

ACFA

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JULY NEWSLETTER

Due to the 4th of July holiday our July meeting will be held on Thurs. July 11 at 7pm at the American Legion Post 88, 2663 Halls Mill Road. Bring a fellow fisherman.

Officials with the Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo will be with us to preview various aspects of this year's event such as rule changes, prizes, big fish jackpots, new events, and other categories of interest.

Message from the President

As President of the ACFA I feel it is my duty to keep everyone informed, and answer some questions from the members. At the last meeting, I asked a few of you what important things you had on your mind. Here are a few Q and A's.

Q- President Dave, what will your platform be for next years race?

A- I will not seek a third term. After the 10 zip thrashing of the SWS Team I will probably retire to Eight Mile and write my memoirs.

Q- President Dave, How many trout make a "mess"?

A- It really depends on how many people are in the boat. If there are two or more it probably takes six or so trout. If you are by yourself, probably one "hit" can make a good mess, depending on the storyteller.

Q- President Dave, If a tree falls in the river and no one is around to hear it fall, does it make a noise?

A- No, it makes a noise when a bass boat hits the tree at 70 miles per hour.

Q- President Dave, I have a dilemma, my wife has threatened me not to go fishing for the next two weeks because my in-laws will be in town. What should I do?

A- I'm glad you asked that question. President Dave has vast experience, and has indeed been threatened many times with personal harm, in this area. I would suggest that you take 2 weeks vacation and fish every day! I call this my "will-breaking strategy". If you survive the two weeks, you are home free. You can fish all you want to for the rest of your life.

If by some chance the will-breaker backfires, "i.e. my first marriage" get ready to fish in a smaller boat, and perhaps live in a tent for a period of time, (preferably close to the water). In either case you can fish all you want to for the rest of your life.

I hope I have answered some of the nagging questions that have bothered our members. Now, on with the newsletter.

See You at the Meeting!

Dave

No July Club Tournament

Please remember that in deference to the Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo (3rd weekend in July) and our members who regularly participate in it, ACFA does not schedule a July tourney. Our next tourney will be in August.

June Tournament Results

Great participation and turn-out were the hallmarks of our June tourney, and, would you have ever thought it, at least 3 new members fishing in their first club tournament hit the leader board and will be presented awards at our July meeting! Results are as follows--

<u>Speckled Trout</u>		<u>Flounder</u>	
Guy Davis	6.55	Matt Perry	3.30
Ocie Wade	4.55	Kyle Mitternight	3.00
Frank Mitternight	4.55	Del Delchamps	2.45
<u>White Trout</u>		<u>Ground Mullet</u>	
Ocie Wade	1.35	Del Delchamps	1.30
Earl Hopper	1.00	Barry Keith	1.10
Ted Kiefer	.90	Bobby McElroy	.95

Not only did our fisherperson's turn out but our eaters did also. The club estimates we feed around 100 folks during our first ever summer fishfry and accolades are still coming in regarding the food.

A special thanks to all who assisted with the fishfry, arrangements, and clean up! Although we're not positive we've got everybody we want to particularly recognize the following: Becky Ludlam and Virginia Midgette, cole slaw; Eugene Pierce, homegrown tomatoes; Linda Burke, banana pudding; Ted Kiefer and Donald Garrettson, fish cleaning; Bruce Howle, Jr., assistance with weigh-in and fish; Charlie Dowdle, weigh-in and fishfry general preparations; and, last but certainly not least, the fry-the-fish men--Bud Barr, Earl Hopper, and Eugene Pierce. Hope we didn't miss you but thanks to all who pitched in to make this one a real success.

Congratulations!

Capt. Mike Thompson and Capt. Jeff Dute are the latest members of ACFA to complete Sea School and obtain their masters license which recognizes them as truly professional fishing guides and 100 ton masters.

Club Business

1. Remember to sign in at the door and wear a nametag. We all want to know who everyone is and believe me it helps--not only on the water, but around town and especially on the fishing aisle of the sporting goods store.
2. Subscriptions to Gulf Coast Outdoors Magazine can still be sold thru July til the 31st, but this is the last time you can turn in the ones you've sold in person. All "subs." sold after the meeting on the 11th should be mailed (with a check) direct to the magazine at PO Box 396, Stapelton, Al 36578. Be sure to place your name and ACFA on the form for correct credit. ACFA nets at least \$3 for each one sold!
3. ACFA fishing caps that have been ordered will be available for pickup at this meeting. A very limited number/type of "extras" may be on hand at this meeting also. See the cap man.
4. This July meeting will be the last chance to order one of those nice ACFA pocket tee shirts this year. Available in both gray and navy blue all tees must be prepaid due to freight and screening charges. The club order for same will be placed Fri. July 12! Know your size and bring your money. Delivery of the tees will be at our Aug. meeting.

July Junk Sale

Thursday night 7/11 is our fishing-boating-trailering-etc. sale. If you didn't get any sale tags at the last meeting there will be plenty on hand along with scotch tape to attach them to your items. Attendance at ACFA meetings has been in the 80's so if most of our attendees bring an item or two we should have well over 100 items to browse thru. And----several members have already indicated that they have over 85 items apiece! Looks like a real interesting night is in store for the buyers.

Be sure to : 1. show up. 2. Show up with some items to sell. 3. Bring some spending (mad) money. 4. Try to bring some money in change and small (\$1.00) bills.

We will have some show tables, but you can also place items on the table at which you're sitting if you like. Remember--if you find an item that you want to buy just find the owner and pay him. He, in turn, will deliver 10% of what he makes to the club treasurer. This should be another win-win situation for us all. The meeting room opens at about 6:30 and will remain open til the trading is completed, get there early!

Get Ahead on the Causeway

You're ready and itchin' to really go fishin'--but conditions around D.I., the bridge, and the rigs are breezy to say the least. You want to catch some fish for a fry, but you'd rather not mount a full-scale-all-day trip. Aaah----the canal--but wait--isn't fishing there pretty tough some times? Have you ever considered sheepshead fishing on the causeway?

Fresh dead shrimp, rod and reel or stout pole, 20lb. test line with mono leader, weight, cork, and about a --ought hook and you're ready. Launch at Liz's or Chacalotta state ramp where you can run west to the Tensaw or east to the Apalachee River. Or, launch at Meaher State Park ramp or Mizell's and fish the Blakeley River or Johns Bend.

Concentrate your efforts on Hiway 90 or I-10 pilings in depths of from 4' to about 14'. Let your cork kiss the piling all the way around. You're usually in the shade and out of most of the wind, albeit sometimes it is a little noisy. Close, easy, and usually successful during the summer. (one ACFA member has caught as many as 80 on 1 trip.) Try it sometime and maybe you too can get a-head on the causeway!

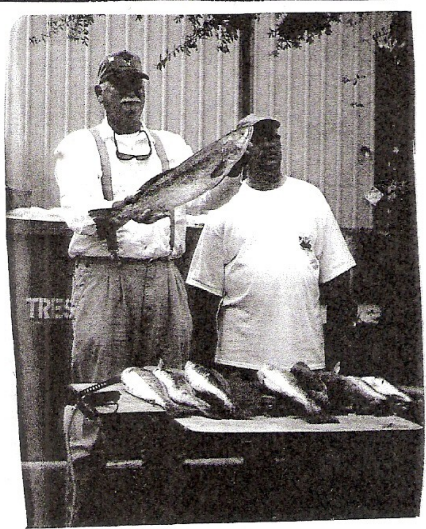
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Fish Contest Standings 2002
6/28/2002

	Blackfish	WT	Flounder	WT	Ground Mullet	WT	Redfish	WT
1	Bruce Howie, Jr.	4.25	Matt Perry	3.30	Del Delchamps	1.80	Alvin Bell	4.69
2			Kyle Mitternight	3.00	Del Delchamps	1.30	Frank Mitternight	3.15
3			Del Delchamps	2.45	Eugene Pierce	1.27	Bill Midgette	2.25
4			Donald Garretson	2.25	Barry Keith	1.15		
5			Rick Yeend	1.88	Bobby McElroy	1.10		
	Sheepshead	WT	Speckled Trout	WT	Spanish Mackerel	WT	White Trout	WT
1	Barry Keith	10.45	Bill Patterson	8.12	Kyle Mitternight	4.58	Eugene Pierce	2.25
2	Keith Smith	10.25	Bruce Howie, Jr.	7.15	Bruce Howie, Jr.	4.05	Del Delchamps	2.00
3	Bruce Howie, Sr.	10.12	Bruce Howie, Sr.	6.83	Bobby McElroy	4.03	Bill Midgette	1.77
4	Bobby McElroy	9.75	Bill Patterson	6.75			Jeff Dute	1.35
5	Mike Thompson	8.85	Rick Yeend	6.57			Ocie Wade	1.35

ACFA TOURNAMENT STANDINGS

PLACE	MEMBER	POINTS
1	Del Delchamps	27
2	Barry Keith	26
3	Bobby McElroy	25
4	Kyle Mitternight	21
5	Ocie Wade	13
6	Wayne Ladner	12
6	Frank Mitternight	12
7	David Hare	10
7	Donald Garretson	10
7	Eugene Pierce	10
7	Ricky Yeend	10
8	Matt Perry	9
8	Keith Vaughn	9
9	Guy Davis	8
10	Earl Hopper	7
11	Jeff Dute	6
11	Keith Smith	6
11	Mike Thompson	6
12	Jep Hill	5
12	Bruce Howie, Jr.	5
13	Bruce Howie	4
13	Teo Keifer	4
13	Butch Pierce	4
14	Alvin Bell	3
14	Pat Hughes	3
14	Bill Patterson	3
14	Cindy Yeend	3
15	Bud Barr	2
15	Mark Bryant	2
15	John Faasbender	2
15	Bruce Howie, Sr.	2
15	Scott Lewis	2
15	Gerald Markow	2
15	Bill Midgette	2
16	Mutt Burke	1
16	Anna Davis	1
16	Kelly Fulmer	1
16	Donnie Howell	1
16	Angie Howie	1
16	Lee Minto	1
16	Dustin Moore	1
16	Howard Perry	1
16	Curt Strauch	1



6-8-02
MR. GUY DAVIS AND HIS NICE TROUT 6.55 LB. WITH BUD BARR



OUR COOKS HARD AT WORK FOR OUR SUMMER STARTER FISH FRY 6-8-02
MR. EARL HOPPER AND MR. EUGENE PIERCE