# Alabama Coastal Fisherman's Associaton

## October 2009

**Next meeting:** October 1st
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.
**Speaker:** Capt. Mike Thompson- "Fall Fishing in the Delta"
**Quick Hits:** Doug Smith
**Mini-seminar:** TBA
**Next tournament:** October 3rd - "Fall Fallout"

**Club Officers for 2009**

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**President's Message**

The cooler temps are just around the corner and hopefully the fish will be more cooperative in the next few weeks. The August tournament again brought great food and some nice fish, but it was a tough day on the water for most anglers. The October tournament will have about 20 ACFA Captains taking Veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan on a day of fishing. We hope to have a great day for all of them on the water and at the weigh-in and hope to see many of you at the weigh-in, as well. We will have a Limited amount of the original Mutt Burke delta maps available at the meeting. We ask that if you already have a copy or a scanned version, that you reprint one of these and keep the new ones for the new members and those that have not ever had a copy. The Christmas party will be Friday, December 4th and a sign up sheet will be available at this months meeting.

Board elections will be in November and there will be at least 2 positions to fill (Membership and Logo items). If interested in assisting, please see me at the meeting or give me a call. Thanks

**George Harrison** posted this excellent picture of his grandfather, **O.P. Harrison**, with a nice red on the ACFA message board. The red was caught on a recent trip to a top secret location.

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## September "End of Summer"-tournament results

Although participation was light for "The End of Summer" tournament, some fine speckled trout were turned in. Early morning thunderstorms and high winds and seas limited those fishing in the southern part of the bay. Once again, Brenda and her helpers turned out a delicious meal for everyone.

**Speckled Trout**

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| 1. O.P. Harrison | 6.30 |
| 2. George Harrison | 5.40 |
| 3. Joey Gates | 5.25 |
| 4. Bill Midgette | 5.20 |
| 5. Trenny Woodham | 3.50 |

**Spanish Mackeral**

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|---|---|
| 1.David Thornton | 3.60 |
| 2.Bekki Ludlam(L) | 2.35 |

**Flounder**

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| 1. Vicki Foster (L) | 3.25 |
| 2. John Fassbender | 3.00 |
| 3. Rick Tourne | 2.85 |
| 4. Phillip Ward | 1.60 |
| 5. Jacob Guy (J) | 0.90 |

**White Trout**

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|---|---|
| 1. Adam Barker | 1.10 |
| 2. Pat Hughes | 1.00 |
| 3. Kyle Woodham (J) | 0.95* |
| 4.Trenny Woodham | 0.95 |
| 5.Patric Garmeson | 0.70 |

**Redfish**

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|---|---|
| 1. Kyle Woodham (J) | 3.80 |
| 2. Adam Barker | 3.20 |
| 3. Mike Foster | 3.00 |
| 4. Trenny Woodham | 2.90 |
| 5.Sam Clark III | 2.85 |

**Junior Flounder**

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|---|---|
| 1. Jacob Guy(J) | 0.90 |

**Junior Speckled Trout**

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|---|---|
| 1. Kyle Woodham (J) | 1.90 |

**Junior White Trout**

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|---|---|
| 1. Kyle Woodham(J) | 0.95 |
| 2. Jacob Guy (J) | 0.70 |
| 3. Robert Morgan(J) | 0.40 |

* First to weigh in

## October Meeting –October 1st

This month's meeting falls on Thursday October 1st. It will be your last chance to buy tickets for the rod raffle at $1 a ticket. The winner will be drawn at the end of the meeting. Club founder, and outdoorsman extraordinaire, Mike Thompson will be giving the featured presentation on fall fishing in the Delta. Another expert Delta fisherman, Doug Smith, will give the Quick hits. Also, be sure to talk to Club President Vince Hawkins, or any of the other board members, about serving as a club officer, if you have any interest in giving back to this fine club by volunteering your time and effort. New officer elections will be held at the November meeting. One thing is for sure, the knucklehead who writes the newsletter needs to be a one termer!

## October "Fall Fallout" Tournament-October 3rd

This month's tournament will be on Saturday, October 3rd, with the weigh-in at the usual location at American Legion Post 250, just north of Fowl River on Hwy. 193. The categories are: speckled trout, redfish, flounder, and sheephead. This month we also have some very special guests participating in our Take a Soldier Fishing Program. See Mike Thompson or Mike Foster, if you would like to help out, and even if you can't fish, please come by the weigh-in to say "thank you" to the veterans.

## Outdoor News

### Red Cross Causeway Classic-October 10th

The American Red Cross Alabama Gulf Coast Chapter and Verizon Wireless will host the "Red Cross Causeway Classic Trout, Redfish & Flounder Tournament" on October 10, 2009 at The Swamp Room at Felix's Fish Camp. This year's tournament in sponsored by Pilot Catastrophe Services, Verizon Wireless, and The SSI Group, Inc. All anglers, young and the young at heart, are encouraged to participate in the Red Cross Causeway Classic. Entry fee for adult anglers will be $25 each, and youth anglers (18 and under) $15 each. The Red Cross Causeway Classic will begin at daybreak, anglers may launch from anywhere along Mobile Bay and adjacent waters, and must weigh-in at Felix's Fish Camp from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Awards, food, fun and prizes will begin at 4:15 p.m. for anglers, families and friends. Adult and Youth Anglers will be competing in the categories of 3 fish creel on speckled trout, largest speckled trout, 2 fish creel on flounder, largest flounder, largest redfish and master angler. (Redfish must be within slot limit of 16-26 inches.) Complete rules information can be found by going to the following link http://www.redcrossalcoast.org/Default.aspx?tabid=147 .

Tickets can be purchased at the following locations: American Red Cross Alabama Gulf Coast Chapter Offices, Coastal Bank Branches: (170 St. Francis St., 3290 Dauphin St., 7050 Hwy 90 in Daphne), Quint's Hardware & Sporting Goods, Southern Bama Bait & Tackle,Tackle This, Shoot That, and West Marine.

All funds raised from the Red Cross Causeway Classic Trout, Redfish & Flounder Tournament will stay at the local Alabama Gulf Coast Chapter.

Some feathers were ruffled last year when this tournament was cancelled at the last minute due to weather some thought to be dangerous, but more dedicated fishermen found to be "just a little breezy." One of the volunteers helping putting on the tournament this year is a personal friend, and assures me the show this year will go on, regardless of weather (barring a hurricane). So you competitive anglers out there, throw your money in the pot for a good cause.

### CCA-Western Shore Chapter -Bay Blast –Thursday, October 22nd

The Western Shore Chapter of CCA-Alabama will be holding its 2nd Annual Bay Blast banquet on October 22nd, at the Gates of Fowl River. Tickets include: all you can eat jambalaya, and boiled shrimp, beer and wine, live music from "Grits & Pieces", and a one-year membership to CCA. There will also be great raffle items, and a silent auction. Couples tickets are $75, and single tickets are $50. When you consider that the price of a CCA membership is $25, that means your ticket is getting you dinner, drinks and entertainment for two for $50. Try that someplace downtown. All funds raised go to conservation geared toward recreational saltwater fishing. See Jason Miller (490-3221), or call the CCA office at 478-FISH for tickets.

## ACFA'ers in other tournaments

### IFA Redfish Tour-Grand Isle, LA-August 29th

Congrats to club member Barnie White, and his dad Steve, who finished in 5th place with a two redfish stringer weighing 16.03 lbs in the IFA Grand Isle event.

## 2009 Tournament Point Standings

**34 pts-**Adam Barker,
**30 pts-**O.P.Harrison,
**24 pts-** Rick Tourne, George Harrison,
**22 pts-** David Thornton,
**21 pts-** Phillip Guy,
**19 pts-** Joey Gates,
**18 pts-** Kyle Woodham (J)(N),
**17 pts-** Tim Pierce,
**16 pts-** Vicki Foster (L),Donald Garrettson,
**14 pts-** Bill Midgette, Austin Lee(J),
**13 pts-** Mike Foster, Daniel Ford,
**12 pts-** Dane Tomberlin, Jacob Markris (N)(J),
**11 pts-** Trenny Woodham (N), Patric Garmeson, Jim Foster,
**10 pts-** John Fassbender, Autumn Lundy (L)(N ),
**9 pts-** Bryann Sullivan (J), Christian Howell (J), Mike Lee, Richard Suk, Shane Ford, Tom Duncan,
**8 pts-** Chase Maxwell(J)(N), Chloe Chaffin (N)(J), Tye Jordan (J),
**7 pts-** Frank Mitternight, Gary Tingle, Marty Garmeson(N), Patrick Hughes,Teena Pierce (L), Sam Clark III,
**6 pts-**Bill Graves, Bob Ward, Chris Nelson(J), Donnie Fassbender, Donnie Howell, Doug Houston, George Koulianos, Jimbo Miller, Tommy Devery Vince Hawkins, Philip Ward (N),
**5 pts-**, Billy Hurd, Bekki Ludlam (L), Caleb Gates (J), Ed Greer, Hayley Hack (J), Judy Smith (L), Les Smith, Ronnie Dyson, Steve Laurendine, Tracy Ainsworth (N), Jacob Guy(J),
**4 pts-** Bill Perry, Bryan Sullivan, Bubba Maxwell, Dave Growden, Jerry Torrans, Lauren Rea (L), Lee Minto, Richard Hoffman, Sr. (N), Ted Lawson,
**3 pts-** Alvin Bell, Bubba Williams, David Hare, Donna Schantz (L),Doug Smith, Doug Tierce, Evan Fassbender, Katie Mitternight (J), Richard Hoffman, Joe Sirmon,
**2 pts-** Bud Barr, Barry Keith, Jake Markis (N), Jonathon Law, Kristen Mitternight (J), Larry Watkins, Patsy Garmeson (L), Robert Morgan (J), Ryan Hoffman (J), Stephanie Alexander (L)(N), Steve Odell, Theo Koulianos (J), Tommy Pond, Trevor Wood, Tyler Dixon (N)(J),
**1pt**-Belinda Smith (L), Bill Patterson, Bob McClay, Bobby Burgess, Bruce Howle, Jr., Chris Conken, Dale Roberts(N), Dana Hawkins (L), Danny Finch (N), Dwayne Overstreet, Evan Mosley (J), Frank Parker III (J), Frank Parker Jr., George March, Greg Walker (N), Jackson Hughes (J), Jared Kelly, Jerome Parsons(N), Jimmie Farmer (N), Justin Peacock, Keith Kenney, Kevin Wilson(N), Kyle Doster, Lindsey Hawkins (J), Lou Fellis, Luke Fleniken (N), Mary Howell (L), Matthew Morgan (J), Mike Thompson, Nick Redding, Rich Schantz, Rileigh Hawkins (J), Robert Morgan (J), Selene Finch(L)(N), Stewart Mosley, Todd Golomb, 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 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1st | Rick Tourne | 23.93 | Gerald Markrow | 5.54 | Dane Tomberlin | 1.95 | Bill Graves | 7.35 |
| 2nd | Rick Tourne | 19.86 | David Thornton | 5.25 | Kyle Doster | 1.92 | Phillip Guy | 7.20 |
| 3rd | Frank Mitternight | 18.51 | Jamie Dixon | 5.01 | Kyle Doster | 1.72 | O.P. Harrison | 7.10 |
| 4th | Frank Mitternight | 17.55 | Gerald Markrow | 4.69 | Daniel Ford | 1.70 | Luke Flenikan | 6.50 |
| 5th | Dane Tomberlin | 17.23 | Gerald Markow, Jr. | 4.59 | Lauren Rea(L) | 1.70 | Rick Tourne | 6.45 |
| 6th | Jacob Markris(J) | 14.90 | Tim Pierce | 4.47 | Shane Ford | 1.30 | D.W. Garrettson | 6.25 |
| 7th | D.W. Garretson | 11.55 | Autumn Lundy(L) | 3.85 | Ed Greer | 1.15 | Chloe Chaffin(J) | 5.85 |
| 8th | D.W. Garretson | 10.15 | Sharon Markow(L) | 3.73 | Bryann Sullivan (J) | 1.05 | Mike Foster | 5.80 |
| 9th | | | Sharon Markow(L) | 3.66 | Lauren Rea(L) | 1.05 | Judy Smith(L) | 5.75 |
| 10th | | | Alvin Bell | 3.40 | Donnie Fassbender* | 1.00 | Billy Hurd | 5.35 |
| | Sheephead | Wt | Spanish Mackeral | Wt | White Trout | Wt | Speckled Trout | Wt |

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| 1st | Trenny Woodnan (J) | 8.20 | Christian Howell | 5.10 | O.P. Harrison | 2.29 | Alvin Bell | 8.00 |
| 2nd | Chase Maxwell (J) | 7.16 | David Thornton | 4.57 | Bill Midgette | 1.26 | O.P. Harrison | 7.95 |
| 3rd | | | Danielle Howell (L) | 4.40 | Bill Midgette | 1.12 | Bill Midgette | 7.71 |
| 4th | | | David Thornton | 4.03 | Adam Barker | 1.10 | Lee Minto | 7.60 |
| 5th | | | Gary Tingle | 3.33 | Pat Hughes | 1.00 | Joey Gates | 6.95 |
| 6th | | | Mike Lee | 3.15 | | | Bill Midgette | 6.85 |
| 7th | | | Tim Pierce | 3.15 | | | O.P. Harrison | 6.56 |
| 8th | | | | | | | Chris Conken | 6.51 |
| 9th | | | | | | | Bruce Howle, Jr. | 6.45 |
| 10th | | | | | | | George Harrison | 6.43 |

*First to weigh in.

**CPR Speckled Trout**: 1st -Jim Foster 28.25", 2nd-Patric Garmeson-25.5", 3rd-O.P. Harrison-25.00", 4th-Jim Foster-24.25", 5th-George Harrison-24.00"

**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.
* ALCOHOL NOT PURCHASED FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION MAY NOT BE BROUGHT ON TO THE LEGION'S PREMISES.
*Please support our sponsors. ACFA sponsors include: Academy Sports + Outdoors, A-Team Fishing Adventures Canvas Products, Great Days Outdoors Magazine, L&S Bait Company/ MirrOlure, Mo Fishin Bait & Tackle, Saucy Q Bar - B Q Southern Bama Bait & Tackle, and West Marine.

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