



ACFA

New Club Officers For 2002
 Pres. David Hare 343-5875
 Vice Pres. Charlie Dowdle 661-7770
 Stats. Jennifer Mitternacht 634-9716
 Secretary Angie Howle 479-2911
 Treasurer Earl Hopper 665-7057
 New Membership Becki Ludlam 649-8757
 Board Adviser Mike Thompson

February Newsletter

Our first meeting will be on Thursday, February 7, 2002 at 7pm, at the American Legion Post 88, 2663 Halls Mill Road.

Our speaker will be : Vernon Humphrey discussing trolling motor basics with some interesting twists.

Message from the Old President

As the founder of the Alabama Coastal Fisherman's Association, it is with great pride that I am able to announce David Hare as the President of ACFA for the 2002 year. David has stepped forward, with unanimous backing of the executive board, to assume the duties of the position.

Aided by an energetic and enthusiastic staff, David will be a fine leader for the club and has my utmost confidence. As a past President, he is very familiar with club operations and protocol. Let's stand behind David as our President for 2002.

Mike Thompson

Message form the New President

After a fierce campaign, with big time mud slinging and political maneuvering, the results are finally in! I David Hare, am the new club President. You can all relax now, no one will ask you to be on the board or anything like that. You can fish your brains out and have a good time. After all that's why Mike Thompson started this club, to give us fishermen (and women) a place to be with people who love to fish as much as we do.

I really am excited about the upcoming year in ACFA. We have a great crew of energetic officers, and some new ideas for the 2002 fishing season. A couple of things to look for are, a full schedule of Tournaments with some new weigh-in locations. An outstanding line up of informative speakers, with (how to's) and demonstrations. A new member contest. A complete list of Tournaments, weigh-in sites, and categories for the year. Of course we will keep the traditions that we all have come to expect in ACFA.

With close to 90 members our club is one of the largest and most active inshore clubs on the Gulf Coast. I think we really have something special, and I will do everything in my power to make this club even better in 2002. From my experience in this and other fishing clubs, I have made life-long friendships that I wouldn't trade for anything. That's why I decided to give it another go. Our club is about fish, but more importantly it is about people, and friends. That's what keeps me coming back.

So from me-Dave, and the new board, we hope to see you at the February meeting and every meeting after that. Come and fish with us again. We know you'll be a better fisherman for the experience.

See you at the meeting,

Dave

Our first Tournament will be the March Madness, on March 23, 2002.

New in 2002

Want to win some tackle and outdoor supplies in 2002? As an ACFA member all you have to do is sign-in at each monthly meeting that you attend. A sign-in sheet will be provided. Attend 8 out of the 10 meetings (Jan^{Feb}-Nov) and your name will automatically be placed into the pot. One lucky members name will be drawn at the Dec. meeting to receive some really nice sports items, compliments of the club.

ACFA Meeting Dates Set For 2002

The Executive Board has set the following monthly meeting dates for this club year.

Feb. 7	June 6	Oct. 3
March 7	July 11	Nov. 7
Apr. 4	Aug. 1	Dec. 5
May 2	Sept. 5	--Mark your calendar!!

All meetings will start at 7pm and, with one exception, all are scheduled for the first Thurs. of each month. Please note that due to the 4th of July holiday the July meeting will be held on July 11.

Time to Pay Your Dues

Dues for ACFA for the year 2002 are \$45.00. This amount covers a members spouse and all of their children under the age of 16 years. If you can't get to one of our earlier meetings you are invited to mail your dues (checks only) to the treasurer: Earl Hopper 5205 Montiel Court Mobile, Al 36693

Please note "ACFA dues" on your check and, if you will, please be sure your correct mailing address and current phone number are included because this year we intend to publish an updated membership list.

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2002 Membership Drive

With our current membership at around 90+ we're still reaching for that 100 member goal. Keeping that in mind your Executive Board Has Authorized the following:

For the months of Feb. '02, Mar. '02, and until the close of our April 2002 meeting any current ACFA member who has already renewed his membership early in this club year will receive a \$5 rebate or your dues money for every new (First time ever to join ACFA) fisherman that joins our club and pays his \$45 membership for 2002.

New members will be asked to name the one responsible for their joining the club at the time of sign-up only. Just think, if you bring 1 friend into the club you could lower your dues cost to \$40. ACFA will pay a member in good standing \$5 for each new member he finds, to a maximum of \$45 (9 new paid members). Everyone involved will benefit! Member remittance checks should be distributed in May.

And that's not all. Every member responsible for signing up at least 1 new member will have his name in the pot for a Dinner for Two!

~~START NOW SIGN IN AT FEB MEETING!~~

A few facts about our club:

- ACFA was bounded by Mike Thompson in 1997 and ²⁰⁰²2002 marks our seventh year!
- The Big Fish contest runs every day of the calendar year!
- The ACFA puts over 95 awards up-for-grabs during each club year!

See you at the meeting,

Angie