

# Alabama Coastal Fisherman's Association



## April 2010

**Next meeting:** April 1<sup>st</sup>  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Speaker:** Bobby Abruscato  
**Quick Hits:** Marty Garmeson  
**Mini-seminar:** O.P. Harrison  
 Live Bait-catching, keeping and fishing with it  
**Next tournament:** April 3<sup>th</sup>, American Legion Post 250

## Club Officers for 2010

President:	Vince Hawkins	452-3899
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Treasurer:	Chris Conken	209-2726
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Membership:	Keith Kenny	661-6057
Weighmaster:	Pat Hughes	422-6992
Donations:	Charlie Crawford	391-5523
Logo Items	Joe Sirmon	605-5811
	and Jerry Torrans	344-4916
Awards:	George Harrison	367-7658
Newsletter:	Jason Miller	490-3221
Webmaster:	Brandon Milam	680-1302
Advisor:	Mike Thompson	

## President's Message

Well, if the March meeting and tournament were a glimpse of what is to come, this should be an excellent year. We continue to have new members joining the club and please continue to encourage friends to make a meeting. Please take a moment at the meetings to introduce yourself and make everyone welcome. On tournament day, great food capped of an otherwise brutal day of wind and we were still serving people at 4:45. Special thanks to Kevin and Randy for the excellent BBQ!! Please remember to wear your PFD's when running, it might save your life. Thanks also to Sean Sullivan at 106.5 for giving the club a 10 minute segment 2 weeks ago and to Alan White with GDO Magazine and 105.5 for air time on Thursday, April 1 during the Outdoors show.



**Donald Wayne "Daktari" Garretson** slaps a golden pond pumpkin on the board at the April Tournament weigh-in to enter it in the year long big fish competition. Dak blistered that spottail cuz on a bitsy bug.

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## March Madness tournament results

Tournament anglers had to contend with brutal west winds for this tournament, but as usual, it did not keep most folks from catching a bunch of fish and enjoying themselves. All of those club members, as well as many more who didn't have fish to weigh, enjoyed the camaraderie, fish stories, and great food at the weigh-in. Randy Wiscaver and his assistant Cevin Cormier provided top notch BBQ, while the Pres proved he can't even make toast. We encourage all club members, even if they don't have fish to weigh, or even if they didn't have a chance to wet a line that day, to come out to tournament weigh-ins to enjoy the fellowship this club has to offer.

### Speckled Trout

1. Trenni Woodham	6.05 LBS
2. Rick Tourne	5.00
3. Doug Tierce	4.95
4. Jim Foster	4.25
5. George Harrison	4.20

### Junior Speckled Trout

1. Carson Tierce	3.65 LBS
2. Bryann Sullivan	3.10
3. Chase Maxwell	2.35
4. Jacob Guy	1.20*
5. Jackson Eubanks	1.20

### Sheephead

1. Bryann Sullivan(J)	4.45 LBS
2. Jamie Dixon	4.40
3. Alvin Bell	3.55
4. O.P. Harrison	3.25
5. Henry Nall	3.20

### Junior Sheephead

1. Jackson Hughes	2.50* LBS
2. Christian Howell	2.50
3. Jackson Eubanks	2.10
4. Joseph Hughes	2.05
5. Ryan Hoffman	1.70

### White Trout

1. Jackson Eubanks(J)	1.25 LBS
2. Chase Maxwell (J)	0.90
3. John Fassbender	0.75
4. Jared Kelly	0.55*
5. Doug Tierce	0.55

### Ground Mullet

1. Shawn Dixon	0.55*LBS
2. David Thornton	0.55

J= Junior angler

N= New member

L= Lady angler

\* First to weigh-in

## Last chance-dues reminder

If you haven't yet renewed your dues by the mailing date of this newsletter, your name will be purged from the membership role for 2010. If you haven't yet done so, please fill out the Membership Application (enclosed in the February newsletter, or available on the club website: [http://www.acfafish.com/cms/ACFA\\_Membership\\_Form.pdf](http://www.acfafish.com/cms/ACFA_Membership_Form.pdf) and send it along with your check to: Keith Kenney 4276 Honey Court, Mobile, AL 36619. You can also renew at the meeting, but we prefer that you please mail in your dues to help the meeting run smoothly.

## April tournament "Spring Breakout"-April 3<sup>rd</sup>

April 4<sup>th</sup> is the date for the next ACFA Tournament -"Spring Breakout" Speckled Trout, Flounder, Sheepshead, and Ground Mullet are the categories. Plaques for 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> will also be given for Pompano, but Pompano do not count toward tournament point standings. The weigh-in is at the usual spot at American Legion Post 250 on D.I.P (Ala. Hwy 193) just north of Fowl River. If you are headed south its just past the Family Dollar, on the right side of the road, which is just past the Greer's Food Tiger, and the blinking yellow light at the intersection with Fowl River Road.

## **Sad News**

One of the club's founding members John Arthur Ethridge passed away on March 12, 2010, in a boating accident. Please keep John's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

## **Fishing Trip Raffle**

At the April meeting, club member Donna Kiefer will be selling raffle tickets for a fishing trip that was donated to raise money for her Relay for Life team, "Reeling for a Cure". The trip was donated by a fishing guide out of Dauphin Island by the name of Jimmy Loone . It is for up to 3 people and can be scheduled between May and Sept. The tickets are 1 for \$5.00 or 5 for \$20.00. More information will be given at the meeting. All money goes directly to the American Cancer Society.

## **ACFA'ers in other tournaments**

The first installment of the GCAA redfish tournament series was held in Lafitte, LA, on March 6, 2010. Past club member Rick Rutland and his son Richard finished in first place with a whopping 2 fish stringer of 17.06 lbs, with one of those slot legal fish being an abomination of nature at 9.66 lbs.

As the summer tournament season gets started, be sure to let the Newsletter Editor know of any club members that do well in any of the local or regional tournaments.

## **Outdoor News**

### **CCA-Western Shore Chapter**

The Western Shore Chapter of CCA will be holding its annual spring crawfish boil at Pelican Reef on Fowl River on April 22, 2010. Boiled crawfish, draft beer and live music will be provided for a small admission fee. (Details are not yet finalized this year, but in past years admission has been only \$10). Local guides also usually are present to give a few tips. Non-CCA members are welcome. Come on out and enjoy crawfish, cold beer and music, and consider joining CCA, if you have not already. Stay tuned to the ACFA web forum for more details as they become available.

### **Coast Watch Seminars**

The CCA, in partnership with the Alabama Marine Resources Division, will be sponsoring another series of "Coast Watch" Seminars this Spring and Summer. "Coast Watch" is a community watch program of sorts on the water. The seminar teaches attendees how to spot and report fishing regulations violations. The program is useful to the Marine Resources Division because it multiplies the number of eyes on the water, and helps eliminate enforcement officers wasting valuable time with invalid reports of violations. When a call is received from a person who has attended a Coast Watch seminar, Marine Resources knows they can place far more credence in that report. Such reports may result in officers catching violators, or at the least, allow them to plan their patrol patterns to more effectively enforce fishery regulations. The seminars are free, only take a few hours, and are a worthwhile investment of your time.

This year's Coast Watch Seminar schedule is:

May 13<sup>th</sup>

Location: Bass Pro Shops in Spanish Fort, AL

6:30-8:30

June 17<sup>th</sup>

Location: Gates of Fowl River, at Fowl River

6:30-8:30

### 2010 Tournament Point Standings

**6 pts-** Jackson Eubanks (J)(N), Shawn Dixon, Bryann Sullivan (J), Trenni Woodham;

**5 pts-** Jamie Dixon, Chase Maxwell(J), David Thornton, Doug Tierce, Rick Tourne,;

**4 pts-** Alvin Bell, John Fassbender;

**3 pts-** Jim Foster, O.P. Harrison, Jared Kelly;

**2 pts-**George Harrison, Henry Nall;

**1 pt-** Adam Barker, Bud Barr, Rudy Baugh (N), Gene Cooper(N), Mike Foster, Vicki Foster(L), Patric Garmeson, Donald Garretton, Ed Greer, Jacob Guy (J), Jimbo Miller, Richard Schwartz(N), Bill Patterson, Bill Perry, Carson Tierce (J), Chrisitan Howell (J), Richard Hoffman, Jr., Ryan Hoffman (J), Donny Howell, Jackson Hughes (J), Joseph Hughes (J), Patrick Hughes, Steve Laurendine, Frank Mitternight, Tim Pierce, Trevor Wood

### 2010 Bigfish Standings

	Blackfish	Wt	Flounder	Wt	Ground Mullet	Wt	Redfish	Wt
1 <sup>st</sup>					Marty Garmeson	2.50	Donald Garretson	6.55
2 <sup>nd</sup>					David Thornton	2.30	Jim Foster	6.45
3 <sup>rd</sup>					David Thornton	2.15		
4 <sup>th</sup>					Marty Garmeson	2.15		
5 <sup>th</sup>								
	Sheephead	Wt	Spanish Mackerel	Wt	White Trout	Wt	Speckled Trout	Wt
1 <sup>st</sup>					George Harrison	1.48	Trenni Woodham	6.05
2 <sup>nd</sup>					Jackson Eubanks (J)	1.25		
3 <sup>rd</sup>					George Harrison	1.22		
4 <sup>th</sup>								
5 <sup>th</sup>								

**CPR Speckled Trout:** George Harrison 23.75", 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.\*\*\*