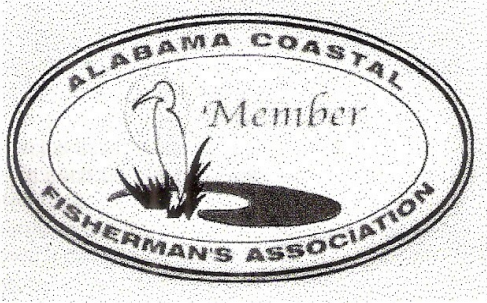


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August 2004 Newsletter

Our August meeting will be held at 7pm on Thursday Aug. 5th at the American Legion Post 88, 2663 Halls Mill Road. We don't think you'll want to miss this particular get-together. For more info, read on.

Our speakers for the evening will be the ACFA team of Don and Bekki Ludlam, two of the best (big) Spanish Mackerel fisherpersons we know and they will give us some insight in how to capture more of those spotted gamesters. With Spanish as one of the targeted species on our next two tournaments and the usual influx of these speedsters into Mississippi Sound and the lower half of Mobile Bay every year about now, we thought that info on how to box these babies would be more than appropriate. And if we're double lucky Don will bring his castnet and give us some additional pointers regarding throwing a net in order to catch that all-important bait.

President's Message

Hey guys I'm sorry I missed you at the last meeting but, the shrimp boil might let me slide a little bit. I just appreciate the hard work that everyone has put into the club this year and, I thought this would be a good way to give back to everyone. I had another bright idea last week also...to fish the ADSFR but I forgot that I have put 10 years on my body since the last one.. glad when it was over. The final results from our weekend was Top Dawg Jr. 4.69lb with 30 trout and 1 Spanish 4lbs, Top Dawg Sr. 4.20lb and about 20 trout, and 2 more Dawgs (Edwin Lowry-club member 5.80lb) and (a buddy of mine Robby Cornelius) they had about 10 specks apiece.

On the fishing front the specks seem to be biting a little around Sand Island cut and the ledge that runs along the inside of Sand Island all the way to the pier. The ledge is from the edge of the beach to about 40 years out, it flattens off at 10ft deep. Artificial are working good for the member's who swear by these. Live shrimp and croakers are good too. The rigs in the bay are kinda slow in the daytime but are really hot at night, use the tide to your advantage 2 hours before and after high or low. The Mobile River is producing specks for those of you who know this area on pogies. So guys get out and fish the August tournament. There are a few fish still willing to bite if you can stand the heat.

See you at the meeting

Bruce Sr. a.k.a. Top Dawgs

Shrimp Boil Scheduled For This Meeting

That's right, we're gonna have an "eat-um-up" on Thurs. night! We've never done this before (and might not do it again anytime soon), but there are some real compelling reasons behind our leadership scheduling this event. First and foremost we want to thank you for supporting ACFA this year with your membership. Secondly we appreciate the work of our membership regarding talking up our club and bringing new members to our roster. (We now have a record high of 128 members on our rolls.) Third-we think the attendance at our meetings has been phenomenal with nearly 100 folks each month, and finally, your participation in our monthly tournaments, the challenge, and our junk sale has been just outstanding this year. So remember, don't eat too much before attending the meeting because we plan to have boiled shrimp, corn, and potatoes ready for our big 2004 ACFA "Thank You"!

Inaugural July Tournament In The Books

Nine 2-man teams entered specks in the 5 fish creel category and all other species were filled in the top three positions as ACFA held its first-ever July club tourney. Official results are as follows:

<u>Speck Creel</u>		<u>Redfish</u>	
Doug Smith & Bruce Howle, Jr.	16.20lb	Kyle Mitternight	3.55lb
Tom Duncan & Earl Hopper	15.75lb	Alvin Bell	3.45lb
David Hare & Del Delchamps	15.65lb	Frank Dunlevy	2.95lb
<u>Flounder</u>		<u>White Trout</u>	
Rick Tourne	3.10lb	Tom Duncan	1.15lb
David Hare	2.70lb	Earl Hopper	1.10lb
Sonny Gause	2.55lb	Bobby McElroy	1.00lb

Junk Sale Wrap-up

Great junk at very affordable prices changed ownership at last month's meeting. Our records indicate approximately \$350.00 changed hands with ACFA gaining over \$35.00 for our treasury. Thanks to all who participated!

ACFA August Tourney The Mobile Bay Grand Slam

This month's tourney--The Grand Slam- will be held on Sat. Aug. 7th. There are no new or different "boundaries" for this tournament so just get out there and fish. ACFA recognizes the Speckled Trout, the Flounder, and the Redfish as the big three "slam" fish of Mobile Bay and its environs. In addition to these 3 species we will also be targeting the Spanish Mackerel as our fourth species this month. To make it a little easier for an angler to complete an ACFA slam there will be five places (receiving plaques) in each slam-fish category. There will be 3 awards, as usual, for Spanish. That means 18 plaques will be available on this tournament.

To complete the "Slam" and earn 5 additional (bonus) tournament points all you need to do is place first thru fifth in each of the slam-fish categories. (Note-a slam could be completed with three fifth place fish.) Any questions regarding this tourney will be answered at the meeting.

Weigh-in will be from 3pm-5pm, as usual, behind the American Legion Post 250 on D.I.P. about a quarter of a mile south of Bayley's Restaurant. Good Luck to all and see you at the weigh-in!

Congratulations

We note that Bruce Howle, Jr. placed in the Black Drum category and Alison Pierce placed in Catfish category in the recent DIYAT fished out of Dauphin Island. If there are additional younger members of ACFA who also won please let our president know prior to our next meeting. We are always proud of our ACFA youth!

Reminders

1. Our membership chairman Bekki Ludlam informs that going into our August meeting over 60 of our members are still in the running for that great attendance prize package that will be awarded to one very lucky member at our December awards meeting. So don't forget to sign-in at the door as you arrive Thursday night. And please wear a nametag! We should never get so large as a club that each of us don't know a majority of our membership and those nametags go a long way toward breaking the ice and getting acquainted with another friendly fisherperson in ACFA.
2. Since we've gained some additional new members in the last couple of months we want to remind them that they should have received two ACFA boat decals and an ACFA license tag as part of their membership. If you haven't received these ACFA I.D. items see Bekki Ludlam for your decals and Bud Barr for your license tag at the Aug. meeting.
3. In addition to the above our ACFA rules, our ACFA business cards, our Big Fish weigh cards, and this year's membership roster (published in June 2004) will all be available at the membership table at the door.

Of Note

- A. Remember that our new ACFA sewn patches have arrived and will be available at this meeting. These patches are \$2 each or 3 for \$5 and with them you can turn almost any item of clothing, fishing caps, and soft sided tackle boxes into logo'd items at very little cost. See Bud Barr!
- B. Additionally, Bud will have our monogrammed ACFA fishing caps, ACFA tee shirts, and our logo'd ACFA fishing towels available for you to purchase at this get-to-gether. So bring a little spending money, buy some stuff, and show our colors when you're out and about.

ACFA At The ADSFR Wrap-up

Although none of our members were on the final leaderboard a few were spotted in the daily listings of the big rodeo. Congratulations to the following hearty fishermen for their catches! Friday: Keith Vaughn-second place flounder; Bruce Howle Jr.-first place Spanish; Kyle Mitternacht-first place speck; and Bill Patterson-second place speck. On Saturday: Keith Vaughn-third place flounder; Bruce Howle, Jr.-third place speck; and Jim Glass-first place white trout. Please let our President know if anyone was overlooked.

Big Fish Contest Standings 2004

7/20/04

	Blackfish	WT	Flounder	WT	Ground Mullet	WT	Redfish	WT
1	Del Delchamps	15.84	Mike Herring	4.94	Bruce Howle, Jr.	2.32	Kyle Mitternacht	5.75
2			Gerald Markow	4.70	Bruce Howle, Sr.	1.86	Mutt Burke	5.70
3			Frank Mitternacht	4.50	Bruce Howle, Sr.	1.60	Kelly Fulmer	5.50
4			Del Delchamps	4.34	Bruce Howle, Jr.	1.58	Jennifer Mitternacht	5.00
5			Lori Toume	4.10	Del Delchamps	1.20	Jennifer Mitternacht	4.75
	Sheepshead	WT	Speckled Trout	WT	Spanish Mackerel	WT	White Trout	WT
1	Doug Smith	12.80	Rick Yeend	7.94	Bruce Howle, Jr.	2.79	Bruce Howle, Sr.	1.86
2	Brittney Howle	10.80	Bruce Howle, Sr.	7.58	Doug Smith	2.36	Rick Toume	1.60
3	Kyle Mitternacht	10.26	Kyle Mitternacht	7.55			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

****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.****

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TOURNAMENT STANDINGS
2004 Tournament Standings

PLACE	MEMBER	POINTS
1	Kyle Mitternight	36
2	David Hare	27
3	Doug Smith	26
4	Tom Duncan	18
5	Del Delchamps	17
6	Sonny Gause	13
6	Earl Hopper	13
6	Bill Midgette	13
7	Frank Dunlevy	11
7	Kelly Fulmer	11
7	Bobby McElroy	11
7	Rick Tourne	11
8	Alvin Bell	10
8	Gerald Markow	10
8	Jeff Vadakin	10
9	Jimmy Holmes	9
9	Bruce Howle, Jr.	9
9	Tommy Pond	9
10	Johnny Fassbender	8
10	Jim Glass	8
10	Billy Hurd	8
10	Bud Turner	8
10	Ocle Wade	8
11	Frank Mitternight	7
11	Bill Patterson	7
11	John Winter	7
12	Brittney Howle	6
12	Frank Miller	6
12	Jennifer Mitternight	6
12	Butch Pierce	6
13	Mike Herring	5
13	Bruce Howle, Sr	5
13	Barry Keith	5
13	Belinda Smith	5
14	Donald Garrettson	4
14	Jep Hill, Jr.	4
14	Trisha Lowry	4
14	Beverly Pierce	4
14	Jimmy Quint	4
15	Mike Coffee	3
15	Wayne Garrettson	3
15	Jep Hill, Sr.	3
15	Thomas Murray	3
16	Burt Barr	2
16	Mutt Burke	2
16	Charlie Dowdle	2
16	Patrick Hughes	2
16	Jim Jemigan, Jr.	2
16	John Markow	2
16	Nick Markow	2
16	George Turner	2

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17	Donnie Fassbender	1
17	Sid Fern	1
17	Donnie Howell	1
17	Angie Howle	1
17	Jackson Hughes	1
17	Joseph Hughes	1
17	Marlon Jemigan, Sr.	1
17	Wes Knight	1
17	Larry Markow	1
17	Sharon Markow	1
17	Jim Mason	1
17	Jimbo Miller	1
17	Dustin Moore	1
17	Matt Perry	1
17	Michael Pierce	1
17	Trey Pitt	1
17	Jad Pope	1
17	Darrell Rafey	1
17	Joe Simon	1
17	BH Smith	1
17	Shaun Sullivan	1
17	Mike Thompson	1
17	Cindy Yeend	1