

Alabama Coastal Fisherman's Association



May 2010

Next meeting: May 6th
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Speaker: Jeff Vadakin-Rod
 Builder
Quick Hits: Jimbo Miller
Mini-seminar: Donald Wayne
 Garrettson-Spring Specks on Arties
Next tournament: May 8th - west
 of Chocalotta Public Boat Ramp

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President's Message

Another tournament is in the books and maybe one month in the near future, we will be able to fish in less than 20 knot winds. Thanks to Charlie Dowdle and Joe Sirmon for the food at the weigh-in. We are still need **volunteers to help with 2 more tournaments this year**. Please email, call or see me at a meeting. The May tournament is the Battle of the Bay. We will still be fishing against Weeks Bay Fishing Club for Speckled Trout only – note that any other species meeting minimum weight requirements on the Big Fish board could also be brought to the scales, but it would not count for a participation point. The person that catches the largest Trout will keep the club trophy, after it is engraved. On the weigh board, ACFA members can also denote an E(eastside) or W(Westside) for the side bet challenge. The ACFA Board members and others will be cooking fish and grits – hope to see you there.



David Hare, and **Del Delchamps** (foreground) engage in the time honored fishing tradition of potlicking off fellow club members **Mike Thompson** and **Todd Golomb** (background) during the April tournament. (The author was merely taking photos).

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April Spring Breakout tournament results

Once again Mother Nature didn't make ACFA tournament day easy with a blistering southeast wind, but that didn't stop a whole bunch of folks from getting out and wetting a line, and bringing in a few fish. Charlie Dowdle and Joe Sirmon provided all the fixin's for sammiches, and Joe raised baked beans to a new art form. We are attempting to reschedule the annual Coast Guard Auxiliary vessel check for the June tournament.

Speckled Trout

1. Doug Smith	5.95 LBS
2. George Harrison	5.75
3. Donald Garrettson	5.20
4. Trenny Woodham	5.15
5. Rick Tourne	4.55

Speckled Trout, Jr.

1. Chase Maxwell	2.80 LBS.
2. Carson Tierce	2.60
3. Taylor Guy	2.50
4. Jacob Guy	2.00
5. Noah Barker	1.30

Sheephead

1. Ed Greer	7.80 LBS
2. Henry Nall	6.50
3. Donna Shantz(L)	6.45*
4. Chrsitian Howell	6.45
5. Richard Shantz	6.20

Flounder

1. Theo Koulianos(Jr.)	2.20 LBS
2. Noah Barker (Jr)	1.90
3. O.P. Harrison	1.75
4. Jared Kelly	1.65
5. Donny Fassbender	1.50

Flounder Jr.

1. Anna Koulianos	0.85 LBS.
2. Chase Maxwell	0.75

Ground Mullet

1. Tim Pierce	1.00 *LBS
2. Steve Odell	0.90
3. Shawn Dixon	0.60
4. Jamie Dixon	0.40
5. David Thornton	0.30

Ground Mullet, Jr.

1. Christian Howell	0.10 LBS
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Sheephead, Jr.

1. Christian Howell	6.45 LBS.
2. Jacob Guy	1.60

*First to weigh in
 J= Junior angler
 N= New member
 L= Lady angler

May tournament "Speckled Trout Challenge"-May 8th

Its that time of year again-the time of year when the "West Siders" and the "East Siders" square off again for the Speckled Trout Challenge, also known as the "Battle of Mobile Bay", or simply "the BOMB." For those new to the club, since shortly after its inception, the ACFA has challenged other local fishing clubs to friendly contests of speckled trout angling supremacy. The Weeks Bay Fishing Club ("WBFC") then picked up the torch. ACFA's record against the WBFC is a perfect 6-0.

The format is as follows: One weighmaster from each club will weigh one speckled trout brought in by each participating angler. Anglers will declare their club affiliation at the time they weigh-in their fish. By weighing in their fish, each angler is attesting to the fact that their fish was caught in Alabama waters during tournament hours, and otherwise complies with club tourney rules. Anglers must be in line to weigh-in by 5 pm, or their fish will not count. (The usual weigh-in time of 3 pm to 5 pm applies). "Check" weights will not be allowed. After the weigh in, the weighmasters will tally the top 10 heaviest fish, using a point system. The 1st place trout receives 10 points, the 2nd place trout 9 points, and so on. Points will be assigned to each club according to which club each of the top 10 anglers belong to. There will be an added level of intrigue this year as ACFA'ers will be allowed to declare whether they are ACFA Westsiders or Eastsiders. The club with the highest point total wins the Speckled Trout Challenge, and bragging rights for another year. The individual angler that catches the biggest trout will get his name on the trophy, and get to hold on to the trophy until next year's tournament.

The weigh-in will be held under the old Exxon gas station canopy just west of the Chocalotta Ramp on the Causeway. As usual, the ACFA will be frying up fish, served with various sides to feed the anglers and angler's families from both clubs. Even if you think your speck might not be "worthy" or if you land the dreaded skunk, come on out anyway and enjoy the fellowship and camaraderie that can be experienced at every ACFA event. We need as many people as possible fishing for that one big speck. Break out your secret lunker lure, and make plans to get to your honey hole early. Club pride is at stake.

Get your favorite fishing shirt embroidered with the ACFA logo

In years past, the club has collected fishing shirts from club members at a couple of meetings a year to take them and have the ACFA logo embroidered onto them at special prices. Those prices are now available to ACFA members all year long. ACFA members can now have the ACFA logo embroidered onto their shirts by taking them to: American Embroidery, at 8115A Moffet Road, Semmes, AL 36575, for only \$10 per shirt. You can also have your name embroidered for only an additional \$2 per shirt.

Logo Items for sale!

Joes Sirmon, Logo Items Co-Chairman, reports: "If you've been looking for a new fashion statement, don't miss seeing our new wearable line. Something old and something new. Missing sizes in T-s and long sleeves are now available. Popular fishing towels are back in royal blue to help hide all that mess you make catching fish. Two new styles of caps to help fight the sun. These are truly fishing caps. New color regular logo cap with "GET THE NET" embroidered across back over strap. Samples on all items will be displayed at the next meeting so that you can place your order for the next meeting. Ask about our closeout items."

Invite a friend!

Having strong membership allows us to do things like feed the anglers and their families at every weigh-in, award plaques for 1st -3rd in every category of at least four species per tournament, and cater the Christmas Party with a delicious all you can eat seafood buffet, among other things. Please take a minute to suggest the ACFA to a fisherman or fisherwoman you know who might be interested. The more the merrier, and sharing our common love for inshore fishing is what the ACFA is all about

ACFA'ers in other tournaments

The Weeks Bay Fishing Club Invitational was held on April 17, 2010. Club members George Harrison and Trenni Woodham won the overall points category and some nice spending change for their pockets.

Barnie White and his Dad Steve took home first place at the Louisiana Saltwater Series Redfish Tournament in Dularge, LA on April 3rd with a 2 fish bag of 15.36 lbs.

Outdoor News

United Cerebral Palsy Tournament- also May 8th

The United Cerebral Palsy Tournament will be held at the same time as the Speckled Trout Challenge, and the weigh-in will be held right next to the Challenge weigh-in site. Tickets are \$25 per angler, and proceeds go to benefit United Cerebral Palsy. Categories include: Speckled Trout, White Trout, and Flounder, and prizes are awarded for 1st -3rd place in each category. This year there will also be a Speckled Trout Jackpot. Tickets are \$50 per boat. Why not fish in both tournaments? You can weigh any lunker speck you catch in both tournaments, and its for a good cause. Tickets can be purchased from club Treasurer Chris Conken at the meeting, or at UCP's office in Mobile at 3058 Dauphin Square Connector. Contact Chris Conken for more information.

Coast Watch Seminar-Reminder

Don't forget-Alabama Marine Resources Division will be having a Coast Watch Seminar on May 13th, at the Bass Pro Shops in Spanish Fort, AL, from 6p.m.-8 p.m. The program, which is sponsored by CCA-Alabama, teaches attendees how to spot, and report fishery laws violations. It is well worth your time, and has been an extremely successful program. More "eyes on the water" for AMRD means they can do a more effective job of enforcing fishery laws which protect the valuable resource we all love and enjoy.

Redfish Club Challenge*-May 1st

The Annual Unofficial Redfish Club Challenge is being held in Hopedale, LA on May 1st. If you would like to try marsh fishing for Louisiana's plentiful, large, and often not-so-smart redfish, this is the time to do it. Last year the DDBRC outnumbered the ACFA by 2 to 1 and administered a thorough beating. If you think you might be interested in participating in the challenge, contact club member Barnie White ("Barnie" on the ACFA webforum), Vince Hawkins, or any of the redfish tournament regulars in the club, for more details.

*The club challenge is not an official ACFA tournament.

2010 Tournament Point Standings

10 pts- Shawn Dixon

9 pts- Trenni Woodham

7-pts- Ed Greer, George Harrison, O.P. Harrison, Henry Nall, Rick Tourne, Tim Pierce;

6 pts- Jackson Eubanks (J)(N), Jared Kelly, Theo Koulianos (J), Chase Maxwell(J), Bryan Sullivan (J), Doug Smith, David Thornton, Doug Tierce,;

5 pts- Alvin Bell, Noah Barker (J), John Fassbender, Donald Garretton, Steve Odell;

4 pts- Chrisitan Howell (J), Donna Schantz (L);

3 pts- Jim Foster, Richard Schantz(N),;

2 pts- Adam Barker, Bud Barr, Rudy Baugh (N), Danny Fassbender, Mike Foster, Vicki Foster(L), Jacob Guy (J) Ryan Hoffman (J), Donny Howell, Frank Mitternight, Bill Perry Carson Tierce (J), Trevor Wood, Tine Pierc (L)

1 pt- Gene Cooper, Ronnie Dyson, Lee Eubanks, Evan Fassbender, Patric Garmeson, Taylor Guy (J), Phillip Guy, Vince Hawkins, Ryan Hoffman (J), Jackson Hughes (J), Joseph Hughes (J), Patrick Hughes, Anna Kouilanos (J), George Koulianos, Steve Laurendine, Ted Lawson, Mike Lee, Autumn Lundy (L), Jeb Mann, Bubba Maxwell, Bill Midgette, Jason Miller, Jimbo Miller, Bill Patterson, Leslie Smith, Bob Ward, Larry Watkins.

2010 Bigfish Standings

	Blackfish	Wt	Flounder	Wt	Ground Mullet	Wt	Redfish	Wt
1 st			Jamie Dixon	4.31	Marty Garmeson*	2.50	Trenni Woodham	6.85
2 nd			Bill Midgette	3.09	David Thornton	2.30	Donald Garretson	6.55
3 rd					David Thornton	2.15	Jim Foster	6.45
4 th					Marty Garmeson	2.15	Theo Koulianos	5.45
5 th							Phillip Guy	5.40
6 th								
7 th								
8 th								
9 th								
10 th								
	Sheephead	Wt	Spanish Mackerel	Wt	White Trout	Wt	Speckled Trout	Wt
1 st	Vicki Foster	9.62	Vicki Foster	3.03	George Harrison	1.48	David ThorNton	6.60
2 nd	Patric Garmeson	9.36			Jackson Eubanks (J)	1.25	David ThorNton	6.56
3 rd	Ed Greer	7.80			George Harrison	1.22	Bill Perry	6.20
4 th	Mike Foster	7.05					Trenni Woodham	6.05
5 th	Vicki Foster	7.03						
6 th	Henry Nall	6.55						
7 th	Donna Schantz	6.45						
8 th	Christian Howell (J)	6.45						
9 th	Mike Foster	6.22						
10 th	Richard Schantz	6.20						

*New Club Record

CPR Speckled Trout: 1st -Carson Tierce 27.75", 2nd-Noah Barker 25.50", 3rd-George Harrison-25.00", 4th-Adam Barker 24.25, 5th - George Harrison 23.75", 6th- Doug Tierce 23.50"

Reminders

All monthly meetings are held at American Legion Post 88 on Halls Mill Road, at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month
2010 dues are due now, pay by mail to avoid crowds and qualify for prizes.

2010 Big Fish Contest is now running until Nov 14, 2010. Our Statistician MUST receive cards within 30 days of catch.

Fill out and send Bigfish cards to: Adam Barker 1682 Heartland Circle Robertsdale, AL 36567(947-2579)

Dues MUST be paid by the end of February to retain a fish on the Big Fish Board.

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

And 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.

Check Us Out Online @ <http://www.acfafish.com/>

ACFA----We catch fish----Get the net!!!

*****Under no circumstances will the Alabama Coastal Fisherman's Association (ACFA) be responsible for the welfare of any members, guests or equipment while attending meetings or engaging in ACFA tournaments or the challenge.*****