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July Meeting

Thursday July 10, 2025 6:30 pm
Moe's Original BBQ
701 Springhill Ave.
Mobile, AL 36602

SPEAKERS:

Tanner Deas

Raffle & Door Prizes

Rod/Reel Combo: Tickets are \$2.00 ea.

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Upcoming Dates

- Fri. July 4 Independence Day
- Thu. July 10 ACFA Meeting
- Sat. July 12 ACFA Tourney
- July 18 20 ADSFR
- Thu. Aug. 7 ACFA Meeting
- Sat. Aug. 9 ACFA Tourney

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President's Message



Thank you to everyone who attended the June ACFA Meeting!

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer and finding some time on the water. We've seen some great catches already this season, and I'm looking forward to hearing more at our next meeting.

Please make plans to join us for the ACFA July Meeting on Thursday, July 10, 2025, at 6:30 PM at Moe's BBQ in Mobile. It's always great to catch up, share some fishing stories, and prepare for our upcoming tournament.

Speaking of tournaments — our next ACFA Tournament is set for Saturday, July 12, 2025. Be sure to register ahead of time on Fishing Chaos so everything is squared away before the tournament. If you are still having trouble please call my cell phone and we will get you signed up. Let's keep the momentum going and bring in some impressive weigh-ins this month!

As we head into the heart of summer, here are a few quick pointers to help you dial in on some key species around Dauphin Island:

- · **Speckled Trout** Focus on early morning or late evening bites around flats near deep water and oyster beds. The bite has also been really good along the beach in relative deep holes. Topwater lures at first light are producing well, and live bait seems to be the ticket once the sun gets higher.
- · **Redfish** Look for movement along oyster beds, marsh points, and docks in the bay. Gold spoons and live shrimp under a popping cork are dependable choices this time of year.
- · Flounder Target sandy bottoms and bridge pilings with soft plastics or bull minnows bounced slowly. The flatties are hanging tight to structure and ambushing bait along channel edges but have been hard to come by this year.

Stay cool out there, stay safe, and keep those lines tight. I look forward to seeing all of you on July 10th at Moe's BBQ — and again on the water for the July 12th tournament.

Tight lines,

Scott Ellzey

President

Alabama Coastal Fishing Association

OLD BUSINESS June Meeting RECAP

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Our fifth ACFA meeting of 2025 was held @ Moe's BBQ Downtown Thursday June 5, 2025.

ACFA President Scott Ellzey was out of town on vacation that week so David Thornton took the microphone to host the meeting. As is our tradition, we began the meeting with a short prayer and recollection for the repose of Robert "Bobby" McElroy, and David "Burl Minnow" Hare.



Jason Aspinwall was our guest speaker, and he gave a great rundown on targeting flounder which he usually does from a kayak.

Jason had plenty of good tips from tackle to approaching a spot with catching flounder in mind.

You know Jason was telling the truth when he went out the next day and caught this fine flounder using the very same tackle and tactics he had mentioned to us at the meeting!



Part 1



June Meeting RECAP Part 2

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Retired Mobile Fire Chief Robert Thornton let us know about the Boaty Campbell Memorial Fishing Rodeo. Not only telling us about the tournament and the two youngsters sponsored by it, but he had some of the background story of Boaty Campbell and his desire to help others.

Next we heard from CCA Alabama Executive Director, Blakeley Ellis who told us about what all the Coastal Conservation Association has been up to in Alabama for the past year. They spread a LOT of money around for reef building, habitat restoration, and brooding efforts with several species through the Claude Petit Mariculture Center in Gulf Shores. Also sponsoring offshore and inshore tagging programs including the STAR tournament. As a couple of ACFA members can attest in the past, that blue tagged redfish could be the ticket to a new boat. BUT, you have to join the CCA and enter the contest first ;-)





June Meeting RECAP

Part 3

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Following the talks we showed the results from the May ACFA Hooked Up To Help Tournament along with the plaque and plate presentations.

Next came the April ICS (Inshore Championship Series 3) results and check presentations.

The meeting wound down with the announcements of the June ACFA Tournament and ICS-4 Tournament, and a reminder of the Boaty Cambell fishing tournament running concurrently with ours.

This was followed by a raffle drawing and Door Prizes,











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Then adjournment.

JUNE TOURNAMENT RECAP - SUMMER STARTER

The fourth 2025 ACFA tourney was held Saturday June 7th under nominal conditions. It ran simultaneously with the Boaty Campbell "Hooked Up For A Cause" Tournament. But our weigh-in was held at the American Legion Post 250.



ACFA Member and Statistician, Sandy Tillery reeled in the catch of the day when he rescued the rescue boat that came to rescue them after breaking down on the water. Just goes to show that ANYTHING can happen while boating!

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Landon Devery was the ONLY Junior Angler to weigh in a fish, but the Adults did a good job with the Speckled trout, Redfish, and Flounder.

REMINDER: Redfish over 26" are NEVER accepted at ACFA weigh in or BFC contests. And now there is no allowance to retain redfish over 26 inches Maximum Total Length.

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- continued -■ ACFA Summer Starter Fishing Tournament June 7, 2025 of 44 Anglers **Speckled Trout** Junior Speckled Trout Heaviest Slot Speckled Trout (15"-22") Heaviest Slot Speckled Trout (15"-22") William Mark Jones 3.57 lbs. NO RANKS Speckled trout FISHING & CHOOS 2 William Schuchardt 2.58 lbs. Speckled trout 3 Raymon Dixon Sr 2.55 lbs. Speckled trout 4 Lee Stock 2.30 lbs. Speckled trout 5 Quentin Miller 2.27 lbs. Speckled trout Redfish **Junior Redfish** Heaviest Slot Redfish (16"-26") Heaviest Slot Redfish (16"-26") **Bob Ward** 5.46 lbs. NO RANKS Redfish FISHING & CHAOS 2 Perry Stokley 4.27 lbs. 3 Wayne Sanders 3.45 lbs. FISHING & CHAOS **Junior White Trout White Trout Heaviest White Trout Heaviest White Trout** Joey oberkirch 0.95 lbs. 1 Landon Devery 0.54 lbs. White trout White trout FISHING & CHOOS 2 William Schuchardt 0.91 lbs. **Junior Flounder Flounder** Heaviest Flounder Heaviest Flounder 1 Bob Ward 2.28 lbs. NO RANKS FISHING & CHAOS 2 Luke Stock 2.12 lbs. 3 Wayne Swiger 2.08 lbs. 4 Carl Williams 1.56 lbs. 5 Phillip Ward 1.37 lbs. Flounder



Inshore Championship Series (ICS-4)

INSHORE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

SPECKLED TROUT

SLOT (15"-22")

SSCASH PRIZESSS

1-10 1ST PLACE ONLY (100%). 10-19 1ST (60%), 2ND (40%). 20 1ST (60%), 2ND (30%), 3RD (10%). CASH PRIZE DISTRIBUTION WILL BE MADE AT THE NEXT CLUB MEETING

TOURNAMENT.
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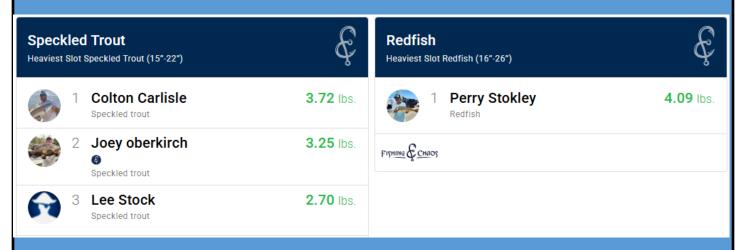
RED FISH

SLOT (16"-26")

JUNE 7, 2025



FULL RESULTS



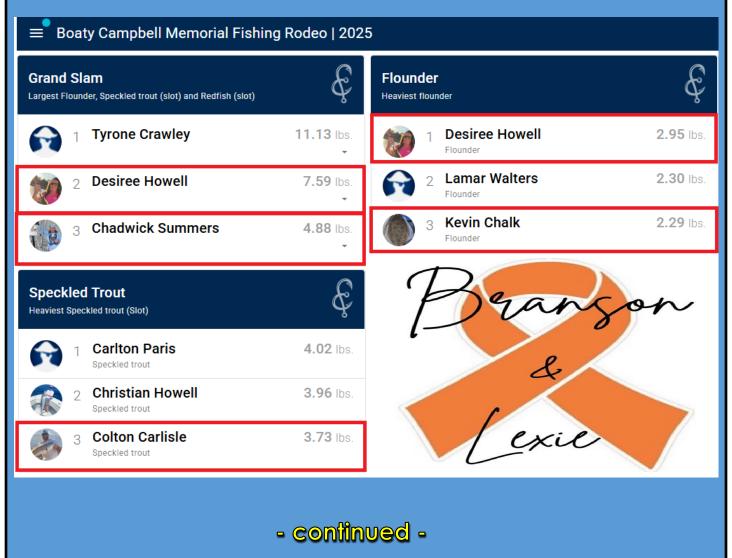
The fourth ACFA Inshore Championship Series (ICS) tournament was held in conjunction with our regular monthly tournament on June 7th.

By the rules, 1st and 2nd Place receive payouts at the July meeting.

ACFA MEMBERS IN OTHER TOURNIES

The Boaty Campbell Memorial Fishing Rodeo
"Hooked Up For A Cause" was held
Saturday June 7th, 2025 @ the Grand Mariner on Dog River.

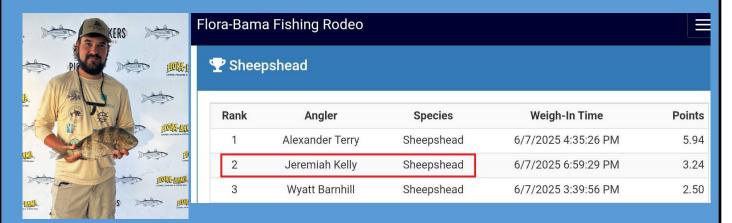
The ACFA congratulates those who placed in their tournament, plus all who participated or otherwise supported this fine cause. Over \$10,000 was raised for the needs of these two youngsters!



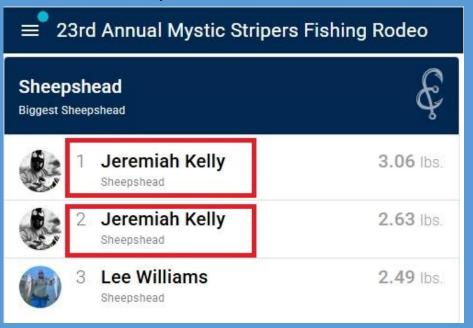
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ACFA MEMBERS IN OTHER TOURNIES

ACFA member Jeremiah Kelly went on a bit of a tear with sheepshead finishing second in the Flora-Bama Fishing Rodeo June 7th,

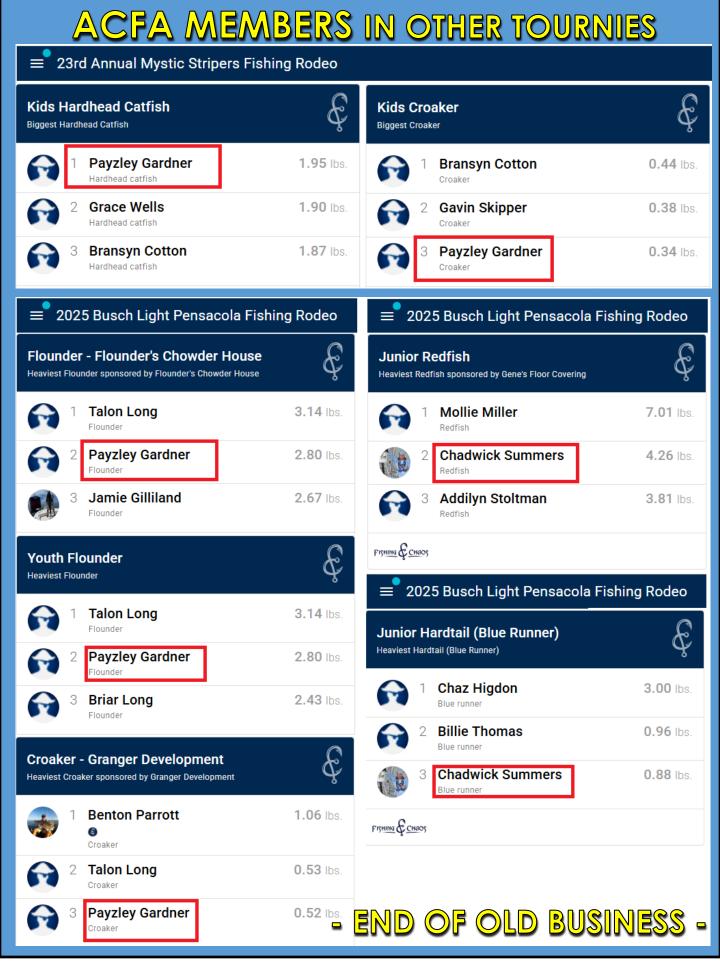


... plus first and second in the Mystic Stripers Fishing Rodeo held June 14th on Dauphin Island. CONGRATULATIONS!



ACFA Junior member Payzley Gardner (daughter of Landyn Gardner) went on a bit of a tear of her own in the Mystic Stripers Fishing Rodeo June 14th, then again in the Busch Light Pensacola Fishing Rodeo June 21st-22nd along with Chatwin Summers. Congratulations to you both!





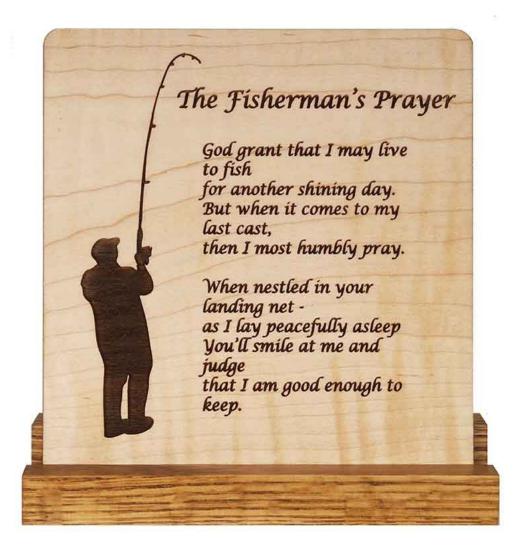
Fisherman's Prayer List

Don "Iceman" Ludlam, suffered a stroke recently, but has been doing well since and is anxious to recover according to his wife Bekki.

Don is a former ACFA member and served as club President in 2003. He is also noted as a fine reel repairman and makes Lud-Stud Custom Rods. Please keep Don in your prayers for a rapid and total recovery!

Also, PLEASE keep our good friend, former ACFA member Romie Perez in your thoughts and prayers as he continues to do battle with cancer and the debilitating affects of ongoing chemo therapy. This is one tough hombre, but he could sure use our prayers and loving thoughts.





NEW BUSINESS

July Meeting PREVIEW

The sixth ACFA 2025 meeting will be held Thursday July 10, 2025 @ Moe's BBQ Downtown location, starting @ 6:30 pm.



Our guest speaker will be Dauphin Island shore guide extraordinaire, Tanner Deas.

Also, we will have the June TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Results of the 4th 2025 ACFA tourney "Summer Starter" will be shown along with plaque and plate presentations.

Also the results and checks for the ICS-4 tournament (in June) will be presented.

AND current statistics (point standings) will be posted and discussed.

Plus, LOTS of other info, Logo Items, a raffle, and door prizes too. So be there!





July Tournament PREVIEW

The fifth ACFA tournament of 2025, titled "Rodeo Warmup"



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This tourney will be held concurrent to the "Roy Martin Young Anglers tournament" on Dauphin Island.

But, the ACFA weigh-in will be held at American Legion Post 250 on DIP Saturday, July 12th at 3 pm.

July species:

Flounder, Redfish (slot), Speckled trout (slot), and Gafftopsail catfish.

ACFA Registration and Rules can be found @

https://app.fishingchaos.com/tournament/chwnQ7nk9goxPLnspuOl

Food Coordinator Lynette Kalifeh is planning pulled pork sandwiches, along with ...

Plus desserts of course, but we always accept dessert donations!

Our fifth Inshore Championship Series (ICS-5) tournament will be held simultaneously with our regular club tournament. See Registration and Rules @ https://app.fishingchaos.com/tournament/GFYhYM8o8hrgohxYmWiU

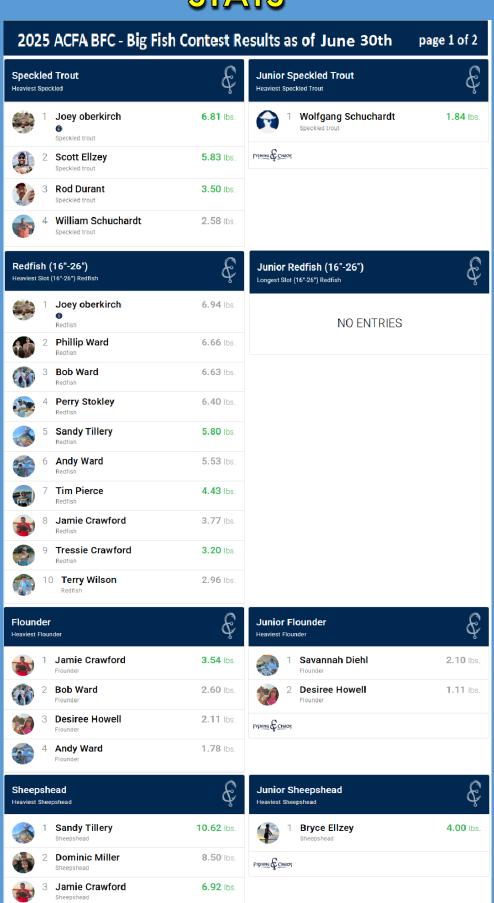


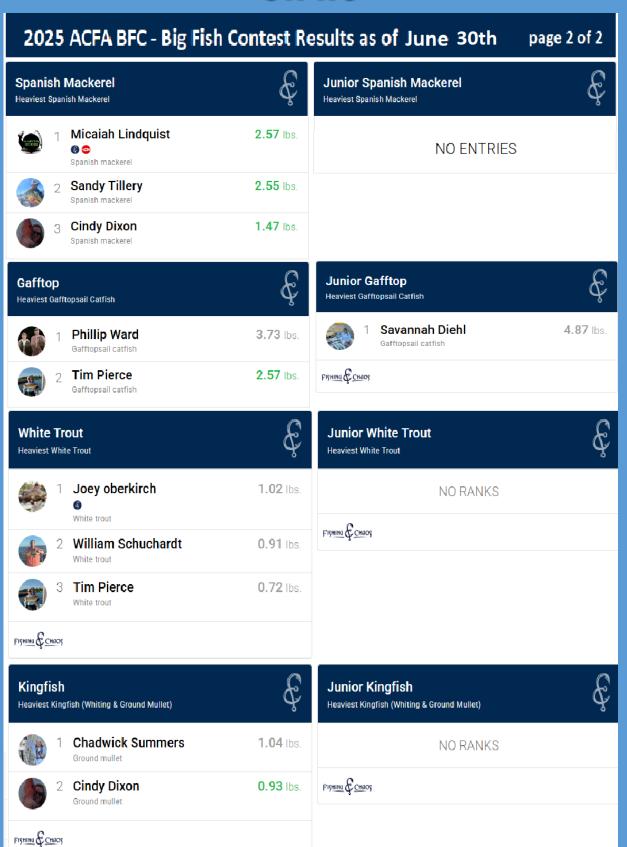
ACFA Membership and Tournament Registration Information @

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2025 ACFA CPR - Catch, Photograph, Release Contest as of June 30th **Speckled Trout Junior Speckled Trout** Longest Speckled Trout Over 15" Longest Speckled Over 15" **Scott Elizey** 25.50 in. NO ENTRIES Speckled trout Redfish **Junior Redfish** Longest Redfish Over 16" Longest Redfish Over 16" Perry Stokley 25.35 in. Redfish NO ENTRIES **Harvey Pepper** 20.50 in. Redfish **Junior Flounder** Flounder Longest Flounder Over 14" Longest Flounder Over 14" **NO ENTRIES** NO ENTRIES White Trout **Junior White Trout** Longest White Trout Over 12" Longest White Trout Over 12" NO ENTRIES NO ENTRIES Junior Sheepshead Sheepshead Longest Sheepshead Over 12" (FL) Longest Sheepshead Over 12" (FL) NO ENTRIES **NO ENTRIES**





ACFA 2025 ADULT MASTER ANGLER STANDINGS as of JUNE 30th

1 Perry Stokley	520 pts +	23 Phillip Ward	115 pts -
2 Sandy Tillery	516 pts -	25 Cindy Dixon	114 pts -
3 🏜 Jamie Crawford	504 pts -	26 Michael Mims	99 pts 🕶
4 William Schuchardt	501 pts 🕶	26 Donnie Vinson	99 pts 🕶
5 Nevin Chalk	482 pts -	28 Billy Davis	98 pts 👻
6 Soey oberkirch	422 pts +	28 Raymon Dixon Sr	98 pts -
7 Desiree Howell	396 pts +	28 W Landyn Gardner	98 pts 💌
8 Mike Mutchell	292 pts +	28 Dan McDaniel	98 pts 🔻
9 Carl Williams	291 pts 🕶	28 Wayne Swiger	98 pts -
10 L oretta Dixon	287 pts 💌	33 Ree Stock	97 pts 🕶
11 Colton Carlisle	283 pts +	33 Colin Wright	97 pts 🕶
12 Bob Ward	217 pts -	35 S Anne Vinson	96 pts 🕶
13 Tim Pierce	213 pts +	36 Jeremiah Kelly	95 pts 💌
14 Cliff Bailey	199 pts 🔻	37 🌑 Alex Manry	93 pts 🕶
15 William Mark Jones	198 pts +	37 Reid Poe	93 pts -
16 Quentin Miller	193 pts -	39 Jonathan Clark	25 pts 🕶
16 Luke Stock	193 pts +	40 Aarvey Pepper	24 pts +
18 Raymon Dixon	191 pts +	41 S Andy Ward	11 pts 🕌
18 A Jerry Markow	191 pts 🕶	42 Micaiah Lindquist	10 pts +
18 Wayne Sanders	191 pts 🕶	43 Dominic Miller	9 pts 🔻
21 Tyler Dixon	189 pts -	44 Rod Durant	8 pts -
22 Scott Elizey	131 pts +	44 Terry Wilson	8 pts -
23 Chadwick Summers	115 pts 🕶	46 Tressie Crawford	2 pts 🕶

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2025 JUNIOR MASTER ANGLER STANDINGS as of June 30th

1	Wolfgang Schuchardt	110 pts	~
2	Billy Davis	100 pts	•
2	Landon Devery	100 pts	•
2	Payzley Gardner	100 pts	*
2	Declan O'Brien	100 pts	-
6	Candace Vinson	99 pts	~
7	Mirabell O'Brien	98 pts	~
8	Katherine Quinley	97 pts	~
9	Savannah Diehl	20 pts	~
10	Bryce Ellzey	10 pts	•
11	Desiree Howell	9 pts	*
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2025 INSHORE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES STANDINGS AFTER 4 (FOUR) TOURNAMENTS

1		Joey oberkirch	501.53 pts	~
2		Perry Stokley	403.4 pts	•
3		Colton Carlisle	398 pts	•
4	8	Scott Elizey	297.3 pts	•
5		Jeremiah Kelly	100 pts	•
5		Michael Mims	100 pts	•
7		Desiree Howell	99.64 pts	•
8	(Micaiah Lindquist	99 pts	•
9		Dan McDaniel	98 pts	•
9		Mike Mutchell	98 pts	•
9		Lee Stock	98 pts	•
12		Chris Hicks	96 pts	•

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