



## ACFA

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### September 2004 Newsletter

The September meeting of our club will be held at 7pm on Thursday Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> at the American Legion Post 88, 2663 Halls Mill Road. We hope to see you there.

Our speaker for this meeting will be Capt. Jeff Dute, charter member and past president of ACFA, executive editor of the Gulf Coast Outdoors Magazine, and proprietor of Osprey Fishing Expeditions Guide Service. Jeff has garnered numerous fishing awards, usually with catches of Speckled Trout or Redfish, and is particularly knowledgeable when it comes to the Lagoon, Mobile Bay, and the rivers and bays of our lower Delta, having caught his share of fish in all of them. About this time each year, as fall approaches, many of our game fish begin to transition up the bay and into our rivers. Sometimes varied tactics are required to consistently put a few fish in the boat. A session with Jeff this Thursday may be just what you need to help yourself this fall. Come, listen closely, and bring your questions.

### President's Message

Hey guys I was glad to see a good turnout for the shrimp boil and thanks to everyone who lent a helping hand. Since this turned out so well and the participation was great maybe, we can do this on an annual basis. Speaking of food, everyone that has more fish in their freezers than they need it would be graciously accepted for donation for the annual fish fry that we have in October. See Charlie Dowdle at the meeting or call him at 661-7770.

On the fishing front there a few fish still willing to bite. The Mobile River, Grand Bay, and Blakely River has specks and redfish biting off and on, you just have to be there at the right time. The more the water cools off the better the fishing should be.

The south end of the bay the specks are starting to bite a little better in the last week or so from some reports that I have gotten, the rigs in the bay and the shoals are starting to produce again on live bait.

See you at the meeting,  
Bruce Sr. AKA TOP DAWG

### Congratulations

In the recent Conde Cavaliers tournament Michael Pierce placed 4<sup>th</sup> in Gaftopsail and 1<sup>st</sup> in hardhead catfish, Butch Pierce placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in hardhead catfish, Kyle Mitternacht placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> in Sheepshead and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Speckled Trout, and Frank Mitternacht placed 4<sup>th</sup> in Sheepshead and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Speckled Trout. Bobby Abruscato was the Speckled Trout Jackpot winner. Way to go!

### August Meeting Rehash

With well over 100 folks present, our Aug. ACFA meeting was an unparalleled success. Billed as a "thank you" to our members it was truly a meeting that will be remembered for some time. Don and Bekki Ludlam were the speakers, John Collier and a contingent from WBFC were on hand to present ACFA with the Speckled Trout Challenge trophy from our May contest, and lots of door prizes were awarded. But it would almost have to be those succulent boiled shrimp with potatoes and corn that really made the meeting unforgettable. Many thanks to all who contributed to another ACFA success story

Bruce Howle Sr. and Jr.

David Hare

Doug Smith

Butch Pierce

Marc Kruse

Don Ludlam

P.S.--Sincerest apologies if we left someone out.

Angie Howle

Beverly Pierce

Michael Pierce

Alvin Bell

Charlie Dowdle

Joe Sirmon

### August Tournament Wrap-up

A rainless but windy Saturday presented problems to our fishermen in the lower bay, but the canal and causeway area did pay off for others. No Spanish were entered but the elusive Grand Slam was completed for extra tourney points by Bill Midgette. Pat Hughes, our weigh master notes that about 20 members entered fish and the results are as follows:

<u>Speckled Trout</u>		<u>Redfish</u>		<u>Flounder</u>	
Bill Patterson	4.30	Bill Midgette	7.15	Mutt Burke	3.15
Bill Midgette	4.20	*Hal Scheurich	4.95	Kyle Mitternacht	1.85
Bobby Abruscato	3.65	Tom Duncan	3.95	Bill Midgette	1.75
Earl Hopper	3.05	Bobby Abruscato	3.40	*Trey Pitt	1.70
*Steve Parks	3.05	*Sean Sullivan	3.15	*Marc Kruse	1.65

\*New Members

### Our Sept. Tournament: "End Of Summer"

Our next monthly tourney will be held on Sat. Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> (Labor Day weekend). We will fish for Speckled Trout, Flounder, White Trout, and Spanish Mackerel. There will be 12 plaques up-for-grabs and barring tropical weather fronts our fishing should be "red hot" about tourney time. As always we hope that you will plan to fish on that day and, if you catch a tourney fish that may place (or win), we hope you'll bring it to our weigh-in. As usual the weigh-in will be from 3-5pm behind the American Legion Post 250 on D.I.P. (on west side of hiway next to Family Dollar) approx. one block south of Bayley's Restaurant and Greer's Food Tiger.

### Reminders

1. Please sign-in and wear a nametag. We're still gaining new 2004 members (roster now over 130) and we need to get to know everyone.
2. Thanks from all your fellow members for refraining from smoking during our meeting! Smoke-free meetings are the greatest!
3. ACFA decals, ACFA rules, ACFA business cards, our 2004 ACFA roster (published in June), our ACFA big fish contest cards, and our ACFA license tags are all available (at no charge) at the door. Pick'em up if you need 'em.

### Of Note

- A. Quick hits will be delivered by one of our "old pros"-David Hare.
- B. ACFA embroidered patches, our monogrammed ACFA fishing caps, ACFA tee shirts, and our logo'd fishing towels will be available for purchase at this meeting. See Bud Barr.
- C. This Sept. weigh-in at Post 250 will be the last one there for our 2004 club year. That's because our Oct. weigh-in for our "Causeway Classic" will be combined with our usual fish fry held on the back porch of Liz's Haven (across from the Battleship) on the Mobile Bay Causeway. In Oct. (only) all tournament boats must launch from and return to any ramp located along the causeway. More info next month.

### Now---Pay Close Attention

It's now time for many of you to "fish or cut bait"! By a show of hand at last month's meeting many of you wanted the opportunity to purchase short-sleeved fishing shirts with our club logo and name embroidered above the right breast pocket. We mentioned that we'd need at least a dozen shirts requested before we could make an order for the club. Although we didn't require any money at that meeting we did need to know who was really interested. Only four of you saw Bud Barr and filled out our request forms and, of course, that's not enough for a minimum order.

Now we're through foolin' around and we mean business! We believe that there really are enough of our members wanting shirts to justify this one last attempt at an order so here goes---  
Short sleeved fishing shirts with our logo will cost \$26.50 each prepaid (cash or check for shirt/s only) to ACFA and delivered to Bud at this Sept. meeting. This will be your one and only chance in 2004 to purchase! Information that Bud must have: 1. Your name (printed) 2. Size of each shirt ordered (M-L-XL-XXL) 3. First choice color and second choice color (for each shirt ordered in your sizes) colors are : olive, tan, yellow, orange/peach, sky blue, and light/bright green 4. Your phone number (if we need more info or can't read).

If you can't make this Sept. meeting you may send a check (only) made out to ACFA along with all the required info (1-4 above) to: Bud Barr, 5000 Karlan Drive, Mobile, Al 36693 but this order must reach Bud's house by Sat. Sept. 4 to be included with our purchase. Your check will be returned to you if your order is late. In addition, if we don't get the minimum order your money will be returned.

It's now or never gang--we're giving you an opportunity!

SN OUR HORIZON ✓

### Big Fish Contest Standings 2004

8/24/2004

	WT	Flounder	WT	Ground Mullet	WT	Redfish	WT
1 Del Delchamps	15.84	Mike Herring	4.94	Bruce Howle, Jr.	2.32	Bill Midgette	7.15
2 Kyle Mitternacht	11.61	Gerald Markow	4.70	Bruce Howle, Sr.	1.86	Kyle Mitternacht	5.75
3 Rick Tourne	11.02	Frank Mitternacht	4.50	Bruce Howle, Sr.	1.60	Mutt Burke	5.70
4 Trey Pitt	10.56	Del Delchamps	4.34	Bruce Howle, Jr.	1.58	Kelly Fulmer	5.50
5		John Taylor	4.22	Del Delchamps	1.20	Jennifer Mitternacht	5.00
	WT	Speckled Trout	WT	Spanish Mackerel	WT	White Trout	WT
1 Doug Smith	12.80	Rick Yeend	7.94	Bruce Howle, Jr.	4.00	Bruce Howle, Sr.	1.86
2 Brittney Howle	10.80	Bruce Howle, Sr.	7.58	Bruce Howle, Jr.	2.79	Rick Tourne	1.60
3 Kyle Mitternacht	10.26	Kyle Mitternacht	7.55	Doug Smith	2.36	Tom Duncan	1.15
4 Belinda Smith	10.05	Bruce Howle, Sr.	7.06			Earl Hopper	1.10
5 Barry Keith	10.00	Kelly Fulmer	6.74			Bobby McElroy	1.00

### 2004 Tournament Standings

PLACE	MEMBER	POINTS
1	Kyle Mitternacht	42
2	Bill Midgette	34
3	David Hare	27
3	Doug Smith	27
4	Tom Duncan	22
5	Del Delchamps	17
6	Earl Hopper	16
7	Bill Patterson	15
8	Sonny Gause	13
9	Rick Tourne	12
10	Frank Dunlewy	11
10	Kelly Fulmer	11
10	Bobby McElroy	11
11	Alvin Bell	10
11	Mutt Burke	10
11	Gerald Markow	10
11	Tommy Pond	10
11	Jef Vadakin	10
12	Jimmy Holmes	9
12	Bruce Howle, Jr.	9
13	Johnny Fassbender	8
13	Jim Glass	8
13	Billy Hurd	8
13	Steve Parks	8
13	Bud Turner	8
13	Ocie Wade	8
14	Frank Mitternacht	7
14	John Winter	7
15	Bobby Abruscato	6
15	Britney Howle	6
15	Barry Keith	6
15	Frank Miller	6
15	Jennifer Mitternacht	6
15	Butch Pierce	6
16	Hal Scheurich	6
16	Mike Herring	5
16	Bruce Howle, Sr.	5
16	Belinda Smith	5
17	Donald Garrettson	4
17	Jep Hill, Jr.	4
17	Trisha Lowry	4
17	Thomas Murray	4
17	Beverly Pierce	4
17	Trey Pitt	4
17	Jimmy Quint	4

18	Mike Coffee	3
18	Wayne Garrettson	3
18	Jep Hill, Sr.	3
18	Shaun Sullivan	3
19	Bud Barr	2
19	Charlie Dowdle	2
19	Patrick Hughes	2
19	Jim Jernigan, Jr.	2
19	Marc Kruse	2
19	John Markow	2
19	Nick Markow	2
19	George Turner	2
20	Donnie Fassbender	1
20	Sid Fern	1
20	Phillip Guy	1
20	Donnie Howell	1
20	Angie Howle	1
20	Jackson Hughes	1
20	Joseph Hughes	1
20	Marron Jernigan, Sr.	1
20	Wes Knight	1
20	Larry Markow	1
20	Sharon Markow	1
20	Jim Mason	1
20	Jimbo Miller	1
20	Dustin Moore	1
20	Matt Perry	1
20	Michael Pierce	1
20	Jad Pope	1
20	Darrell Raley	1
20	Joe Sirmon	1
20	BH Smith	1
20	Mike Thompson	1
20	Cindy Yeend	1