



ACFA

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September 2005 Newsletter

The Sept. meeting of ACFA will be held on Thurs. Sept. 1st at 7pm at the American Legion Post 88, 2663 Halls Mill Road.

Speaker for the evening: Our current V.P. and ACFA charter member David Hare has graciously agreed to share his vast knowledge and explain the methods and protocol involved in catching those elusive blackfish (tripletails) that appear along our coast and up into the bay every year about this time. Not just everyone can boat one of these beauties so we know you'll want to hear what David has to say.

Presidents Message

Hey guys it's that time again. Thanks to Doug Smith and crew for putting on a great boil, and the members that joined in there and helped clean up. Guy's we will be needing someone to head up the cooking crew so think about what you could give back to the club. I know it's easy to sit back and do nothing but if that was the case with the board members and volunteers the club would not survive so put in a little time and effort and the ACFA will be around for years to come.

Don't forget that we have a new rod raffle starting this month it will end in December. Tickets are 1 for \$3 or 3 for \$5. It is a 7ft spiral casting rod from Billy Stix Custom Rods.

Bruce Sr. aka TOP DAWG

Grand Slam Wrap-Up

Scattered squalls threatened occasionally throughout the day but most of our tourney anglers were able to carry out their game plans. No group was more successful than our intrepid ACFA pier fishermen who brought numerous winning fish to the scales. A total of 69 fish (in five categories) were presented for judging. Probably our largest ACFA crowd of this club year enjoyed tasty boiled shrimp accompanied by sweet corn and new potatoes, and if you didn't get your fill you have nobody but yourself to blame as seconds and thirds were the rule. Many thanks to everyone who helped out and for the fear of leaving someone out thanks to all of you, you know who you are, for a super job on our big "Thank You" feed! You "done ACFA proud"!

Meanwhile, although no one was able to make the slam, we did see some nice catches cross weigh master Pat Hughes' scale. Following are your results:

<u>Speckled Trout</u>		<u>RedFish</u>	
Mike Jones	6.35	John Fassbender	6.45
Bill Midgette	5.50	Phillip Guy	6.20
Brian Pugh	4.70	Barbara Brady	5.65
Dewayne Overstreet	3.60	Chris Conken	4.20
Bill Brady*	3.45	Jad Pope	3.70
<u>Flounder</u>		<u>white Trout</u>	
Erik Nelson	3.45	Joel Midgette*	.85
Gerald Markow	2.80	Bubba Williams	.85
Cevin Cormier	2.65	Rick Tourne	.70
Brenda Mashburn	2.60		
David Mashburn	2.55		

<u>Blackfish</u>	
David Hare	10.10
Del Delchamps	9.60

*First to weigh-in.

You're Not Going To Believe This!

Joe (just call him "lucky") Sirmon was the winner of our big summer rod raffle. For those who may not know or remember Joe's name was also drawn as our rod raffle winner in 2004. Congratulations Joe and "thank you" to all our members who took a chance on that fine rod. Our sincerest thanks to member and rod builder Steve Parks who helped our treasury grow by over \$300 due to his generosity.

Congratulations

Several of our ACFA members claimed places and prizes in 1. The Conde Cavalier Rodeo, 2. The Rotary Club Tournament, and 3. The open competition sponsored by the Week's Bay Fishing Club on the weekend of Aug. 13 and 14. We salute all of you on your success!

ACFA September Tournament

Our "End of Summer" tourney will be held Saturday Sept. 3rd which falls on Labor Day weekend. Once again we'll fish for five fish species with first, second, and third place awards available for a total of 15 plaques and tournament points. This is the last tourney of 2005 that ACFA fishermen can launch anywhere they choose (launching in Oct. is restricted) and the last 2005 contest with weigh-in on D.I.P.

We will be fishing for Speckled Trout, Redfish, Flounder, White Trout and Spanish Mackerel. Weigh-in will be from 3pm to 5pm behind the American Legion Post 250 on D.I.P. There will be food at the weigh-in. Good luck to all!

Leadership 2006

Once again we request that you contact our President Bruce Howle if you would like to serve your club next year in any capacity. All conversations with Bruce will be completely confidential if you so desire. We are really in need of a chairman (working with club volunteers) to guide our eating adventures next year and we're hoping you might be that person.

Also remember that most of our positions could use co-chairs as that the tasks involved could be divided to further lighten the responsibilities. So if you don't want to be 100% responsible, "co-chair" may be just the ticket for you. Help is always needed and ACFA is a darn good cause. Your thoughtful consideration will be appreciated.

Nominations will be taken at the Oct. meeting and we will vote at our Nov. meeting.

ACFA Tournaments And Hurricanes

After discussion at our Aug. meeting the following statement will probably be added to our tournament rules for 2006 and beyond: "If a named hurricane or tropical storm is predicted to strike the Gulf Coast within approximately 140 miles east or west of Mobile (to include Panama City, Fl. And New Orleans, LA) on or close to a scheduled ACFA Saturday tournament that tourney will automatically be postponed until the following Sat. unless that following Sat. falls on an ADSFR weekend in which case our ACFA tourney will be postponed until two weeks later. Tournament participants are strongly advised to check the ACFA website or talk to ACFA leadership to apprise themselves of the correct date for that monthly tourney."

Mark Your Calendar Now!

Our December wrap-up meeting and awards banquet has been scheduled for 7pm, Saturday night, December 3rd. Please note this big ACFA family event on your calendar so you won't miss out on a great evening of awards, food, and fun. More to come---stay tuned.

Shirt Night Revisited---But With A Plus

We received enough interest and commitments at the Aug. meeting to insure that we will have one more "shirt night" this club year. For our newest members this means that you bring a new fishing shirt (or one cleaned and in good condition) along with \$10 to our Sept. or Oct. monthly meeting. Donald Garretson will be collecting your shirts and your money during these next two meetings. We will have our ACFA club logo embroidered on your shirt and we'll return your completed shirts at our November meeting in time for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and the winter fishing season.

We'll accept either long or short sleeved shirts and here's the "plus". Since our discussion at the Aug. meeting mentioned windbreakers or fishing jackets we've expanded our shirt list to include these also, and at the same \$10 price just like the shirts. So if you desire our embroidered logo to be added to the upper right breast area of your fall or winter outer-wear select the item you want to adorn, be sure it's clean if already used, and bring same to our Sept. or Oct. meeting. (Just one small thing to remember with jackets or breakers--the logo can't be sewn in if there is a seam where it's to be placed.)

Remember now--long or short sleeve fishing shirts and jackets or windbreakers. Bring \$10 for each and deliver them to Donald. Don't wait until next month--do it now and don't be left out. Please place your business card, or 3"X5", or similar with your name on it in one or both pockets for ID and retrieval in Nov.

Reminders

1. Only four meetings and two tournaments remain on our 2005 schedule.
2. Our membership stands at an all-time high of 188 members.
3. Remember--all 40 positions on our Big Fish board at midnight Nov. 14th will receive award plaques at our Dec. wrap-up, get-together.
4. Quick hits will be presented by Rick Yeend at this Sept. meeting.
5. Our usual ACFA logo'd items will next be sold at our Oct. meeting.
6. Smokers--we continue to thank you for smoking outside our meeting room.
7. To whom it may apply--PLEASE resist all side conversations at your table while our meeting is in progress. This practice by a few can be very annoying to the vast majority of our members who come to hear about our sport. Noise from anywhere in the meeting room is always disconcerting and downright disrespectful to anyone who is speaking, to our guests, and to your fellow members. Thanks!!

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.

05 Tournament Standings

Name	Points
David Hare	27
Phillip Guy	18
Brenda Mashburn	18
Bill Midgette	18
Jimbo Miller	18
John Fassbender	17
Bill Brady	15
Trey Pitt	15
Chris Conken	14
Erik Nelson	14
Bobby McElroy	13
Wayne Tubb	13
Del Delchamps	12
Jep Hill, Jr. (J)	12
Jep Hill, Sr.	12
Doug Smith	12
Tom Duncan	11
David Thornton	11
Rick Tourne	11
David Mashburn	10
Jennifer Mitternacht	10
Bubba Williams	10
Bruce Howle, Jr.	9
Bruce Howle, Sr.	9
Mike Jones	9
Mike Lee	9
Kyle Mitternacht	9
Dewayne Overstreet	9
Belinda Smith	9
Lori Tourne	9
Randy Wiscaver	9
David Garrettson	8
Chris Massey	8
Michael McDonald	8
Joel Midgette	8
Jad Pope	8
Karen Brown	7
Daniel Ford	7
Shane Ford	7
Gerald Markow	7
Brandon Parker	7
Jimmie Quint	7
Timmy Bradley	6
Chris Calloway	6
Donnie Fassbender	6
Donald Garrettson	6
Kelli Hurn	6
Barry Keith	6
Marc Kruse	6
Frank Mitternacht	6
Paul Smith	6
John Winter	6
Mutt Burke	5
Mike Herring	5
Ben Hurn	5
Thomas Murray	5
Bill Patterson	5
Brian Pugh	5
Leslie Smith	5
Alvin Bell	4
Barbara Brady	4
Kevin Cormier	4
Jason Day	4
Wayne Garrettson	4
Dustin Moore	4
Keith Vaughn	4

16	Pete Burns	3
16	Cameron Calhoun (J)	3
16	Jim Glass	3
16	Donnie Howell	3
16	Glenn McDonald	3
16	Mike Thompson	3
16	Josh Woolums	3
17	John Burke	2
17	Billy Hurd	2
17	George Koulianos	2
17	Theo Koulianos (J)	2
17	Austin Lee (J)	2
17	Bekki Ludlam	2
17	John Markow, Jr. (J)	2
17	Jason Miller	2
17	Margaret Miller	2
17	Lee Minto	2
17	Henry Nall	2
18	Bud Barr	1
18	Linda Burns	1
18	Savannah Calhoun (J)	1
18	Stephanie Cormier	1
18	Chip Cummings	1
18	Marc Cummings	1
18	Alisha Folsom (J)	1
18	Betty Fretz	1
18	Kelly Fulmer	1
18	Sonny Gause	1
18	Eugene Gibbons	1
18	Roger Glass	1
18	Todd Golomb	1
18	Bob Gray	1
18	Angie Howle	1
18	Brittany Howle	1
18	Cullen Jacobs	1
18	Jim Jernigan	1
18	Michael Jones (J)	1
18	Terry Keifer	1
18	Karen Kelly	1
18	Wes Knight	1
18	Brandon Lane	1
18	Don Ludlam	1
18	Jeffrey Lyons (J)	1
18	Mark Lyons	1
18	Larry Markow	1
18	Sharon Markow	1
18	Jay McNamee	1
18	Frank Miller	1
18	Derek Murphy	1
18	Stacy Nelson	1
18	Shaleigh Parker	1
18	Steve Parks	1
18	Howard Perry	1
18	Matt Perry	1
18	Smith Pickett	1
18	Tommy Pond	1
18	Steve Roberts	1
18	James Rouhani	1
18	Pat Sirmon	1
18	Judy Smith	1
18	Sean Sullivan	1
18	Nancy Thompson	1
18	John Vereen	1
18	John Westover	1
18	Bo Wilder	1

Big Fish Contest Standings 2005

8/22/2005		Blackfish		Flounder		Ground Mullet		Redfish	
	WT		WT		WT		WT		WT
1	John Fassbender	18.85	Mike Herring	4.10	Karen Kelly	1.85	Jimbo Miller	6.90	
2	Kyle Mitternacht	11.73	Tom Duncan	4.02	Bruce Howle, Jr.	1.67	Phillip Guy	6.85	
3	John Fassbender	10.30	Chris Conken	3.90	William Brady	1.50	John Fassbender	6.45	
4	Alvin Bell	10.19	Rick Yeend	3.92	David Hare	1.45	Mutt Burke	6.25	
5	David Hare	10.10	Gerald Markow	3.88	Jim Glass	1.25	Phillip Guy	6.20	
Sheepshead		WT	Specled Trout	WT	Spanish Mackerel	WT	White Trout	WT	
1	Bill Midgette	10.40	Bobby McElroy	9.65	Bekki Ludlam	4.13	John Fassbender	1.65	
2	Doug Smith	10.20	Keith Vaughn	7.52	Henry Lee Nall, Jr.	3.76	Bruce Howle, Jr.	1.64	
3	David Thornton	10.10	Phillip Guy	6.84	Don Ludlam	3.74	Joe Sirmon	1.50	
4	Bruce Howle, Sr.	9.90	Tom Duncan	6.74	Bekki Ludlam	3.66	John Fassbender	1.49	
5	Kyle Mitternacht	9.50	Kyle Mitternacht	6.67	Mike Herring	3.43	Bill Midgette	1.36	