

# ACFA



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## November Newsletter

The November meeting of ACFA will be held on Thurs. . Nov. 6th at 7pm at the American Legion Post 88, 2663 Halls Mill Road. Bring a buddy and be there for a very interesting evening.

Our speaker for the evening will be long time ACFA member and T.V. personality Doug Houston. Doug's show, Doug Houston Outdoors is a "must see" sporting show that airs locally on Comcast and Media Com in Mobile; Media Com in Baldwin County; and, additionally, is seen in Florida, Mississippi, and Louisiana. Doug is thoroughly versed in what it takes to produce a video of outdoor adventures and he's going to discuss the "dos and don'ts" with us so that any one of us could successfully film that great fishing adventure that we're about to have. And we might also hear about some of the outrageous things that have happened to Doug in the last few years of filming.

## President's Message

It's hard to believe that this year is quickly coming to an end, it is time to elect new officers. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as your 2003 President, but I must admit that my job was made easy because of the hard work and input from the board members and you, the ACFA members. I must give special thanks to Bill Midgette and Charlie Dowdle for their tireless efforts, talents and ability to keep me on track and the club operating on an even keel. Vice President Lee Minto, must be thanked for all the work he has done in providing us with the excellent speakers for each meeting and helping me in numerous other ways. Our Secretary, Angie Howle has once again done a sensational job of producing our newsletter and keeping us informed, and Bruce Howle, Sr. must be thanked for his generosity in providing us with the paper, envelopes, etc., for the newsletter. Our Treasurer, Tom Duncan, has done an excellent job of keeping our finances in order and composing and updating the membership list and I am deeply appreciative of all his help. We probably wouldn't have our great Tee Shirts and hats and towels at such reasonable prices if it wasn't for Bud Barr and his diligent work, so thanks Bud for a job well done. Joe Sirmon deserves many thanks for his efforts in securing lots of the door prizes many of you enjoyed winning this year. Jennifer Mitternacht has done a terrific job as our Statistician and deserves our many thanks. Thank you, Pat Hughes, for your excellent job as our Weighmaster, and thanks to my wife, Bekki, for helping once again as Membership Chairman.

I apologize if I left anyone out, but I am deeply grateful for EVERYONE'S help throughout this year. I would like to ask that if you are nominated for a position on the Board, you will step up and accept, and support the club and its efforts to provide us with a means to further the love of the sport of fishing.

- Thanks again to all ACFA members for making this a fun and memorable year. See you at the meeting.

Don

## Causeway Classic Closes Out ACFA 2003 Tourneys

Good fortune smiled on our club on Sat. Oct. 25th and the bad weather reached Mobile Sun. after our tournament was in the record book. A great fish fry was enjoyed by well over 50 folks. Thanks to Charlie Dowdle; Bruce Howle, Sr.; Doug Smith; David Hare; Keith McGraw; and Charlie's main man, Daryl Brown! Nineteen members entered fish and approximately thirty-five fished the tourney. Pat Hughes, our weighmaster, certifies the results as follows:

<u>Speckled Trout</u>		<u>White Trout</u>	
Bill Patterson	6.10lb.	Angie Howle	1.10lb.
Kyle Mitternacht	4.20lb.	Bruce Howle, Sr.	.90lb.
Frank Mitternacht	3.15lb.	Bruce Howle, Jr.	.80lb.
<u>Redfish</u>		<u>Sheepshead</u>	
Kyle Mitternacht	5.80lb.	Scott Lewis	5.75lb.
Frank Mitternacht	5.75lb.	Kyle Mitternacht	3.35lb.
Lee Minto	2.55lb.	Barry Keith	3.20lb.



### Club Business

- 1.) Our \$25 membership deal continues thru December.
- 2.) This is your last opportunity to sign-in and qualify for the great attendance prize drawing at the December meeting.

### Last Chance To Take A Chance

Someone is going to win that expensive custom built rod on Thurs. night Nov. 6th, and we hope that you will be included in that drawing. Thurs. nite you will still be able to purchase a chance or three at \$2 each or three for \$5. Do yourself and our club a big favor and participate! The drawing will be held toward the end of our meeting and you don't have to be present to win. Do you feel lucky? Chances will be available!

### Reminders

- 1.) There is no November tourney!
- 2.) Our 2003 Big Fish contest ends at midnight Fri. Nov. 14th and our 2004 contest begins at 12:01am on Sat. Nov. 15th. If you catch an entry around that time be sure to send it to our statistician for inclusion in the correct contest.
- 3.) Our Dec. 4th meeting will be our annual family Christmas party and awards presentations. Don't miss this one!

### Roads To Reefs Now Complete

Marine Resources has now established the final three artificial reefs that were planned for this program. The Brookley Hole Reef is in place in deep water in front of the Brookley Golf Course. Two poles with 2 signs each indicate the location. The actual reef material is located approximately 35'-40' west of (behind) the two posts. The Upper Bay Barge reef is also in place and well marked. This reef is approximately a mile off the Eastern Shore and west of the Red Bluff in the Montrose area. Several poles with signs indicate the spot. And finally, the sunken boat which is southwest of the south tip of Coffee Island in Mississippi Sound has been enhanced with reef material. This wreck was originally marked with a single post and sign with "WR" on it. That post has been joined by several additional posts with signs for easy location and identification. This reef is about 1 1/4 miles off Coffee on the way out to the Blue Rig. Come next year, all of these should produce for local fishermen.

### Congratulations

Past president and (spare-time) licensed fishing guide Jeff Dute garnered two guide awards in the inaugural Ken Stabler Coastal Red-Trout Celebrity Classic held a couple weeks ago in Orange Beach. Jeff won "guide with most trout releases" and "guide to the grand champion angler." Well done Jeff!

### Nominations For 2004 Club Year

The ACFA nominating committee is working to solidify our leadership team for next year. We hope that if you are (or have been) contacted you will seriously consider volunteering to serve your club. We are blessed with many great members, but far too few understand that every once in awhile each of us needs to try to repay ACFA for the many benefits we have gained from our affiliation with this club. Remember----without a leadership team in 2004 there will be no ACFA in 2004! Please step forward in Nov. to assure an ACFA in the future. If not now--when? If not you--who?

Following is a list of ACFA positions/tasks with an overview of each.

President--Chairs executive committee meetings as needed. Represents ACFA at functions as required. Has final word on all club business/ decisions. Focuses on the overall club direction. Makes the agenda for each meeting and runs the meeting. Helps line up monthly speakers.

Vice President--Fills in/presides for president as required. Assists president with such tasks as required. Selects, confirms, and coordinates monthly weigh-in sites. Acts as tourney weighmaster or appoints someone on a tourney by tourney basis. Lines up speakers/displays for monthly meetings.

Treasurer--Is unscrupulously honest! Handles sign-up of new or repeat members and receives dues, any funds raised, or monetary donations. Keeps the membership card file. Forwards member's names and addresses to secretary. Deposits all club monies into ACFA bank account. Dispenses club obligations, writing checks on club bank account as required. Keeps track and reports, as required, on club bank balances.

Secretary--Gathers all club information from various members on a timely basis in order to assemble same. Notifies Mobile Press (via Fax) of club meetings for publication. Assembles monthly newsletter, types and copies for the mailing, places in envelopes, stamps and mails same. Types donation request letters (using ACFA letterhead) and other correspondence/paperwork as required.

Statistician--Gathers information from ACFA tourneys and big fish cards, assigns points per ACFA rules, and produces the tourney standings & big fish standings thru-out the club year. Sends this info to sec'y monthly.

Membership--Works (at the discretion of the Pres.) on activities related to membership such as greeting arrivals at meetings, greeting speakers, general information regarding club membership, running the meeting sign-in, and giving out name tags.

Weighmaster--Keeps the ACFA digital scale, tournament log book, and runs the tourney weigh-in 7 times a year (for 2 hours each: 3pm-5pm), at predetermined club weigh-in sites on designated Saturdays. Assembles info from weigh-in and provides same for ordering trophies for next meeting.

Donations--Utilizing ACFA form letter on letterhead paper (typed and copied by the secretary) delivers these letters to businesses and restaurants to obtain "give-a-way" items for club meetings. Follows up delivery to pick-up items or to further explain request.



**Caps and tee-shirts**--Obtains basic caps as required and takes prepaid requests for 2 types of logos on same at meetings. Forwards cap orders and money to monogram shop and picks up completed caps before next meeting for delivery to members. Takes prepaid orders for club tees at meetings. Forwards orders and money to screening source and picks up completed tees, pays bill, and delivers tees at next meeting. (1 or 2 times per club year).

**Awards**--Obtains from weighmaster or statistician winners names, fish species, and fish weights and delivers to trophy source. For club tourneys--picks up completed plaques, pays source, and delivers plaques to monthly meeting. For end of year awards receives info from "stats" and delivers to trophy source. For Dec. meeting picks up completed awards, pays source, and delivers final awards to meeting.

Would you be interested in assisting the club in any of the aforementioned slots?

ACFA  
FINAL TOURNAMENT  
STANDINGS FOR 2003

Big Fish Contest Standings 2003

10/27/2003

	Blackfish	Flounder	Ground Mullet	Redfish	White Trout
	WT	WT	WT	WT	WT
1	John Fassbender	Kyle Mitternacht	5.80 Mike Thompson	1.91 Bud Barr	7.05
2	John Fassbender	Bobby McElroy	5.67 Bruce Howie, Jr.	1.67 Charlie Dowdle	6.80
3	Del Delchamps	Rick Yeend	5.54 Butch Pierce	1.42 Gerald Markow	6.65
4	David Hare	10.77 Bill Patterson	4.84 Michael Pierce	1.24 Bobby McElroy	6.65
5	Bill Midgette	5.06 Bill Midgette	4.20 Doug Smith	1.20 Mike Thompson	6.20
	Sheepshead	Speckled Trout	Spanish Mackerel	White Trout	
1	Bruce Howie, Jr	9.88 Michael Pierce	7.00 Becki Ludlum	6.15 Kyle Mitternacht	2.33
2	Don Ludlum	9.55 Billy Hurd	6.98 Becki Ludlum	6.00 Del Delchamps	2.25
3	Angie Howie	9.25 Bruce Howie Jr.	6.96 Don Ludlum	5.95 Eugene Pierce	1.93
4	David Hare	9.15 Alvin Bell	6.95 Don Ludlum	5.25 Bud Barr	1.90
5	Brooke Jemison	8.50 Bruce Howie Jr.	6.58 Bruce Howie, Jr.	2.58 Eugene Pierce	1.82

PLACE	MEMBER	POINTS
1	Kyle Mitternacht	58
2	Bobby McElroy	26
2	Barry Keith	26
2	Scott Lewis	26
3	Frank Mitternacht	21
4	David Hare	16
4	Jimbo Miller	16
5	Bud Barr	15
5	Michael Pierce	15
6	Angie Howie	14
7	John Fassbender	13
7	Bruce Howie Jr	13
7	Bill Midgette	13
8	Charlie Dowdle	12
8	Mike Thompson	12
9	Kelly Fulmer	11
9	Donald Garretson	11
10	Alvin Bell	10
10	John Winter	10
11	Billy Hurd	9
11	Gerald Markow	9
11	Bill Patterson	9
11	Eugene Pierce	9
11	Doug Smith	9
12	Earl Hopper	8
12	Bruce Howie Sr	8
12	Don Ludlum	8
12	Nicholas Markow	8
13	Frank Dunlevy	7
13	Jep Hill, Jr.	7
13	Wes Knight	7
14	Del Delchamps	6
14	Jep Hill	6
15	Howard Perry	5
15	Matt Perry	5
15	Ocie Wade	5
16	Larry Markow	4
16	Lee Minto	4
16	Butch Pierce	4
16	Joe Sirman	4
16	Keith Vaughn	4
16	Rick Yeend	4
17	Mutt Burke	3
17	Jeff Dute	3
17	John Markow	3
18	Perry Howell	2
18	Britney Howie	2
19	Tommy Pond	2
19	Ray Dulton	1
19	Pam Dunlevy	1
19	Doug Houston	1
19	Pat Hughes	1
19	Brooke Jemison	1
19	Peyton Jemison	1
19	Bekki Ludlum	1
19	Sharon Markow	1
19	Keith McGraw	1