



ACFA

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June 2007 Newsletter

Our fifth meeting of the 2007 season, marking the 'halfway point' will be held on Thursday June 7th at 7 pm at the American Legion Post 88 at 2663 Halls Mill Road (the usual place 1/2 mile north of McVay Drive).

Sondra Jack, a competitor on the FLW Redfish Tour, Eastern Division will be our guest speaker to talk about one of her sponsors, Sea Tow. We will also have other speakers as yet to be determined.

The latest membership rosters will be made available at the meeting (but not mailed).

President's Message

What a turnout for the BOMB!!!!!!!!!!!!

I hear the trout are burning up at the rigs in the lower end of the bay. I hope everybody can make it to the meeting.

Doug

ACFA April 7, 2007 'Breakout' Tournament Results

1st - Butch Pierce - ACFA - 5.60	6th - Mutt Burke - ACFA - 4.65
2nd - Ben Hurn - ACFA - 4.95	7th - Peter Whitehead - WBFC - 4.65*
3rd - Michael McDonald - WBFC - 4.85	8th - Bill Midgette - ACFA - 4.45
4th - Henry Nall - ACFA - 4.80	9th - Larry Watkins - ACFA - 4.35
5th - Chris Massey - ACFA - 4.70	10th - Rick Tourne - ACFA - 4.15

The weather was a bit cool and breezy for the BoMB. But that didn't phase most of the 60+ anglers who participated from the Eastern Shore to the west side rivers and canal. Or those who fished north of the Causeway or the 6 ACFA members who fished along side me on the Dauphin Island Pier. Plenty of fishing fun in pursuit of the elusive (for most of us) big speckled trout. Once again this year, it took better than four pounds to make the top ten!

And again this month the 'less than ideal' conditions didn't deter the team of Henry Nall and Chris Massey who not only placed in the top 5 but had a big box of HUGE specks. Or the team of Mutt Burke and Bill Midgette who (as always) caught their specks on artificial baits (though they won't admit exactly WHICH baits, and NObody will say exactly where ;-)

But when it was all said and done, the ACFA had prevailed again. The final point tally was ACFA 43pts, WBFC 12pts.

The fine fishermen of the Weeks Bay team though had their best result ever in the four years of competing with us and did quite well this year considering only 13 of their members weighed in fish. They are getting stronger! The ACFA had 47 anglers weigh in fish including junior angler Cameron Calhoun who earned a plaque for his efforts. Congrats to the winners and the participants.

Some More "Old Business"...

We'd like to thank our April meeting guest speaker Dana James of Dana's Guide Service (605-8654) and Tackle This, Shoot That (9120 Airport Blvd 633-5464) for the excellent bull red fishing tips and sharing his expertise with slip cork rigs and artificial baits. The idea of "tackling up" to expedite catching and releasing speckled trout was especially timely with the water heating up. Also thanks to ACFA member, Barry Keith of Keith Map Service (60 Schillinger Rd North 633-5588) for providing the latest Top Spot Fishing maps for the Mini Seminar, and offering them to the club members for only \$10! Wow, what a deal!!

Congratulations!

To our lucky members, George Koulianos and Mutt Burke for being drawn as the Treasurer's Treat winners from the pool of members who mailed in their dues. They each get a check refunding their dues!

Also congratulations to Todd Golomb, whose name was selected from the pool of members that sponsored at least one new member this year. Todd gets \$50 check and the admiration of all when he gives it to his wife Gina ;-)

New Business...
The June "Summer Starter" Tournament

will be held Saturday June 9th from 5am to 5pm, and the weighin (from 3pm-5pm) will be back at "the usual place", behind the American Legion Post 250 on Dauphin Island Parkway (Hwy 163) just south of the blinking light by the Greer's Food tiger store. A bunch of tournament points and 15 plaques (for first through third place) will be awarded in Speckled Trout, Redfish, Flounder, Ground Mullet and Spanish mackerel (new for 2007). Another new addition will be a special Junior Flounder category awarding plaques for the 3 heaviest flounder caught by junior anglers. Go get 'em kids!

Of Course There'll Be Food...

ACFA Food Chairman Randy Wiscaver says the tradition of providing food at all the ACFA weighins proudly continues this month. He and his 'side cook' Brenda Pate are discussing details to be announced at the meeting. It will likely be something in the line of hot & cold sandwich trays with possibly some kind of dessert. WoooHoooo! Yummy!!

Other Tournaments...

Keep in mind this is the same date as the Mobile County Wildlife Association's 18th Annual Speckled Trout Tournament. They will have adult and junior divisions for speckled trout and flounder. Call 422-3039 for details. This could be a great opportunity for a family fishing day with a chance to win awards and prizes.

The 10th Annual Yellow Jacket Open Fishing Tournament to be held Saturday June 2, is another opportunity for the kids to participate in a family fishing outing (and possibly earn great prizes) as the categories include a variety of inshore and offshore species with adult and kids divisions.

The Yellow Jacket Open is headquartered at the Dauphin Island Marina, call 432-0784 for details.

Speaking of other tournaments...

it was noted at the last meeting that recently a group of Louisiana redfish tournament fishermen from the "Down Da Bayou Redfish Club" or **DBRC** challenged some ACFA redfish tournament fishermen to a reciprocating match.

The first day of the match was held Saturday May 26 in Hopedale, LA, and the other will be here in Mobile in October.

The format was to weigh the two biggest redfish (16"-27" slot) from each boat, and score them in a top 10 point system like we've used for the BoMB (10 points for 1st place, 9 pts for 2nd, etc. 1 pt for 10th place).

With 22 total teams competing against each other (not to mention the 15-20 knot east winds that made for dingy water and higher than normal tides) the 8 teams of ACFA members and friends were still able to etch out a great "road win" by capturing 1st, 3rd, 5th and 7th places to make the final score ACFA 28pts to DBRC 27 pts. It don't get no closer than that!!!

Paul "Moondoggie" Smith led the way with a chunky lunger red of 8# 4 oz, closely followed by Bruce Howell, Jr "Top Dawg Jr" at 8.1#. The total weights were just as impressive: 15.8# for Paul Smith and partner Mike Daves (1st place), 15.3# for Scott Ritter and Bobby Abruscato (3rd Place), 15.1# for Barney and Steve White (5th Place) and 14.8# for Erik Nelson and Bruce Howell, Jr (7th Place). Honorable mention goes to Brandon "Rook" Parker who landed his best ever speckled trout while pre-fishing with his panda Donald "Daktari" Garrettson on Friday. It was 24" long, but weighed 6# 7 oz!

It sounded like a great victory for our team and a really fun experience for the competitors. Congrats to you all!

Hopefully the DBRC will come over here for some more of that whoppin' in October ;-)

See Bernie White or Paul Smith for details and updates.

Mini Seminar

Facilitator Joe Sirmon tells me this month's installment of the highly popular Mini-Seminar will feature Les Smith.

In case you weren't around last year, Les put together a streak of tournament points (for himself and his family) and Big Fish entries to be crowned as our 2006 ACFA Angler of the Year.

His versatility in fishing from the Delta to the near shore rigs and years of fishing experiences while growing up on Mobile Bay's Eastern Shore have helped Les consistently catch big fish even against stiff competition. (like his brother Doug ;-)

Anyway, this is your opportunity to tap the knowledge and gather proven big fishing catching tips from one of the club's premier fishermen. The Seminar begins in the meeting hall promptly at 6pm.

You can pass your ideas for other seminar topics or speakers you'd like to see to Joe at the meetings or email him at joesirmon.bellsouth.net or phone him at 605-5811. See you there!

½ Day Guided Redfish Sightfishing Trip will be Ruffled Off at the June & July Meetings

You will have these opportunities to buy a ticket (only \$5 each) for the drawing to be held at the end of the July 5th meeting. Erik Nelson at the sign-in table will have tickets. It's a great chance to fish with Captain Paul Smith (Moon Doggie Charters 251-232-9816) who has graciously donated a ½ day guided trip for 2 anglers.

Everything is provided except food and drinks. ALL the proceeds go directly into the club treasury.

Alvin Bell will be selling ACFA logo items at the June Meeting!

He may not be able to fish, but still has a good supply of caps, T-shirts, towels, etc.

- ACFA T-shirts in Navy Blue, Forrest Green, and Natural; in sizes Med-XL are \$9 and XXL or XXXL are \$11
 - ACFA 'Grand Slam' T-shirts (w/pocket) in White only; sizes M-XL are \$10 XXL or XXXL are \$12
 - ACFA Ladies T-shirts (in White only) are \$10 for all sizes; and
 - ACFA Long-Sleeved T-shirts are \$13 for M-XL and \$15 for XXL and XXXL
 - ACFA caps in Navy, Khaki, Olive and Stone are \$7; and this year's HOT item ACFA Visors are \$6;
And the ACFA Hand Towels are \$3.50 each or 2* for \$5
 - ACFA embroidered patches will be available too, small patches are \$2 each or 3 for \$5, large patches are \$6
- We ask that you **please bring the correct change**, or pay by check to facilitate the sales.

July Junk Sale

Start rounding up gear (unused, slightly used, older than dirt, etc) for the upcoming ACFA 'junk' sale. You can get rid of some of those items your wife has been bugging you to get rid of and help the club at the same time. There will be several tables set up prior to the July meeting to display your items (complete with pricing). Simply keep track of the amounts you collect and donate 10% of the proceeds to the club (or all of it if you want to ;-)
Each year several hundreds of dollars changes hands and some otherwise unused equipment finds a new home.

YOU can Help...

Our devoted Treasurer, Jep Hill has requested that two (non board) members step forward to review the books. Please contact Jep to request an appointment (BEFORE he goes to Bermuda ;-)
Yes, that was a joke!

Gillnet ban news update

It would appear the chances of a complete gillnet ban in Alabama waters are out of the question this year. In fact the State Senate only has a few days session remaining to pass the "compromise" measure that was passed by the House last week. So PLEASE contact your state senator ASAP and tell them how you feel about this important legislation and ask your family members to do the same. The outcome of this procedure will likely affect the quality of inshore fishing for years, maybe decades to come. You can find the name of your State Senator on the internet @ <http://www.bangillnets.com/cca/page/show/representative>

REMINDERS-

A raffle will be held in June – July for a full day inshore (marsh) redfish sight fishing charter trip for two anglers with Captain Paul "Moondoggie" Smith. See Erik Nelson for tickets (\$5) and details.

- **Sign in to qualify for the Grand 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)**
- **plaques will be awarded for the top 3 places to Junior Anglers who weigh in a flounder at the June Tournament**
- **Yellow Jacket Open Fishing Tournament Saturday June 2 (Inshore & Offshore, Adults and Junior Divisions)**
- **MCWA Speckled Trout Tournament Saturday June 9 (Adult & Junior Divisions for specks and flounder)**
- **July "Junk" Sale at the July meeting**
- **Please donate any ACFA weigh in or fishing pictures (2004 or earlier) to Belinda Smith for the scrapbook**
- **Kon Rico spices are now available at the Broadus Produce stands**

Help us check!

Our club Statistician wanted to remind everyone to please check our spelling and weights to see they are correct. We aims to please! Also, your Big Fish entry must be made within 30 days of the catch and to please be sure and make a photocopy of your Big Fish Card before entrusting it to the mail service. Better safe than sorry!

Mail to: Vince Hawkins 112 Baratara Drive Chickasaw, AL 36611 (452-3899)

Big Fish Contest Standings as of May 14, 2007

	Blackfish	WT		Flounder	WT		Ground Mullet	WT		Redfish	WT
1			1	Heath Harwell (J)	3.19	1	Daniel Ford	1.45	1	Vince Hawkins	7.40
2			2	Barry Keith	2.60	2	David Hare	1.20	2	Mutt Burke	6.50
3			3	Sharon Markow (L)	2.40	3	Ted Kiefer	1.05	3	Phillip Guy	6.00
4			4	Kelly Fulmer	2.27	4			4	Sam Clark III (N)	4.50
5			5	Erik Nelson	2.10	5			5	DeWayne Johnson	4.30
	Sheepshead	WT		Spanish Mackerel	WT		Speckled Trout	WT		White Trout	WT
1	Henry Nall	12.20	1	Sharon Markow (L)	2.29	1	Chris Massey	7.40	1	John Burke	1.10
2	Jason Miller	10.90	2			2	Kelly Fulmer	6.83	2		
3	Chris Massey	10.65	3			3	Bill Midgette	6.20	3		
4	Ted Kiefer	10.20	4			4	Bill Patterson	6.10	4		
5	Leslie Smith	10.00	5			5	Kelly Fulmer	5.93	5		

* First to weigh in (N) New Member (J) Junior Angler (L) Lady Angler ? Problem w/Membership verification

ACFA Tournament Point Standings as of May 5, 2007

Pos.	Angler Name	Points
1	Henry Nall	19
2	Chris Massey	13
3	Bill Midgette	12
4	David Hare	10
4	Mike Pierce (N)	10
4	Mutt Burke	10
5	Jason Miller	9
6	Erik Nelson	8
6	Eugene Pierce	8
6	John Burke	8
6	Patric Garmeson	8
7	Theo Koulianos (J)	7
8	David Thornton	6
8	Del Delchamps	6
8	Steve O'Dell	6
8	Ted Kiefer	6
8	Tom Duncan	6

The following members have 5 points:

Billy Pierce (N), Butch Pierce (N), Phillip Guy, Rick Tourne

The following members have 4 points:

Bo Winter, Kelly Fulmer, Larry Watkins

The following members have 3 points:

Barry Keith, Ben Hurn, Bubba Williams, Donnie Howell, Mike Tew, Tim Pierce (N), Trey Pitt, Vickie Foster (L), Vince Hawkins

The following members have 2 points:

Alvin Bell, Austin Lee (J), Belinda Smith (L), Bill Patterson, Billy Pierce Jr (N)(J), Brenda Pate (L), Cameron Calhoun (J), Dane Tomberlin, Doug Smith, George Koulianos, Jad Pope, Joe Sirmon, Marc Kruse, Mike Foster, Nick Redding (N), Pete Burns, Randy Wiscaver, Sam Clark (N), Tim Harwell

The following members have 1 point:

Adam Barker(N), Allison Pierce (N)(J), Austin Key (N), Barney White, Bekki Ludlam (L), Bill Lawler (N), Billy Hurd, Bobby McElroy, Brandon Parker(?), Bruce Dyess(re:Dana?), Byron Webb (N), Chase Laurendine(J), Daniel Ford, David Garrettson, David Wright, Dewayne Johnson, Dewayne Overstreet, Don Ludlam, Donna Keifer (L), Donnie Fassbender, Evan Fassbender, Frank Mitternight, Frank Parker (?), Frank Parker III (J) (?), Frank Parker Jr (?), Gary Tingle, Jep Hill, Jim Foster, John Fassbender, Kim Guy, Kirk Hoven (N), Lee Minto, Les Smith, Margaret Miller (L), Mike Lee, Norman Stockman (N), Pete Keith (N), Russell Schmitz (N), Scott Godwin, Shane Ford, Stephen Laurendine(N), Ted Lawson, Tommy Pond, Trent Dowell (N), Wayne Garrettson, Wayne Tubb (re:Ira?), Zack Dyess (J) (re:Dana?)

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