



ACFA

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The next meeting of the ACFA will be held Thursday October 5, 2006 at 7pm at the American Legion Post 88, 2663 Halls Mill Road. Our guest speaker for the evening will be one of our local inshore guides (it's a surprise ;-) who will give us tips and tactics for fall fishing in the Causeway area of upper Mobile Bay and lower the Delta. The 'Quick Hits' speaker will be Les Smith "Slipsinker" who will have some timely bait catching tips and a probably a few surprises. Maybe he'll have some fish catching tips too as he has consistently placed in tournaments this year.

President's Message:

Here it is October and the last tournament of the year, it's hard to believe. I have had a great time this year and I hope everybody else did too. Our next tournament, the Causeway Classic is in a few weeks and the fishing should be on fire.
Doug

September 'End of Summer' Tournament Results:

The tournament was held Saturday September 9th under some of the most trying conditions we've had so far this season. The nearly full moon, NEAP tides, brisk east wind and widespread thundershowers combined to really test the fishing prowess of the ACFA members who fished. The participants were as scattered as the catches stretching from the Delta to off shore of Dauphin Island. But everyone was rewarded at the weigh -in site with some of that delicious bar-b-que pulled pork and fixins that Randy "Bigun" Wiscaver and Kevin "Doc" Cormier are famous for. Thanks again guys! The Speckled trout and slot redfish have been hard to come by lately and tournament day was no exception. Again there were only 4 redfish entered and the top speck came in with just a few minutes to spare as Alvin Bell and Mike Tew had to "leave them biting" at Dauphin Island.

The reports from the Causeway and Delta anglers were pretty spotty with many folks catching only a handful of fish all morning long though Les Smith, Donnie Fassbender and Billy Hurd managed to 'solve the riddle' well enough to place in two categories each.

Six club members fished the Dauphin Island Pier and five caught spanish mackerel while the intrepid duo of Jim Foster and Patric Garmeson "took a few over the bow" dodging thundershowers just offshore of the island hunting for that illusive big mackerel. At least they caught a lot of fish!

SPECKLED TROUT (8 entered) REDFISH (4 entered) FLOUNDER (13 entered)

1. Mike Tew (N) 3.35#	1. Jerald Bolen 4.80#	1. Donnie Fassbender 3.30#
2. Billy Hurd 3.20#	2. Donnie Fassbender 4.60#	2. Leslie Smith 3.20#
3. Tom Duncan 2.60#	3. Donald Garrettson 4.05#	3. Barry Keith 2.95#

WHITE TROUT (9 entered) SPANISH MACKEREL (7entered)

1. Leslie Smith 1.70#*	1. David Thornton 3.65#
2. Billy Hurd 1.70#	2. Patric Garmeson (N) 3.35#
3. Tommy Pond 1.10#	3. Bryan Hack 2.95#

(N) New Club Member in 2006 (*) Weighed in first

October 'Causeway Classic' Tournament:

The third Saturday in October is reserved for time honored Southern traditions like prime Delta fishing.

So this year, Saturday **October 21st** is the date of the last tournament of the year for the 2006 season.

So this is your last opportunity to earn tournament points for the year. The top 5 anglers in tournament point totals will earn a trophy or plaque to be given out at the Annual Awards Banquet in December.

There are several things different in the format of this tournament: one is the weigh-in will be held at Scott's Landing just north of the Hwy 90/98 Causeway (aka Battleship Parkway) on the east bank of the Blakely River. Just ask anybody...

Second, for this tournament the hours run from **6am** to 5 pm and the weigh-in will be from 3pm till 5 pm as usual.

We will have 3 plaques (and points) for 4 species. Those categories are: speckled trout, flounder, redfish (16"- 26") and sheepshead.

You can fish where you want to, but the rule is you **MUST LAUNCH AND RETURN** from somewhere on the Causeway.

You don't have to use Scott's ramp. IF you haven't launched there before be aware that parking is limited and we must "park very smart" to maximize the space available. In fact unless you launch from there, it is recommended that you make arrangements to park your rig elsewhere and drive a single vehicle to the weigh-in site to minimize the traffic.

Our president Doug Smith will have more to say on this at the meeting and will likely announce what culinary "surprise" Randy 'Bigun' Wiscaver and his cooking committee have in store for us.

The Mini-Seminars Continue:

IF you are not familiar with fishing the Mobile River Delta or haven't heard Mutt Burke's outstanding presentation about it, then this is your big chance. At 6 pm, prior to the meeting Thursday October 5th in the meeting hall, Mutt will let loose of some of those tips and tactics that he has acquired from his many years of fishing in the Delta. And with any luck he'll have some of those nifty maps he has drawn up as handouts.

Nominations for Chair Positions...

will be open at the October meeting. Most of the officers told President Doug Smith they would like to continue to serve either in the same capacity or in a position that was vacated by the few who have decided not to seek reelection. At the September weigh-in Doug told me he has had volunteers step forward to fill the remaining vacated positions, which assures us of having at least one nominee per position to vote on at the November meeting. But is that enough?

Have YOU thought about giving of your time and talents to run for office or otherwise help the club out? Even in the capacity of a co-chair or volunteer to help lighten the load on our club officials to help things go more smoothly, especially now with our membership at an all time high of 223!

With that many members wouldn't it be neat to have enough nominees to have a real choice in the election?

Without a doubt the ACFA is THE premier fishing club in our area, and it got that way with continued support of members who stepped forward to fill these positions and those who help out even in small ways.

ACFA 'Shirt Night'

At the October meeting Alvin Bell will return the shirts (dropped off to him at the September meeting) with the ACFA logo embroidered on them. Also he will be selling the ACFA logo items at the October meeting. Be sure and pick up some ACFA logo items for your family and friends.

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 at the Awards Banquet)**
- **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 October Tournament is the 'Causeway Classic'. Weigh-in and food at Scott's Landing**
- **Elections at the November meeting**

- **NO tournament scheduled in November or December**
- **The Awards Banquet will be the evening of Saturday December 2, 2006**

Big Fish Contest Standings as of September 18, 2006

	Blackfish	WT		Flounder	WT		Ground Mullet	WT		Redfish	WT
1	John Fassbender	21.60	1	Gerald Markow	5.42	1	Brandon Parker	1.69	1	Vickie Foster (L)	7.00
2	Rick Tourne	20.70	2	Tommy Murray	4.90	2	Jim Glass	1.66	2	Doug Davis (N)	6.20
3	Kyle Mitternight	20.20	3	George Koulianos	4.46	3	Brandon Parker	1.64	3	Jim Foster (N)	6.15
4	Rick Tourne	20.02	4	Joe Sirmon	4.46	4	David Hare	1.47	4	Tom Duncan	6.00
5	Frank Mitternight	17.83	5	Kyle Mitternight	4.05	5	Jim Glass	1.41	5	Austin Lee (j)	5.90
	Sheepshead	WT		Spanish Mackerel	WT		Speckled Trout	WT		White Trout	WT
1	Leslie Smith	11.75	1	Bekki Ludlam (L)	4.10	1	Trey Pitt	7.26	1	Todd Golomb	3.15*
2	Kyle Mitternight	10.85	2	David Thornton	3.65	2	Chris Conken	6.40	2	Todd Golomb	2.65
3	Matt Corley (N)(j)	10.05	3	Patric Garmeson(N)	3.35	3	Phillip Guy	6.34	3	Belinda Smith (L)	2.35
4	Kyle Mitternight	9.96	4	Don Ludlam	3.30	4	Jim Glass	6.25	4	Hal Scheurich	2.27
5	Mike Lee	9.90	5	Gary Tingle (N)	3.00	5	Bruce Howell Jr.	6.19	5	Mike Thompson	2.10

NOTES: (N) NEW member for 2006 (j) Junior angler (L) Lady Angler (*) NEW CLUB RECORD
Send Big Fish Contest cards to D.W. Garrettson 3811 Del Monte Court Mobile, AL 36605 (599-8701)

ACFA Tournament Point Standings as of September 9, 2006

Pos.	Angler Name	Pts.
1	Leslie Smith	34
2	Bryan Hack	32
3	Kyle Mitternight	25
4	Henry Nall	24
4	Donnie Fassbender	24
5	Todd Golomb	23
6	Tom Duncan	21
7	Chris Conken	20
8	Mutt Burke	19
9	Barry Keith	18
10	Belinda Smith (L)	17
11	David Hare	16
12	Matt Corley (N)(j)	15
12	Billy Hurd	15
13	Walter Corley (N)	14
13	Phillip Guy	14
13	John Fassbender	14

13 points: Tommy Pond, Hal Scheurich

12 points: Vince Hawkins, Trey Pitt, Michael Tew (N), David Thornton, Bud Barr, Blake Michaleski, Bill Midgette

11 points: Scott Godwin (N), James Foster(N)

10 points: Vickie Foster (N)(L), Rick Tourne, Patric Garmeson (N), Jimbo Miller, David Mashburn, Alvin Bell

9 points: Jerold Bolen, Cameron Calhoun (j), Bubba Williams

8 points: Mike Lee, Joel Midgette, Jad Pope, Del Delchamps, Bobby McElroy

7 points: Mike Thompson, Evan Fassbender (N), Chris Massey, Doug Smith

6 points: Pete Burns, Donald Garrettson

5 points: Marc Kruse, Larry Watkins (N), Judy Smith (L), Jason Day

4 points: Mike Herring, Margaret Miller (L), Jim Glass, Frank Mitternight, Dewayne Overstreet, Bruce Howle Jr., Bobby Burgess (N), Austin Lee Jr (j)

3 points: Tim Harwell, Thomas Murray, Ted Kiefer, Roger Glass, Mike Jones, Mike Foster (N), Lori Tourne (L), Lee Minto, Kelly Fulmer, Jason Miller, Erik Nelson, Doug Davis, Denny Lyons (N), David Garrettson, Chip Cummings, Charles Hobden (N), Carl Emmons (N), Brandon Parker, Bo Winter, Ben Hurn

2 points: Vicky Garmeson(L)(N), Theo Koulianos(j), Shane Ford, Shaleigh Parker(L), Scott Lewis, Savannah Calhoun (j), Robert Schmitz (N), Robert Morgan (j)(N), Michael Jones (j), Matt Perry, Judson Taylor (N), John Burke, Howard Perry, Donna Kiefer (L), Don Ludlam, Daniel Ford, Dane Tomberline (N), Bruce Howle Sr, Brenda Mashburn (L), 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), Robbie Bosarge (N), Rick Rutland (N), Rick Gaines, Randy Wiscaver, Phillip Russell (N), Paul Smith, Pat Hughes, Ocie Wade, Michael Taylor (N), Michael McDonald, Lee Ward (?), Lain Cameron (N), Kenny Nelson (N), Kelly Bolen (j), Jonathan Payton (?), John Westover, Joseph Hughes (j), Joe Sirmon, Jimmy Quint, Jerry Donahughie (N), Bob Morgan (N), Bob Gray, Blake Grizzle (j)(N), Barbara Brady (L)

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