



ACFA

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November 2004 Newsletter

The November meeting of ACFA will be held at 7pm on Thurs. Nov. 4th at the American Legion Post 88, 2663 Halls Mill Road. This is our last regular monthly meeting in 2004 since the final meeting on Dec. 2nd will be our big annual family banquet featuring our end-of-the-year awards and the drawing for our big attendance jackpot. More in all this later.

Our speaker for Nov. will be Capt. Mike Thompson, founder of ACFA, contributing writer for Gulf Coast Outdoors' Magazine, and long-time fishing and hunting guide. Mike's expertise encompasses fishing all over Mobile Bay; along the several smaller rivers that empty into the bay; and, of course, all over our vast delta system. Since fall has arrived and winter is just around the corner we've asked Mike to concentrate on inshore fishing techniques for the upcoming months. We think that this program will definitely help to enhance your ability to put fish in the boat during the cooler months ahead. Be there to learn just how!

President's Message

Hey guys if you missed out on the Causeway Classic you missed some of the best fried fish and potato salad that has been cooked all year. Charlie Dowdle and his crew really out done themselves this time.

Hey guys I know final nominations and voting are this month so if you want to step up to the plate and give back to the club what you have gained and think you can make the club better your more than welcome to. We the board members try to make this the best inshore club around for you and your family to enjoy. I will have a survey paper to hand out at the Nov. meeting for you the club members to write down any ideas on things that you would like to see happen or speakers you would like to hear. We the board members did step up to the plate this year and had a record number of members but, we would like to sit back and drink a beer or soda also.

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

Fat Lady Sings On The Causeway

Our '04 club tournament season closed on Sat. Oct. 23rd as ACFA celebrated its seventh Causeway Classic with a large group of contestants, many entries in our four fish categories, and an abundance of good fried fish. Liz's Haven's back porch welcomed a steady stream of members and family from about 2:30 on. Even a windy day with some muddier water and Alabama playing on TV didn't stem the attendance at our last event of this fishing season. Well over 40 members fished, with 33 folks actually presenting fish to weigh master Pat Hughes for judging.

As usual Charlie Dowdle and his fish fry crew guaranteed a successful event. Many thanks to these volunteers for all their help: Bill Rawls, David Hare, Joe Sirmon, Jon Morgan, Marc Kruse, Glen McDonald and Doug Smith. Official results of the tournament follow:

<u>Speckled Trout</u>	<u>Redfish</u>	<u>Sheepshead</u>	<u>White Trout</u>
Kyle Mitternacht 4.85	Belinda Smith 6.10	Kyle Mitternacht 6.35	Doug Smith 1.10
*Thomas Murray 3.85	John Markow 6.10	*Phillip Guy 4.80	Jeff Dute 1.05
John Fassbender 3.25	*Rick Tourne 5.60	John Markow 4.55	Belinda Smith 1.00

*New Club Members in 2004

ACFA Leadership For 2005

Nominations for all our leadership positions were opened at the last meeting. The nominating committee reported that all members of our 2004 team have agreed to serve once again during our 2005 club year. That is, of course, wonderful news and probably one of the reasons that no nominations from the floor have been received as yet. Nominations have not been closed and won't be until this Nov. meeting. If you're interested in

servicing the club please make that known to our president or Charlie Dowdle (of the nominating committee) by the start of this month's meeting. All positions for 2005 will be confirmed by the membership on Thurs. night.

Reminders

1. Please remember to sign-in at the door and wear a nametag. With 70 to over 100 members at a meeting it's hard to remember everyone.
2. Check the welcome table at the door. Make sure that you have all our hand-outs.

Of Note

A. Alvin Bell will deliver "quick hits" for November.

B. This Nov. meeting will be your last chance this year to purchase our ACFA logo'd items. We have a limited number of most items still on hand and a fairly good supply of ACFA patches. Remember, our patches can turn a cap, shirt, or jacket into an ACFA item at very reasonable cost. Patches are only 3 for \$5.00. If you've got a favorite long-sleeve shirt please consider the addition of a patch to enhance its looks and to confirm your membership. And if you have an ACFA member on your Christmas list our logo'd items may be just the right stocking stuffer or fill-in item.

Big Fish Contest

Our year-long 2004 Big Fish Contest closes at midnight, Sunday, Nov. 14th. The 2005 contest begins at 12:01 am, Monday, Nov. 15th. Entries for this year's contest should be in our statistician's hands no later than Wed. Nov. 17th in order to be counted for points and awards in 2004!

We Saw What You Did!

Heartiest congratulations and a big personal "thank you" to each and every current member of ACFA! Because you are a 'coastie' our club has been able to score an almost unbelievable string of achievements during this 2004 club year. If next year is anything like '04 has been it's going to be quite exhilarating to be a member of ACFA in 2005. Just look at what we did this year with your help:

1. Purchased a new sound system.
2. Purchased a third air purification unit for our meetings.
3. Held our first membership drive at the boat show.
4. Introduced our new ACFA business cards which profile our club.
5. Introduced "quick hits" presentations to our monthly meeting.
6. Added hot dogs and trimmings to two of our monthly tournament weigh-ins.
7. Furnished free ACFA license plates to all of our members and free ACFA boat decals to all new members.
8. Held our first Speckled Trout Challenge in conjunction with the new Week's Bay Fishing Club. (And won!)
9. Purchased a new table for our weigh master to utilize during our tournaments.
10. Introduced our ACFA embroidered patch.
11. Held our first-ever July club tournament and spec creel category.
12. Held our first-ever club shrimp boil for members at our Aug. meeting.
13. Thanks to our smokers--went almost completely smokeless during meetings.
14. Attained a record membership with 135 members on our rolls.

Pretty impressive, eh? Well, just remember, it takes members just like you to make all this happen and we sincerely hope that each of you will be around to help ACFA achieve even more success in 2005.

Last Chance

This November meeting is the last chance for some of our members to get that all-important 8th meeting attendance for this club year. As you know attendance at any eight of our first ten meetings of the year (Feb.-Nov.) makes you eligible for the drawing of our year-long attendance prize which this year should approach \$200.00 in value. That drawing will, of course, be held during our Dec. awards and annual family banquet.

Be sure to attend next Thurs. night--especially if you are right at that point of eligibility.

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FINAL 2004 TOURNAMENT STANDINGS

PLACE	MEMBER	POINTS
1	Kyle Mitternacht	57
2	Bill Midgette	36
3	Doug Smith	35
4	David Hare	29
5	Tom Duncan	23
6	Rick Tourne	20
7	Del Delchamps	18
7	Bruce Howle, Jr.	18
8	Billy Hurd	17
9	Earl Hopper	16
9	Belinda Smith	16
10	Bill Patterson	15
11	Ocie Wade	14
12	Sonny Gause	13
12	Bobby McElroy	13
13	Johnny Fassbender	12
13	Steve Parks	12
13	Tommy Pond	12
14	Mutt Burke	11
14	Frank Dunlevy	11
14	Kelly Fulmer	11
14	Gerald Markow	11
14	John Markow	11
15	Alvin Bell	10
15	Thomas Murray	10
15	Jad Pope	10
15	Jeff Vadakin	10
16	Jim Glass	9
16	Jimmy Holmes	9
17	Barry Keith	8
17	David Thornton	8
17	Bud Turner	8
18	Phillip Guy	7
18	Mike Herring	7
18	Brittney Howle	7
18	Bruce Howle, Sr.	7
18	Frank Miller	7
18	Lee Minto	7
18	Frank Mitternacht	7
18	Butch Pierce	7
18	John Winter	7
19	Bobby Abruscato	6
19	Jeff Dute	6
19	Austin Lee	6
19	Jennifer Mitternacht	6
19	Hal Scheurich	6
20	Donald Garrettson	5
20	Beverly Pierce	5
20	Shaun Sullivan	5
21	Jep Hill, Jr.	4
21	Marc Kruse	4
21	Trisha Lowry	4

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21	Therese Miller	4
21	Trey Pitt	4
21	Jimmy Quint	4
22	Mike Coffee	3
22	Charlie Dowdle	3
22	Wayne Garrettson	3
22	Jep Hill, Sr.	3
22	Nick Markow	3
23	Bud Barr	2
23	Angie Howle	2
23	Patrick Hughes	2
23	Jim Jernigan, Jr.	2
23	Larry Markow	2
23	Sharon Markow	2
23	Chris Massey	2
23	Glenn McDonald	2
23	Dustin Moore	2
23	George Turner	2
24	Zachary Demouy	1
24	Donnie Fassbender	1
24	Sid Fern	1
24	Donnie Howell	1
24	Jackson Hughes	1
24	Joseph Hughes	1
24	Marion Jernigan, Sr.	1
24	Wes Knight	1
24	Mike Lee	1
24	Jim Mason	1
24	Jimbo Miller	1
24	Matt Perry	1
24	Michael Pierce	1
24	Darrell Raley	1
24	Joe Sirmon	1
24	BH Smith	1
24	Mike Thompson	1
24	Cindy Yeend	1

Big Fish Contest Standings 2004

10/24/2004		WT		WT		WT		WT		WT	
Blackfish	Flounder	Ground Mullet	Redfish	Blackfish	Flounder	Ground Mullet	Redfish	Blackfish	Flounder	Ground Mullet	Redfish
1	John Fassbender	23.86	Larry Markow	5.16	Bruce Howle, Jr.	2.32	Bill Midgette	7.15			
2	Bruce Howle, Sr.	20.12	Mike Herring	4.94	Bruce Howle, Sr.	1.86	Lee Minto	6.20			
3	Del Delchamps	15.84	Gerald Markow	4.70	Bruce Howle, Sr.	1.60	Belinda Smith	6.10			
4	Rick Yeend	14.32	Frank Mitternacht	4.50	Bruce Howle, Jr.	1.58	John Markow	6.10			
5	Rick Yeend	14.34	Del Delchamps	4.34	Del Delchamps	1.20	Kyle Mitternacht	5.75			
1	Doug Smith	12.80	Rick Yeend	7.94	Bekki Ludlam	5.00	Bruce Howle, Sr.	1.86			
2	Britney Howle	10.80	Bruce Howle, Sr.	7.58	Bekki Ludlam	4.85	Jad Pope	1.70			
3	Kyle Mitternacht	10.26	Kyle Mitternacht	7.55	Don Ludlam	4.75	Rick Tourne	1.60			
4	Belinda Smith	10.05	Bruce Howle, Sr.	7.06	Bruce Howle, Jr.	4.00	Tom Duncan	1.15			
5	Barry Keith	10.00	Kelly Fulmer	6.74	Bruce Howle, Jr.	2.79	Earl Hopper	1.10			

10 LADIES

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