (please forgive me for that right there, Dave ;-)

### July Junk Sale Wrap-up

A lot of tackle, gear and assorted other items found a new home during our July Junk Sale. Tallies indicate between \$300 and \$400 dollars changed hands during the night, netting over \$30 for the club treasury. IF you participated and didn't get a chance to get your money to Treasurer Jep Hill, please send him a check or see him at the August meeting. Thanks to all the sellers and buyers for making this sale fun and successful!

### Congratulations!

To all our ACFA junior anglers who participated in the Roy Martin Young Anglers Tournament (aka DIYAT) held on Saturday July 15th. Especially those who placed: Pat Cornelius' son Robert Hayes won the Sheepshead with a 6.16#r and Bruce Howle, Jr "Top Dawg, Jr" won the Speckled Trout with a 6.19#r.

I hope no deserving youngster was overlooked. If so, please let me know so we can give them just recognition. And a hearty 'well done' to all those members who participated and to the adults who donated their time and efforts to help nurture their love of the sport into the next generation!

### ACFA August 'Mobile Bay Grand Slam' Tournament and Membership Shrimp Boil...

will be held on Saturday August 5 with the weigh-in from 3-5pm at the usual place, behind the American Legion Post 250 on Dauphin Island Parkway just south of the Greer's Foodstore.

The ACFA recognizes speckled trout, redfish, and flounder as the three species comprising a Grand Slam for Mobile Bay and its connecting waterways. Catching fish of all three species in a single day is considered a fine accomplishment among inshore fishers and to do it during a tournament is even finer. So to 'sweeten the pot' as it were the ACFA is awarding plaques and points for 5 places (1st through 5th) for these three species. In addition any angler who completes the Grand Slam **and places in each** of these three categories (1st -5th) will be awarded 5 additional (bonus) tournament points! To the best of our knowledge this has only been accomplished three times since 1997, the last time was in 2004 by Bill Midgette. To clarify, an angler can do this with even 3 fifth place fish!

White trout and blackfish will be the other two species eligible for plaques and points (places 1st through 3rd) and the Junior anglers will (for the first time ever in the ACFA) have their own category in croaker where plaques will be awarded for places 1 through 5 (NO points for croakers though). But the total of 26 plaques makes this the biggest award cache in ACFA history! So good luck, fish hard and get your share of the action.

In appreciation of ALL our members the ACFA is planning a Shrimp Boil 'feed' at the weigh-in site.

All paid members, their spouses and children are invited to attend and partake in the boiled shrimp, potatoes, corn and sausage that our fine cooking crew (headed by Randy 'Bigun' Wiscaver) has assembled. So when you bring your fish to weigh in, bring your 'feed bag' (appetite) and the family for an afternoon of good eats and good company compliments of YOUR fishing club, the ACFA.

### Our Apologies...

IF you've missed your newsletter, or it was delayed in getting to you.

Our goal is to have your newsletter DELIVERED at least one week prior to the tournament date. IF you experience any problems with the timely delivery of the newsletter please contact our secretary Margaret "Mrs. M" Miller.

Margaret recently changed jobs and unfortunately had to reassemble the mailing lists for electronic and 'snail' (conventional USPS) mailings on another computer and email system. There was an unexpected 'glitch' in the email mailing system that took some days to uncover and correct (by manually reentering the names in smaller separate lists). But by then it was too late to mail the rest of the newsletters. Working for hours printing, folding, stamping and mailing over 215 newsletters each month would be quite a monumental task (and it still is for more than 150!).

So we ask your patience and cooperation while this is being smoothed out.

And so you know, a limited number of printed newsletters will be available at the meetings, so just ask if you need one.

### Speaking of newsletters...

ALL of our 2006 newsletters can be found on the ACFA website @ <http://acfafishing.com/news.htm>

Kudos to Chris Massey, our webmaster for posting those for us.

### **Rod Raffle Concludes**

The Billy Stix custom rod graciously donated by rod builder Billy McDaniel ( <http://www.billystix.com/> ) will be given away during the August meeting (thanks again Billy!). Erik Nelson said only about 30 or so chances have been sold as yet. That means everyone has a good chance at winning the drawing which will be held during the August meeting. Early that evening will be your last opportunity to own a fine looking quality fishing rod (valued well over \$100) for just a \$3 ticket, or you can buy 2 chances for \$5 from Erik at the sign in table in the back of the meeting hall.

### **The Mini-Seminars are back!**

Prior to the August meeting @ 6pm the mini-seminar series will continue with the theme “Live vs. Artificial Bait”. “Fowl River” Joe Sirmon has worked hard ‘behind the scenes’ to make these popular seminars well worth your time. He’s assembled a great cast of facilitators (including Doug “Live Bait” Smith, D.W. “Daktari” Garrettson, Bobby “The Brain” McElroy, and Alvin Bell) for this month’s focus of when are the best times, tactics and tides to use either live and/or artificial baits. You can expect some lively discussions and even some free gifts, journals and catalogs complements of L&S Mirrolures, Bass Assassin and Berkley. So try to be there as early as possible. The seminar is slated to begin at 6 pm ‘sharp’.

### **Shirt Night is Coming...**

Alvin Bell says to be sure and see him at the August meeting to get on the list to get your favorite shirt embroidered with the ACFA logo. We will need a minimum of 8 shirts in order to do this and it will be the only opportunity for this year to do so. Just sign up at the August meeting, then at the next meeting in September bring your shirt (and \$10).

The shirts will then be returned to you at the October meeting with the ACFA logo.

This is a great way to ‘smarten up’ any color fishing shirt and they have become quite popular with many members who have even had some long-sleeve shirts embroidered with the club logo.

Alvin will also have plenty of ACFA logo items: hats, towels, decals, and t-shirts (including the ACFA Grand Slam) on sale at the August meeting. Please remember to pay by check or with correct change to facilitate your purchase.

### **REMINDERS-**

- **Please wear a nametag at the meeting to facilitate getting to know one another**
- **Be sure and sign in (for the Attendance Prize given away later this year)**
- **Donations are needed for the Attendance Prize (see Eric Nelson at the sign in table)**
- **Donations are also needed for the Door Prizes (see Jimmy Quint or call 377-5739)**
- **NO SMOKING inside the meeting hall please**
- **NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOL at the meeting hall premises (Post 88)**
- **Please be respectful to our speakers and save questions to the end of their presentation**
- **The BillyStix Rod raffle continues until the August meeting**
- **A separate Junior Angler category for croaker in the August Tournament (plaques will be awarded for 5 places)**

## Big Fish Contest Standings as of July 21, 2006

	<b>Blackfish</b>	<b>WT</b>		<b>Flounder</b>	<b>WT</b>		<b>Ground Mullet</b>	<b>WT</b>		<b>Redfish</b>	<b>WT</b>
1	John Fassbender	21.60	1	George Koulianos	4.46	1	Brandon Parker	1.69	1	Vickie Foster (L)	7.00
2	Frank Mitternacht	17.83	2	Joe Sirmon	4.46	2	Jim Glass	1.66	2	Doug Davis (N)	6.20
3	Trey Pitt	16.73	3	Kyle Mitternacht	4.05	3	Brandon Parker	1.64	3	Jim Foster (N)	6.15
4	John Fassbender	15.70	4	Mike Herring	3.84	4	David Hare	1.47	4	Austin Lee (j)	5.90
5	Michael McDonald	13.65	5	Frank Miller	3.76	5	Jim Glass	1.41	5	Bruce Howle Jr	5.60
	<b>Sheepshead</b>	<b>WT</b>		<b>Spanish Mackerel</b>	<b>WT</b>		<b>Speckled Trout</b>	<b>WT</b>		<b>White Trout</b>	<b>WT</b>
1	Leslie Smith	11.75	1	Bekki Ludlam (L)	4.10	1	Trey Pitt	7.26	1	Belinda Smith (L)	2.35
2	Kyle Mitternacht	10.85	2	Don Ludlam	3.30	2	Chris Conken	6.40	2	Hal Scheurich	2.27
3	Matt Corley (N)(j)	10.05	3	Gary Tingle (N)	3.00	3	Phillip Guy	6.34	3	Les Smith	1.95
4	Kyle Mitternacht	9.96	4			4	Kelly Fulmer	6.15	4	Michael Jones (j)	1.75
5	Mike Lee	9.90	5			5	Chris Conken	6.05	5	David Thornton	1.73

NOTES: (N) NEW member for 2006 and (j) Junior angler (under age 16 @ Feb 1, 2006) are ultimately responsible to notify the weigh master and statistician of their status. (L) Lady Angler was added to distinguish spouses weighing fish. Send Big Fish Contest cards to D.W. Garrettson 3811 Del Monte Court Mobile, AL 36605 (599-8701)

## ACFA Tournament Point Standings as of July 8, 2006

Pos.	Angler Name	Pts.
1	Henry Nall	24
2	Bryan Hack	22
3	Chris Conken	19
4	Leslie Smith	17
4	Kyle Mitternacht	17
5	Matt Corley (j)(N)	15
5	David Hare	15
6	Walter Corley (N)	14
6	Todd Golomb	14
7	Hal Scheurich	13
7	Barry Keith	13
8	Belinda Smith (L)	12
9	Vince Hawkins	11
9	Bud Barr	11
9	Blake Michaleski	11
10	Vickie Foster (L)(N)	10
10	Trey Pitt	10
10	Scott Godwin (N)	10
10	Mutt Burke	10
10	David Mashburn	10

**9 points:** Jimbo Miller, James Foster(N), Donnie Fassbender, Alvin Bell  
**8 points:** Tom Duncan, Phillip Guy, Joel Midgette, Jad Pope, Del Delchamps, Cameron Calhoun (j)  
**7 points:** Mike Lee, Evan Fassbender (N), Chris Massey, Bubba Williams, Bobby McElroy, Bill Midgette  
**6 points:** Pete Burns  
**5 points:** John Fassbender, Jason Day, Doug Smith  
**4 points:** Mike Herring, Margaret Miller (L), Marc Kruse, Larry Watkins (N), Jim Glass, David Thornton, Bruce Howle Jr.  
**3 points:** Tommy Pond, Thomas Murray, Ted Kiefer, Roger Glass, Rick Tourne, Patric Garmeson (N), Mike Jones, Mike Foster (N), Lori Tourne (L), Kelly Fulmer, Judy Smith (L), Jason Miller, Erik Nelson, Doug Davis, Dewayne Overstreet, Denny Lyons (N), David Garrettson, Charles Hobden (N), Carl Emmons (N), Brandon Parker, Billy Hurd, Ben Hurn, Austin Lee Jr (j)  
**2 points:** Vicky Garmeson(L)(N), Theo Koulianos(j), Shane Ford, Shaleigh Parker (L), Scott Lewis, Robert Schmitz (N), Michael Jones (j), Matt Perry, Judson Taylor (N), John Burke, Howard Perry, Donna Kiefer (L), Donald Garrettson, Don Ludlam, Daniel Ford, Chip Cummings, Brenda Mashburn (L), Bo Winter, Bekki Ludlam (L)  
**1 point:** Wes Hughes (N), Tyler Haas (N), Tim Bradley Jr (j), Tim Bradley, Stephanie Cormier (L), Stacy Nelson (L), Skip Grizzle, Savannah Lee (j), Savannah Calhoun (j), Robert Morgan (j)(N), Robbie Bosarge (N), Rick Rutland (N), Rick Gaines, Randy Wiscaver, Phillip Russell (N), Paul Smith, Pat Hughes, Ocie Wade, Mike Thompson, Michael Tew (N), Michael Taylor (N), Michael McDonald, Lee Ward (?), Lain Cameron (N), Kenny Nelson (N), Jonathan Payton (?), Joseph Hughes (j), Joe Sirmon, Jerry Donahughie (N), Jerold Bolen, Jackson Hughes (j), Gerald Markow, George Koulianos, Dane Tomberline (N), Christine Gaines (L), Charlie Dowdle, Bruce Howle Sr, Bob Morgan (N), Blake Grizzle (j)(N)

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