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President's Message:

I would like to thank everybody in the club for making this a very memorable year for myself and the whole club and a big thanks to all the board members who made it all happen this year.

Thanks, Doug

Awards Banquet

Our final meeting of the 2006 season will be the Awards Banquet to be held **SATURDAY** December 2, 2006 @ 7pm at the American Legion Post 250 on Dauphin Island Parkway (the usual weigh in spot). Well over 50 plaques and trophies in addition to other prizes will be awarded. And another first for the club, the main course will be catered from Saucy-Q Bar B Que Restaurants. Members are asked to bring a favorite dessert to share with everyone. Your paid membership entitles you and your immediate family (anyone eligible to fish in the tournaments) to the dinner and additional guests are welcome for a \$10 per person fee. We aren't making money off that, it's the amount we're being charged by the caterer. IF you did not sign the sheets passed around at the November meeting, or haven't called Doug Smith yet with the number of people you are bringing, you need to contact him now (626-2469) so we can adjust the total number expected for the dinner. We're trying to get an accurate count as possible of those planning to attend. Guests can pay the Treasurer, so as always we are on our honor. In addition a cash bar for all types of beverages will be provided and (as always) we encourage your patronage of the Posts' facilities. PLEASE do not bring alcohol in from outside the premises.

And to cap off the evenings festivities, plus work off a few pounds, LIVE entertainment will again be provided by the *Mistifiers*. That's right, their parole was approved and their instruments are now out of hoc.

ACFA Rule-of-100 and Rule-of-125

In the not too distant past when our club had fewer than 100 members, only the 8 people in 1st place of each category in the Big Fish Contest received plaques. After the membership reached 100 members that number was expanded by the board of directors to include plaques for places 1st thru 3rd in each category. And after the membership exceeded 125 it was decided to provide plaques for the top 5 finishers in each of the Big Fish Contest categories.

That rule continues this year with up to 40 plaques given away at the banquet for the winners.

A word of further explanation- although each member can place two fish in each category of the Big Fish Contest we will award only one plaque per angler for each species. For example: John Doe finishes the year with the 1st and 3rd place speckled trout and the 2nd place redfish. He will receive ONE 1st place plaque that reads "for the 1st Place Speck X.X pounds and 3rd Place speck Y.Y pounds" in addition to the 2nd place plaque for redfish.

So be sure and look over the FINAL Big Fish Contest Standings at the end of this newsletter to see if you will be getting a plaque (or plaques) at our Awards Banquet. Congratulations to all the finalists! And a huge "THANK YOU" to member Charlie Crawford of Souther-N-Bama Bait & Tackle, for again this year sponsoring our 8 first place Big Fish Contest awards. Charlie has been a great supporter of the club, and the best way to thank him is with our patronage.

And There's More...

Besides the Big Fish Contest winners for each of the 8 fish categories we will award plaques for the top 3 point getters in the Big Fish Contest and the top 5 places in Tournament points. Plus we'll name the Big Fish Contest Champion, the Tournament Point Champion(s) and we will also crown a Lady Angler Champion and a Junior Angler Champion. And we'll honor the Member of the Year with the Founder's Award.

In addition, Recognition Awards will be presented to those special friends of the ACFA who helped out in 2006:

*D.P. Screen Printing Inc – Phil Gill

- ***Post 250, American Legion** – yearlong weigh-in site
- ***Scott's Landing** – ACFA Causeway Classic weigh-in site
- * **Grady Marine** – yearlong door prizes
- * **Souther-N-Bama Bait & Tackle** – Charlie Crawford door prizes and Big Fish Contest plaque sponsorships

Who Is THE Master Angler for 2006?

Most members understand we have two separate point garnering contests with Champions for each, but few realize how the ACFA Master Angler is chosen.

Well, we have a casting contest with a Snoopy rod in the front of the room... NAWWWWWW

It was actually much more complicated than Snoopy rods at 10 paces! There needed to be a way to compare placing in the tournaments (based on 3, 5 and 7 points) with the Big Fish Contest (based on (1 through 5 points). Somewhere along the line, some brilliant member (unnamed) came up with the formula we use to reduce the two lists to the top 20 finishers in each list. We then assign 20 points for 1st place down to 1 point for 20th place and by adding the totals of each person together we get an overall champion who is crowned as the Master Angler for that year. As dizzy (and close) as those calculations are you'll just have to come to the Awards Banquet to see who the 2006 Master Angler will be.

2007 ACFA Chairpersons

Accepted by unanimous voice vote during the November meeting your 2007 Board of Directors will be: President - **Doug Smith**, Vice President- **Donald Wayne Garrettson**, Treasurer- **Jep Hill**, Secretary- **Judy Smith**, Statistics- **Vince Hawkins**, Membership- **Erik Nelson**, Weigh master- **Pat Hughes**, Donations- **Jimmy Quint**, Logo Items- **Alvin Bell**, Awards- **Bryan Hack**, Food- **Randy Wiscaver**, and Newsletter- **David Thornton**. Special "thank yous" to our outgoing chairpersons (please be sure and pass your booklet to your successor) Vice president **Bud Barr**, Secretary **Margaret Miller**, and Awards **Bill Midgette**. To all, we appreciate your efforts which have helped make this club grow even more and be the smashing success it is! And thanks to all the unnamed volunteers (too many to name here) who have helped in the past year and those who will in the coming year.

Retention and Recruitment...

These two terms are used by marine biologists to describe how a population (like a school of fish) grows. It retains or keeps a base population while recruiting new individuals to replace those who drop out. We hope our club continues to grow. And to do so we want to retain you as a member of the ACFA and help us to recruit new folks who share the same passion and pleasures expressed in our mission statement of promoting friendship, sportsmanship and conservation along coastal Alabama. Our objectives are to provide a family oriented fishing club where you can make new friends and learn about being more successful while pursuing your hobby/sport. Quite a bargain at only \$45 per year!

In Case You Didn't Hear...

During the recent Red Cross Causeway Classic (held Saturday Nov 11, 2006 during a frontal passage) ACFA members took 8 of the possible 9 prizes for that tournament. Congratulations to the winners and participants who contributed to this cause. And kudos to former ACFA member Sean Sullivan who wrote the report in the Mobile Register the next day! It sure would be nice to have more local reports (like that) in the paper ;-)

Speckled Trout Creel (3 fish aggregate)

First Place-**Michael McDonald** - 11.26 pounds

Second Place-**Jimbo Miller** - 10.34 pounds

Third Place-**Rick Tourne** - 10.22 pounds

Speckled Trout Lunker

First Place-**Henry Nail** - 5.14 pounds

Second Place-**Michael McDonald** - 4.25 pounds

Third Place-**Rick Tourne** - 4.18 pounds

Flounder

First Place-**Chris Massey** - 4.31 pounds

Second Place-James Coleman - 3.38 pounds

Third Place-**Jason Miller** - 3.27 pounds

More Redfish Tourney News...

The same Veteran's Day Weekend some members of our club participated in the IFA (Inshore Fishing Association) Redfish Championship in Panama City, Florida. Three of our local teams placed in the top 1/3 of the 86 teams in what was described as some "tuff competition". No winners, but a fine showing! Congratulations to ACFA members **Barnie White**, **Paul Smith**, **Kyle Mitternacht**, **Scott Ritter**, **D.W. Garrettson**, **Erik Nelson** and former member **Bobby Abruscato**. Your compadres in lower Alabama salute you and wish you the best in future tournaments.

It's Never Too Late to Donate...

IF you'd still like to make a donation to this year's Grand Prize Drawing (an ice chest filled with 'goodies') worth at least \$250 to be given away at the Awards Banquet on Dec 2, give Jimmy Quint a call at 377-5739.

2007 Big Fish Contest

Well our 2006 BFC is now in the books, and the 2007 Big Fish Contest is underway as of 12:01 am November 15th, 2006 until midnight November 14th 2007. Remember your entries MUST reach our new Statistician, Vince Hawkins within 30 days of the date of your catch. So that's: Vince Hawkins 112 Baratara Drive Chickasaw, AL 36611

2006 Milestones

- New Membership Record (225)
- Junior Angler category plaques awarded in three separate tournaments
- Food provided at ALL tournament weighins
- Added the highly popular "Mini-Seminars" prior to meetings
- Two new club records established (Speckled Trout Creel & White Trout)
- 9 of the top 10 places in the Speckled Trout Challenge
- Auctioned A-Team fishing trip and Billy Stix fishing rod
- Numerous members placing in local tournaments
- Numerous members competing in pro Redfish circuits

Time to Respool...

At the end of the fishing season when the line on your fishing reel is spent, it's time to respool. That's what the fishing club will be doing over the next couple of months in preparing for the 2007 tournament season. Looking for ways to make 2007 a bigger and better year for the ACFA. IF you have any ideas or comments, please be sure and pass them along to Doug or some other board member. But stay tuned, things are already happening. The 2007 Big Fish Contest is underway and there are a couple of "grub tournaments" (artificials ONLY) that some club members put together during the off season just to 'keep their hooks sharp'. IF you'd like to participate (for a modest entry fee) see David Hare, Bruce Howle Sr or Paul Smith about their plans. These are not sanctioned club tournaments but a lot of folks in the ACFA fish them and have a good time. The first is scheduled for December 9th. They will be discussed further at the Awards Banquet and on the ACFA internet forum.

On The WWW...

acfafishing.com is there for you 24/7/365. Feel free to join in and register (as an ACFA member) so you will have full access to the website (including the Members ONLY section). Kudos to our webmaster, Chris Massey who single-handedly created and has maintained the website for well over a year now. Thanks BB!

Reminders

- Awards Banquet @ 7pm Saturday Dec 2, 2006
- Master Anglers (Men, Ladies and Juniors) will be awarded during the banquet
- All 2006 Big Fish Contest winners will get plaques
- Grand Prize Attendance Drawing during the ceremonies
- 2007 Big Fish Contest is now underway, send entries to Vince Hawkins
- 2007 Membership dues are due in Feb to maintain a fish in the Big Fish Contest
- NO ACFA tournaments in December, January or February
- NO ACFA meeting in January
- NO outside alcohol at the Awards Banquet, please
- NO SMOKING inside the Awards Banquet Hall, please
- First meeting for next year is scheduled for 7pm Thursday February 1, 2007
- Call Doug IF you haven't already to let us know how many to expect at the banquet

FINAL Big Fish Contest Standings as of November 14, 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	Henry Nall	6.80
3	Kyle Mitternacht	20.20	3	John Fassbender	4.67	3	Brandon Parker	1.64	3	Leslie Smith	6.75
4	Rick Tourne	20.02	4	George Koulianos	4.46	4	David Hare	1.47	4	Belinda Smith (L)	6.65
5	Frank Mitternacht	17.83	5	Joe Sirmon	4.46	5	Jim Glass	1.41	5	Jason Miller	6.45
	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 Mitternacht	10.85	2	David Thornton	3.65	2	Chris Conken	6.40	2	Todd Golomb	2.65
3	Bobby McElroy	10.14	3	Patric Garmeson(N)	3.35	3	Phillip Guy	6.34	3	Belinda Smith (L)	2.35
4	Matt Corley (N)(j)	10.05	4	Don Ludlam	3.30	4	Jim Glass	6.25	4	Hal Scheurich	2.27
5	Kyle Mitternacht	9.96	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: Vince Hawkins 112 Baratara Drive Chickasaw, AL 36611

FINAL ACFA Tournament Point Standings as of October 21, 2006

Pos.	Angler Name	Pts.
1	Leslie Smith	40
1	Bryan Hack	40
2	Henry Nall	32
3	Kyle Mitternacht	31
4	Donnie Fassbender	25
5	Todd Golomb	24
6	Tom Duncan	22
7	Belinda Smith (L)	21
8	Mutt Burke	20
8	John Fassbender	20
8	Chris Conken	20
9	Barry Keith	19
10	Rick Tourne	18
11	David Hare	16
12	Matt Corley (N)(j)	15
12	Billy Hurd	15
13	Walter Corley (N)	14
13	Tommy Pond	14
13	Phillip Guy	14

13 points: Vince Hawkins, Hal Scheurich, David Thornton, Bill Midgette

12 points: Trey Pitt, Patric Garmeson (N), Michael Tew (N), Lee Minto, James Foster(N), Dewayne Overstreet, Bud Barr, Blake Michaleski

11 points: Vickie Foster (N)(L), Scott Godwin (N), Chris Massey, Alvin Bell

10 points: Jimbo Miller, David Mashburn, Cameron Calhoun (j)

9 points: Mike Lee, Jerold Bolen, Bubba Williams, Bobby McElroy

8 points: Mike Thompson, Joel Midgette, Jad Pope, Doug Smith, Del Delchamps

7 points: Evan Fassbender (N)

6 points: Pete Burns, Larry Watkins (N), Judy Smith (L), Donald Garrettson

5 points: Margaret Miller (L), Marc Kruse, Jason Day, Frank Mitternacht, Austin Lee Jr (j)

4 points: Tim Harwell, Mike Herring, Mike Foster (N), Jim Glass, Jason Miller, Donnie Howell, Denny Lyons (N), Bruce Howle Jr., Bobby Burgess (N)

3 points: Thomas Murray, Ted Kiefer, Savannah Calhoun (j), Roger Glass, Mike Jones, Lori Tourne (L), Kelly Fulmer, Judson Taylor (N), Erik Nelson, Doug Davis, 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, Robert Schmitz (N), Robert Morgan (j)(N), Randy Wiscaver, Michael Taylor (N), Michael Jones (j), Matt Perry, 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 Hinton (N), Skip Grizzle (N), Savannah Lee (j), Robbie Bosarge (N), Rick Rutland (N), Rick Gaines, Phillip Russell (N), Paul Smith, Pat Hughes, Ocie Wade, Michael McDonald, Lee Ward (?), Lain Cameron (N), Kenny Nelson (N), Kelly Bolen (j), Jonathan Payton (?), John Westover, Joseph Hughes (j), Joel Jordan (N), Joe Sirmon, Jimmy Quint, Jerry Donahughie (N), Jep Hill, Jackson Hughes (j), Hayes Cornelius (j) (N), Gerald Markow, George Koulianos, Gary Tingle (N), Ethan Jordan (j) (N), Christine Gaines (L), Charlie Dowdle, Bob Morgan (N), Bob Matthews (N), Bob Gray, Blake Grizzle (j)(N), Barbara Brady (L)

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