

Alabama Coastal Fisherman's Association



August 2009

Next meeting: August 6th
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Speaker: Noel Nelson-Tarpon
Quick Hits: Jason Miller
Mini-seminar: Dave Thornton
Next tournament: August 8th
 Mobile Bay Grandslam & Member
 Appreciation Shrimp Boil
 American Legion Post 250

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President's Message

Well another successful tournament is behind us and I can already taste the Boiled Shrimp waiting for us at the August tournament. The club record for Trout creel was broken and there were some impressive weights. Congrats to all club members that placed in the ADSFR and maybe next year will be my year to win a Contender!! Chris Conkin continues to do well with his recovery and we hope to see him back on the water within another month or so. Look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting and tournament. If you get a chance, take a minute to speak to someone you do not know at the meeting. Remember to wear your PFD's and kill switches and good luck to all in the August tournament



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The team of **Kyle Mitternight, Frank Mitternight, Rick Tourne, and Michael McDonald** show off two whopping blackfish they caught during the Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo. The big fish held by Rick tipped the scales at 23.93 lbs and was good enough to place second overall in the largest saltwater fishing tournament in the nation.

(Photo courtesy of Mike Thompson)

July Meeting Recap

A pile of fishing related junk was peddled at bargain basement prices prior to the meeting at the annual "July Junksale". Lee Minto put on a flounder clinic, and Todd Glomb gave the Quickhits.

Junk Sale Reminder

To those that were able to clear out their closets, garages, storage sheds, etc. by getting rid of some of their junk at the July Junk Sale, please remember to pay 10% of your proceeds back to the ACFA as soon as possible. Its not just a service we offer the members, but also a fundraiser for the club.

July "Rodeo Warmup" tournament results

A whole bunch of ACFA anglers were able to wet a line and join us at the weigh-in for the July Rodeo Warmup. O.P & George Harrison broke the club record for the trout creel and Phillip Guy brought in a toad of a slot red. As always, thanks to Brenda Wilson and her helpers for feeding us.

Speckled Trout Creel

1. O.P. & George Harrison	22.30
2. Joey & Caleb Gates(J)	18.60
3. Adam Barker & Jim Foster	17.00
4. Richard Suk & Tom Duncan	15.60
5. Jake(N) & Jacob Markris(N)(J)	14.80

White Trout

1. Tim Pierce	0.85
2. Teena Pierce	0.75
3. Phillip Guy	0.45
4. Chloe Chaffin(N)(J)	0.40

Junior Blackfish

1. Jacob Markris (N)(J)	14.90
2. Katie Mitternacht (J)	7.25
3. Kristen Mitternacht (J)	6.60

Blackfish

1. Jacob Markris (N)(J)	14.90
2. Rick Tourne	12.10
3. Donald Garrettson	11.55
4. Katie Mitternacht (J)	7.25
5. Kristen Mitternacht (J)	6.60

Redfish

1. Phillip Guy	7.20
2. Donald Garrettson	6.25
3. Chloe Chaffin(N)(J)	5.85
4. Kyle Woodham (N)(J)	4.15
5. Tracy Ainsworth (N)	3.15

Junior Flounder

1. Jacob Markris (N)(J)	2.30
2. Chloe Chaffin(N)	1.90
3. Chrisitan Howell	1.15

Flounder

1. Jacob Markris (N)(J)	2.30
2. Adam Barker	2.20
3. Ronnie Dyson	2.05
4. Bob Ward	2.00
5. Chloe Chaffin(N)(J)	1.90

Junior Redfish

1. Chloe Chaffin(N)(J)	5.85
2. Kyle Woodham (N)(J)	4.15

Junior White Trout

1. Chloe Chaffin(N)	0.40
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August Meeting –August 6th

David Thornton will be the Mini-seminar speaker at 6 p.m. The topic will be pier fishing. Noel Nelson will be the featured speaker for the main meeting. Noel Nelson is one of the local tarpon chasing experts and gives a detailed and informative talk. Yours truly will be giving the Quick Hits, emphasis on the "quick."

August “Mobile Bay Grandslam”-August 8th

The categories for the August tournament will be speckled trout, redfish, flounder, white trout and blackfish. There will also be an award for the angler that weighs in the biggest “Grandslam” of speckled trout, redfish and flounder. Also, five “bonus” tournament points will be awarded to any angler that places in each of the three slam categories. In years past, this has been an almost impossible feat, but now that places are awarded 1st through 5th place, rather than just 1st through 3rd, there is an increased chance that some lucky angler will complete the coveted Slam.

Member Appreciation Shrimp Boil-August 8th

In conjunction with the Mobile Bay Grandslam tournament weigh-in, we will also be holding our Annual Member Appreciation Shrimp Boil. All ACFA members, spouses and children are welcome to attend and enjoy as much boiled shrimp as they can eat. It's our way of saying “thanks” to all the members who make this such a great fishing club. Guests are also welcome to enjoy the shrimp boil with ACFA members, but we ask that they contribute \$5 to the club to help offset the cost of the food.

Outdoor News

4th Annual Tarponalooza-August 15th

For 3 years now, a flotilla of inshore warriors far more accustomed to battling speckled trout and redfish have banded together in the heat of August to set sail for the middle of Mobile Bay in pursuit of the elusive tarpon. Lack of know-how, experience, and common sense have been only minor deterrents to these brave adventurers. If you consider actually catching, or even hooking a tarpon as the measure of success, each year has been a resounding defeat, but that's not stopping the merry band of knuckleheads from trying again this year. August 15th has been set as the date this year for the annual pogy, hardhead, and jack slaughter...erh..Tarponalooza. If you think you have what it takes to vanquish the big, goofy, silvery bastages, or would just like to enjoy a day of fishing comedy with fellow club members, see me, or follow the scheming, planning, and strategizing on the ACFA webforum at:

<http://www.acfafish.com/cms/phpBB2/viewtopic.php?f=3&t=7405&p=93497#p93497>

Take a Soldier Fishing-October 3rd

At the July meeting, Mike Thompson announced that the ACFA is reviving its Take a Soldier fishing program. The club needs volunteer captains to take veterans from the Iraq and Afghanistan wars fishing during the October 3rd “Fallout” tournament. We also need to get the word out to such veterans about the program so we can take as many as possible fishing. Please see Mike Thompson, or Jim Foster, for details and to volunteer your help.

Gulf State Park Pier Re-opens

After waiting nearly five long years, the new and improved Gulf State Park Pier opened in Gulf Shores, AL on July 20, 2009. The old pier was destroyed by Hurricane Ivan. According to all accounts, it was almost worth the wait. Pier angling aficionados have unanimously praised the design of the new pier and it is already producing good catches of a variety of fish.

Details about the new pier can be found at: <http://www.alapark.com/GulfState/Gulf%20State%20Park%20Pier/>



David “Pier#r” Thornton is happier than a pig in slop with the opening of the new Gulf State Park Pier. Here, Pier#r displays two hefty king mackerel he caught off the pier on its opening day.

ACFA'ers in other tournaments

Gulf Coast Anglers Association Redfish Tour-Empire, LA -July 11th

Congrats to Bernie White, and his dad Steve White, for placing second in the Gulf Coast Angler's Association Redfish Tour tournament out of Empire, LA, on July 11th. Team White weighed in a two fish stringer of 15.13 lbs. and missed the top spot by a mere 0.01 lbs.

Roy Martin Young Anglers Tournament-July 11th

Although none of our skilled junior anglers managed to hold on to any of the top spots in the Roy Martin Young Angler's Tournament, an "assist" should be awarded to Theo Koulianos for the 1st place Ling at 36.18 lbs. Theo hooked the fish, got it warmed up, and then unfortunately pulled the hook, before his friend was able to re-hook and land the fish, according to a nice write up in the Mobile Press Register. New member Jake Markris, and his son Jacob, also received mention in the article for their blackfish catches. Kudos to all the club members who were able to get our junior members out on the water during the tournament.

Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo-July 18th

Congrats to the team of Kyle Mitternacht, Frank Mitternacht, Rick Tourne, and Michael McDonald for teaming up to land the 23.93 lb. whopper blackfish that took second place. Rick was the angler, Kyle was the driver, Michael was net man, and Frank stood by with moral support and ice cold beverages, when the big fish was landed. Club member Stephen Laurendine also took second place in the White Trout category with a 4.00 lb monster.

Red Snapper World Championship

O.P. Harrison is currently holding down second place in the Speckled Trout category of the Red Snapper World Championship out of Orange Beach, AL with a 7.95 lb. pig. The summer long tournament ends August 15th at 6:00 p.m.

2009 Tournament Point Standings

22 pts- Adam Barker;

19 pts- O.P. Harrison

18 pts- George Harrison

16 pts- Phillip Guy

15 pts- Rick Tourne

12 pts- Dane Tomberlin, Jacob Markris (N)(J), Tim Pierce

11 pts- Bill Midgette, Joey Gates

10 pts- Austin Lee(J), Donald Garrettson

9 pts- Bryann Sullivan (J), Jim Foster, Mike Lee, Richard Suk, Tom Duncan, Vicki Foster (L)

8 pts- Chase Maxwell(J)(N), Chloe Chaffin (N)(J), Kyle Woodham (J)(N)

7 pts- Autumn Lundy (L)(N), Daniel Ford Marty Garmeson,

6 pts-, Chris Nelson(J), Christian Howell (J), David Thornton, Donnie Fassbender, Frank Mitternacht, Gary Tingle, George Koulianos, Shane Ford, Teena Pierce (L), Tommy Devery;

5 pts-, Billy Hurd, Caleb Gates (J), Doug Houston, Ed Greer, Hayley Hack (J), John Fassbender, Judy Smith (L), Les Smith, Ronnie Dyson, Sam Clark III, Steve Laurendine, Tracy Ainsworth (N), Vince Hawkins

4 pts- Bob Ward, Bryan Sullivan, Dave Growder, Donnie Howell, Jerry Torrans, Lauren Rea (L), Lee Minto, Patric Garmeson, Ted Lawson, Trenny Woodham (N)

3 pts- Alvin Bell, Bubba Williams, David Hare, Doug Smith, Evon Fassbender (L), Katie Mitternacht (J), Mike Foster,

2 pts- Bill Perry, Doug Tierce, Jake Markis (N), Joe Sirmon, Kristen Mitternacht (J), Patrick Hughes, Patsy Garmeson (L), Phillip Ward, Richard Hoffman, Richard Hoffman, Sr. (N), Ryan Hoffman (J), Stephanie Alexander (L)(N), Steve Odell, Theo Koulianos (J), Tommy Pond, Trevor Wood, Tye Jordan (J)

1pt- Barry Keith, Belinda Smith, Bill Patterson, Bob McClay, Bobby Burgess, Bruce Howle, Jr., Bud Barr, Jr., Chris Conken, Dale Roberts, Dana Hawkins (L), Dwayne Overstreet, Donna Schantz (L), Evan Mosley (J), Frank Parker III (J), Frank Parker Jr., George March, Greg Walker (N), Jackson Hughes (J), Jacob, Guy, Jared Kelly, Jimbo Miller, Jimmie Farmer (N), Jonathon Law, Justin Peacock, Keith Kenney, Kevin Wilson, Kyle Doster, Larry Watkins, Lindsey Hawkins (J), Lou Fellis, Luke Fleniken (N), Mary Howell (L), Matthew Morgan (J), Mike Thompson, Nick Redding, Rileigh Hawkins (J), Robert Morgan (J), Stewart Mosley, Todd Golomb, Tyler Dixon(N)(J), Wilder Wing (N)(J), Will Conken (J), Will Parker (J), Wilson Winter (J).

2009 Bigfish Standings

	Blackfish	Wt	Flounder	Wt	Ground Mullet	Wt	Redfish	Wt
1 st	Dane Tomberlin	17.23	Jamie Dixon(L)	5.01	Dane Tomberlin	1.95	Phillip Guy	7.20
2 nd	Rick Tourne	17.20	Autumn Lundy(L)	3.85	Kyle Doster	1.92	Luke Flenikan	6.50
3 rd	Jacob Markris(J)	14.90	Cameron Busby	3.13	Kyle Doster	1.72	Rick Tourne	6.45
4 th	Rick Tourne	12.10			Daniel Ford	1.70	D.W. Garrettson	6.25
5 th	D.W. Garrettson	11.55			Lauren Rea(L)	1.70	Chloe Chaffin(J)	5.85
6 th					Shane Ford	1.30	Mike Foster	5.80
7 th					Ed Greer	1.15	Judy Smith(L)	5.75
8 th					Bryann Sullivan (J)	1.05	Billy Hurd	5.35
9 th					Lauren Rea(L)	1.05	Dane Tomberlin	5.20
10 th					Donnie Fassbender*	1.00	Theo Koulianos(J)	5.10
	Sheephead	Wt	Spanish Mackerel	Wt	White Trout	Wt	Speckled Trout	Wt
1 st	Trenny Woodnan (J)	8.20	Gary Tingle	3.33	O.P. Harrison	2.29	Alvin Bell	8.00
2 nd	Chase Maxwell (J)	7.16	Mike Lee	3.15	Bill Midgette	1.26	O.P. Harrison	7.95
3 rd			Tim Pierce	3.15	Bill Midgette	1.12	Bill Midgette	7.71
4 th							Lee Minto	7.60
5 th							Joey Gates	6.95
6 th							Bill Midgette	6.85
7 th							O.P. Harrison	6.56
8 th							Chris Conken	6.51
9 th							Bruce Howle, Jr.	6.45
10 th							George Harrison	6.43

*First to weigh in.

CPR Speckled Trout: 1st -Jim Foster 28.25”, 2nd -Patric Garmeson-25.5”, 3rd -Jim Foster-24.25”

Reminders

*2009 dues are due.

*2009 Big Fish Contest is now running until Nov 14, 2009. Our Statistician MUST receive cards within 30 days of catch.

*Fill out and send Bigfish cards to: Joe Sirmon 3831 BEBEE POINT DRIVE THEODORE, AL 36582 (605-5811)

*Please remember, NO SMOKING in the meeting room. Thanks for helping to make a healthier family environment.

* PLEASE be respectful of our speakers (and members who want to hear them) by refraining from any unnecessary talking or moving

about during the presentations. And we ask that you save your questions until the end of their talk.

*Justin Peacock, Logo Items Chairman, will be selling the usual assortment of ACFA shirts, hats, fish towels, etc. at every meeting.

* Meeting check-in-Those that attend and check in to at least 8 of our 10 regular club meetings will be eligible for our 2009 Grand

Attendance Prize Package. Be sure to see Mike Lee at the sign-in table and please wear a name tag.

*Donations are constantly needed for our monthly door prizes and for the 2009 Grand Attendance Prize Package. Please see Alvin Bell if

you would like to contribute, or have any leads on possible donation sources.

*Remember to suggest ACFA to your fishing friends and acquaintances. The member who sponsors the most new memberships will

automatically win a free dinner for two and receive the Membership Sponsor Award for 2009.

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