



ACFA

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October 2005 Newsletter

The Oct. meeting of ACFA will be held on Thurs. Oct 6th at 7pm at the American Legion Post 88, 2663 Halls Mill Road.

But First---This ACFA Update

For the first time since ACFA was founded in 1997 your club was unable to have a monthly meeting (Sept. 2005) and we found that getting that info to you wasn't real easy to do. We didn't try to mount a telephone campaign for almost 190 members. We did get the cancellation info onto our website for those who had power and a working computer. Several things further prevented a rescheduling of that meeting early in the month: 1. Curfew, 2. Power outages, 3. Personal circumstances, and 4. Gas availability. Our Sept. tournament generally met the same fate due to the same four items plus A. closure of certain waterways B. closure of Dauphin Is., C. closures of ramps and piers, D. lack of live bait availability, and E. dangers on the water due to debris. We hope you understand.

Your leadership has been working and after much deliberation we have a course charted for ACFA for the remainder of this club year as long as Mother Nature cooperates. This newsletter should bring you up-to-date.

October Speaker

In case you haven't noticed it's been about three years since we've had some really good fall fishing (for saltwater species) in our Delta rivers and bays, recognizing that "the law of averages" may be about to come into play we are hoping that 2005 could herald a return of superb fishing in the upper reaches of our bay and its tributaries. To that end we've prevailed on charter member Mutt Burke to enlighten us on the techniques, locations, and lures required for success around the causeway and to the north. With over 40 years of experience (and maps to pass out) Mutt should be able to answer any of your questions and improve your chances this fall. With the availability of live bait now sometimes in question this seminar certainly should aid many members.

Presidents Message

Hey guys it's time for the Oct. meeting and it seems like it's been forever since we had one. There has been a few minor set backs, considering our neighbors to the west, I think we came out well. There has been some changes in the Oct. Causeway Classic that has been detailed further along in the newsletter.

I ask that everyone remember the people in your prayers that were not as fortunate as others and hope for a fast recovery. See you Thursday at the meeting.

Bruce Sr. aka TOP DAWG

ACFA October Tournament

Our Oct. tourney, The Causeway Classic, will be held on Sat. Oct. 22. That's a little more than 2 weeks after our monthly meeting. We always schedule later in Oct. so that delta fishing will be at its peak. Due to "Katrina" we've modified this tourney somewhat so please take note.

- 1.) Since Liz's Haven was gutted in the storm we will return to Post 250 for out weigh-in and big "Classic Fish Fry" for all members. Weigh-in will be 3-5pm as usual.
- 2.) There will be NO restrictions on where members can launch as long as you fish in Alabama waters.
- 3.) Since we missed fishing the Sept. tourney and no awards or points were awarded we've decided to fish for all 8 species on the big fish board during the Oct. tourney. First through third place plaques and points will be awarded for a total of 24 plaques up for grabs. So just choose your favorite quarry and "go-for-it."

This is the last tourney of 2005. Final tournament standings will be decided on Sat. Oct. 22nd. Don't miss out.

ACFA Tournaments, Meetings, And Hurricanes

We're still learning how to deal with storms. The following will be added to 2006 tourney rules--"additionally--no tournaments (or monthly meetings) will be held as long as waterways are closed or curfews exist."

Congratulation Pete!

Recently, when a large, loaded tanker lost propulsion near the Convention Center and the Cruise Terminal on the Mobile River, Mobile Bar Pilot and ACFA member Pete Burns was on duty aboard. Due the efforts of Pete and two tugs, which came to the aid of the ship a potential catastrophe on our waterfront was averted. Pete and both tug crews were awarded certificates of merit by the USCG Captain of the Port of Mobile. We are proud of you Pete!

Any Donations?

Bekki Ludlam, our Membership Chairman, could use a few more items (or cash to buy some tackle) for our grand attendance prize to be awarded at our Dec. meeting. We always attempt to value the prize at around \$200. Can you help us? See Bekki.

Leadership 2006

Nominations for 2006 ACFA leadership will be taken at this Oct. meeting. If you'd like to help your club please see Pres. Bruce Howle, Sr. before the meeting. We will vote on all in November.

Last Call--Shirt Night

The Oct. meeting is the final time we are accepting your shirts (long or short sleeve), jackets or windbreakers, and even sports vests for embroidering our ACFA logo on the right breast. Each item must be accompanied by \$10 prepaid. Deliver all to Donald Garrettson on Thurs. night. Please place your business card, or 3"X5", or similar with your name on it in one or both pockets for retrieval at our Nov. meeting when we'll return all embroidered items.

New 2005 Fishing Caps Now Available

We have just received a limited supply of ACFA fishing caps. These are the first new caps we've had this entire year. They are available in three great colors and they will sell fast. If you want one in your color choice you better get to Donald Garrettson early. These new caps will be \$6.00 each. We think that's a great deal. As announced earlier all other logo items will also be available at this Oct. meeting.

Reminders

1. Be sure to sign-in and please wear a nametag. Due to Katrina eligibility for the grand attendance prize in Dec. is changed for 2005 (only) from 8 out of the first 10 meetings to only 7 of the first 9 meetings that we will hold. This temporary change should make a few more members eligible for the big Dec. drawing.
2. ACFA membership is now 189 members strong.
3. The 2005 big fish contest closes at midnight Nov. 14th.
4. Quick hits will be presented by Mike Thompson at this Oct. meeting.
5. Please--smoke outside the meeting room and resist personal conversations at your table when anyone is speaking from the rostrum.

Fillets And Volunteers

In order to have a successful fish fry at this month's tournament we need the following: 1. Volunteers to help with the frying of the fish. Doug Smith will be looking for a little assistance. 2. Volunteers to help clean some fish, caught during the tournament, that will be used for frying that afternoon. Also 3. Frozen fish fillets that can be used to start with on that Sat. afternoon. Please--if you have any frozen fillets in your freezer bring them to the meeting on Thurs. night. Charlie Dowdle will have ice chests available and we really need to obtain as much frozen fish ahead of time, as possible, in order to lighten the workload at our Classic on Sat. Can you help?

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.

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2005 Tournament Standings

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