

Alabama Coastal
Fisherman's
Association



It's Fishing Time!

March 2001

From The President

Hello Anglers?

The month of March is upon us and that can only mean one thing. Fishing! The winds of March can push you into protected waters, but catch the right day where you can get out a little bit and "Ain't nothing like it when they're biting!" Whether *pulling on sheepshead, white trout and drum* at the rigs just offshore or drifting and popping corks across Little Dauphin Island Bay for specks and reds, March can be magical!

I want to encourage every member to try and recruit a new member this month so that they will be eligible to fish our first tournament of the year. Don't forget the membership contest winner will receive a dinner for 2 at a restaurant to be named later. The March Madness tournament is set for the 24th. *The weigh-in will be from 3-5 PM at Dauphin Island Bait and Tackle.*

As I asked for at the February meeting, if anyone *has any access to promotional items (give-a-ways)* that we could give as door prizes, please contact : Mike Thompson 633-8897. Items such as: free

pizzas, car washes, rentals (movies, video games) oil lubes, etc. all make nice door prize gifts. Got any other ideas? Let me know.

If you haven't pulled your boat out for the season yet.....shame on you! Don't forget to grease those trailer wheel bearings, check your trailer lights and *most importantly, run your engine with the aid of a muff-type device.* There's nothing more embarrassing than being at the boat launch, ready to go, with a boat motor that won't crank.

(Unless you fish with Bill Patterson and get asked "who caught the big one?" at the tournament site. But that's another story)

I'm really excited about the fishing season, having already been on a couple of great trips (more details at the meeting) and look forward to our club tournament season. I hope we all continue the friendships developed by the formation of the A.C.F.A. and look forward to the new friendships *that are sure to develop by associating with those who love fishing and the outdoors just like us.*

See you at the meeting. Mike

Dues are now Due

I want to mention that the representatives for the " Roads to Reefs " project will be at the meeting with an update on the program.

We had a great meeting last month. I would like to remind everyone that your dues are due. If you join and pay before the April meeting your will be \$40.00 if you wait until after April they will go up to \$45.00. In order for your Big Fish to count your dues have to be paid by the February meeting if you have turned a card in.



For our new members I would like to say Welcome and remind you that our meetings are the first Thursday of every month. I guess it wouldn't hurt to remind some of the old members about when the meetings are too.

Don't forget about the March Madness Tournament on the 24th. The fish to seek are Speckled Trout, Red Fish, Sheepshead, Ground Mullet and White trout

Tournaments

Breakout Tournament on 4/24
 Speckled Trout Challenge 5/5
 Summer Starter 6/9
 July off month
 Grand Slam 8/4
 September Sunday 9/9
 Causeway Classic 10/27

We look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting.



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ACFA PAST CHAMPIONS

2000

Master Angler - Scott Ritter

Tournament Champion - David Hare Big Fish Champion -

Scott Ritter

1999

Master Angler - John Fassbender

Tournament Champion - John Fassbender Big Fish

Champion - David Muscat

1998

No Master Angler Award

Tournament Champion - John Fassbender Big Fish

Champion - Bill Patterson

1997

No Master Angler Award

Tournament Champion - ?? Big Fish Champion - ??

ALABAMA COASTAL FISHERMAN'S ASSOCIATION Club Records

SPECIES	MEMBER	WEIGHT (LB)	YEAR
BLACKFISH	Del Delchamps	24.40	1999
FLOUNDER	Darren Grizzle	7.80	1997
GROUND MULLET	Peter Robinson	1.93	1997
REDFISH	John Fassbender	7.75*	1999
SHEEPSHEAD	Shane Steiner	10.30	2000
SPECKLED TROUT	Keith Smith	8.55	2000
SPANISH MACKEREL	Bekki Ludlam	7.88	2000
WHITE TROUT	Doug Houston	2.68	1997

* 16"-26"

