



ACFA

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July 2006 Newsletter

Our sixth meeting of the 2006 season will be held on Thursday July 6 at 7pm at the American Legion Post 88, at 2663 Halls Mill Road (the usual place). Ed Williams, the Director of the Coastal Conservation Association (CCA Alabama) will be our guest speaker for the meeting, and 'Daktari' Donald Garrettson will do the quick hits segment. With the 9 or 10 new members who joined at the May meeting our membership is now over 215! We have members from other parts of Alabama and even from several other states. Welcome to the largest inshore fishing club in Alabama.

President's Message:

Well it's July already and is it ever HOT! But the trout bite is still on at the Causeway and the rigs in the lower Bay. Remember, the July meeting is our "Junk Sale" so please bring some "junk" to sell to help the club out. Doug

June 3, 2006 "Summer Starter" Tournament Results

The tournament was held under fair skies, but a brisk north wind caused problems for many anglers. Still a total of 90 fish were weighed in, but only 5 were ground mullet (two junior anglers had ground mullet).

<u>Redfish: 12 entered</u>	<u>Speckled Trout: 41 entered</u>	<u>Flounder: 31 entered</u>	<u>Ground Mullet: 3 entered</u>
1.) Vicki Foster (N) (L) 7.00#	1.) Chris Conken 6.40#	1.) Vince Hawkins 3.30#	1.) Blake Michaleski 0.90#
2.) Bryan Hack 3.80#	2.) Tom Duncan 5.10#	2.) Trey Pitt 3.20#	2.) Walter Corley (N) 0.50#*
3.) Phillip Guy 3.60#	3.) Blake Michaleski 5.05#	3.) Bud Barr 2.95#	3.) Doug Smith 0.50#

Junior Ground Mullet: 1.) Matt Corley (N) (j) 0.65# and 2.) Judson Taylor (N) (j) 0.35#
 * First to weigh in (N) New Member (L) Lady Angler (j) Junior Angler

Some reminders: Redfish will be measured with the tail pinched to its maximum length to determine official length. Redfish can ONLY be weighed in during tournaments for entry in the Big Fish Contest.

ALL 8 species have minimum weights to be eligible for Tournament prizes and the Big Fish Contest (see rules).

The exception to this is the special Junior Angler Division or other special categories.

Any of the 8 species of LEGAL size can be entered for a tournament participation point.

Copies of the full rules can be found online in the ACFA website @ <http://acfafishing.com/bigrules.htm> and <http://acfafishing.com/tournrules.htm> or by request.

Website Updates

For clarification: the Tournament Point Totals and Yearly Big Fish Contest will be updated **once** each month on the ACFA website (and dated), ASAP after the newsletter is published. This is to insure their accuracy and to allow that all members continue to receive the information officially in the newsletter first.

Therefore, in some instances it may be four weeks (or slightly more) before the website is updated. We apologize for any inconvenience or confusion this may have caused and endeavor to be as accurate and thorough as possible.

July Junk Sale

Did you ever come across that 'great deal' that was just so good you HAD to buy it? Well we've got 'em at the Annual ACFA July Junk Sale, where one angler's trash is another's treasure. All you have to do is get to the meeting a little early (6-6:30 pm) and bring any unused or unwanted items. There will be tables set up near the front of the room where you can spread your wares. We will try to have labels on hand for you to put your name and the amount you're asking. ALL we ask in return is 10% of the proceeds for the club treasury.

So how does that work? Let's say "Some Fisher" has several used lures, several packs of plastic baits he's never opened, and an old anchor. He keeps track of the transactions and sells them all for a total of \$18.50. At the end of meeting he simply takes 10% of what he got for his stuff (\$1.85) and gives that to the club Treasurer (Jep Hill). Even the small amounts add up as this sale usually has several hundreds of dollars changing hands and the club nets \$50 or more. So please come early (6-6:30) to sell and buy, bring your items, and small bills and change (to speed the transactions).

Membership Rosters

Traditionally full membership rosters have been made available for our members at the June meeting. Through unforeseen circumstances we were not able to provide those at the June meeting. Therefore the rosters will be made available for pickup only (NO lists are mailed) at the July and August meetings.

ACFA July Tournament "Rodeo Warm-Up" Saturday July 8th

Four species (flounder, redfish, speckled trout and white trout) are on the slate this month with a couple of twists. The speckled trout category will be a 5 fish creel for two angler teams (though a single angler may fish and enter 5 specks by them self if they wish). This should be interesting as the specks are spread all over from the Gulf beaches to the delta areas and from Perdido Bay to the Mississippi Sound and the water is hot, real HOT! Let's hope the catching will be too. The existing club record for this event is 16.20# held by Doug Smith and Bruce Howle Jr. And in case you didn't hear, that same Doug Smith won the inaugural WNSP Inshore Fishing Classic this past Saturday with a 5 speckled trout creel of 24# 13 oz! And Bruce Howle Jr had the 3rd place lunker speck at 5.95# WOW! look out for these two next weekend!

The other twist in this month's tourney is we will again be offering three separate plaques to be awarded to the junior anglers but in white trout this time around. Hopefully the weather and the fish will cooperate for the kids too. The weighin will be from 3 till 5 pm behind the American Legion Post 250 (the usual place and time) on Dauphin Island Parkway (AL Hwy 163) one block south of the blinking light near the Greer's Foodstore.

Speaking of weighins

As our club has continued to grow, it is more difficult to track under whose membership the junior and lady anglers and registered under. Of course our memberships include spouses and children under age 16 (including stepchildren). We don't want to leave anyone out of the record keeping, but to avoid any confusion it would be GREATLY appreciated if the junior and lady anglers would ask the record keeper to make a note as to the member's name they are weighing in under, especially for the children with a different last name. Thank you for your cooperation.

Tournament Weighin Help

Everyone should agree that our weigh master Pat Hughes 'kneedeep' has done an outstanding job the past several years in weighing scores of fish at each tournament (often alone and up to his eyeballs in fish and paperwork). If anyone would volunteer to assist Pat (full or part-time) especially with the record keeping chores, it would surely help 'lighten the load'.

And howabout those cooks!

Kudos to Randy Wiscaver 'Bigun' and 'Doc' Kevin Cormier for their efforts in feeding us at all the tournaments so far this season. This is a huge undertaking with lots of planning and preparation to make happen, which it has deliciously! So on behalf of all the ACFA members, hearty thanks and well done! And please, pass the catsup ;-)

Soooo, what will they have on the menu for this month's Tournament? Well we'll have to find out at the meeting ...

Congratulations!

To all current and former ACFA members who have successfully competed in other tournaments, especially those on the professional level. At risk of leaving someone out, we defer listing and wish you all an admirable "Well done!"

The 'Mini Seminar' Series Is On Hold

Due to the July Junk Sale being held this month, the Mini Seminar Series will take this month off and resume just prior to the August meeting with the theme: "Artificial vs. Live Bait" And thanks for your support!

It's about "Tarponia time"

More than a few members on the ACFA website have expressed interest in getting together for a tarpon fishing day (or two) in July and August. The dates agreed upon are Sunday July 9th and Saturday August 12th. See Jason Miller or Rick Gaines at the meetings for details pertaining to this "unofficial" event or logon to our website in the 'Members ONLY' forum @ <http://acfafishing.com/phpBB/viewtopic.php?t=4559>

We're Halfway Through The Season ...

so be sure and continue to sign in to register for our Grand Attendance Prize Package (ice chest) to be given away at our December awards banquet to someone who has attended at least 8 of the 10 meetings. We would appreciate any appropriate items to add to the prize package or as door prizes for the meetings, or (IF you wish) make a cash donation that we can buy items with. See Erik Nelson 'TIC' at the check in table.

Logo Items

Alvin Bell says he still has plenty of ACFA logo items to sell, and will have them at the July meeting.

Rod Raffle

Continues for the custom built Billy Stix fishing rod donated by Billy McDaniel to be drawn at the August meeting. Thanks again Billy! More than a few ACFA members have ordered rods from Billy. You can check them out @ <http://www.bilystix.com/> See Erik Nelson (at the signup table) for tickets (he owns several ;-)

REMINDERS-

- **Please wear a nametag at the meeting to facilitate getting to know one another**
- **Be sure and sign in (for the Attendance Prize given away later this year)**
- **Donations are needed for the Attendance Prize (see Eric Nelson at the sign in table)**
- **Donations are also needed for the Door Prizes (see Jimmy Quint or call 377-5739)**
- **NO SMOKING inside the meeting hall please**
- **NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOL at the meeting hall premises (Post 88)**
- **Please be respectful to our speakers and save questions to the end of their presentation**
- **The BillyStix Rod raffle continues until the August meeting**
- **A separate Junior Angler category for white trout in the July Tournament (plaques will be awarded for 3 places)**

Big Fish Contest Standings as of June 25, 2006

	Blackfish	WT		Flounder	WT		Ground Mullet	WT		Redfish	WT
1	Donald Garrettson	13.29	1	Joe Sirmon	4.46	1	Brandon Parker	1.69	1	Vickie Foster (L)	7.00
2	Ashton Boykin(N)(j)	5.46	2	Kyle Mitternacht	4.05	2	Jim Glass	1.66	2	Doug Davis (N)	6.20
3			3	Mike Herring	3.84	3	Brandon Parker	1.64	3	Austin Lee (j)	5.90
4			4	Frank Miller	3.76	4	David Hare	1.47	4	Bruce Howle Jr	5.60
5			5	Vince Hawkins	3.30	5	Jim Glass	1.41	5	Theo Koulianos (j)	5.40
	Sheepshead	WT		Spanish Mackerel	WT		Speckled Trout	WT		White Trout	WT
1	Leslie Smith	11.75	1	Bekki Ludlam (L)	4.10	1	Trey Pitt	7.26	1	Hal Scheurich	2.27
2	Kyle Mitternacht	10.85	2	Don Ludlam	3.30	2	Chris Conken	6.40	2	Michael Jones (j)	1.75
3	Matt Corley (N)(j)	10.05	3			3	Phillip Guy	6.34	3	David Thornton	1.73
4	Kyle Mitternacht	9.96	4			4	Kelly Fulmer	6.15	4	Belinda Smith (L)	1.68
5	Mike Lee	9.90	5			5	Chris Conken	6.05	5	Henry Nall	1.40

NOTES: (N) NEW member for 2006 and (j) Junior angler (under age 16 @ Feb 1, 2006) are ultimately responsible to notify the weigh master and statistician of their status. (L) Lady Angler was added to distinguish spouses weighing fish. Send Big Fish Contest cards to D.W. Garrettson 3811 Del Monte Court Mobile, AL 36605 (599-8701)

ACFA Tournament Point Standings as of June 3, 2006

Pos.	Angler Name	Pts.
1	Henry Nall	23
2	Bryan Hack	18
2	Chris Conken	18
3	Kyle Mitternacht	17
4	David Hare	14
4	Matt Corley (N)(j)	14
5	Walter Corley (N)	13
6	Barry Keith	12
7	Blake Michaleski	11
7	Leslie Smith	11
8	Vince Hawkins	10
9	David Mashburn	9
9	Scott Godwin (N)	9
9	Trey Pitt	9
9	Vickie Foster (N)(L)	9
10	Alvin Bell	8
10	Donnie Fassbender	8
10	Tom Duncan	8
11	Bobby McElroy	7
11	Del Delchamps	7
11	Phillip Guy	7

6 points Bubba Williams, Mike Lee, Mutt Burke, Pete Burns, Chris Massey

5 points Bud Barr

4 points Belinda Smith (L), Bruce Howle Jr., David Thornton, Doug Smith, Jason Day, John Fassbender, Margaret Miller (L), Mike Herring

3 points: Tommy Pond, Thomas Murray, Ted Kiefer, Mike Jones, Marc Kruse, Lori Tourne (L), Larry Watkins (N), Kelly Fulmer, Jimbo Miller, Jim Glass, Jason Miller, Doug Davis, Dewayne Overstreet, David Garrettson, Charles Hobden (N), Carl Emmons (N), Brandon Parker, Billy Hurd, Bill Midgette, Ben Hurn

2 points: Vicky Garmeson(N)(L), Theo Koulianos (j), Shaleigh Parker (L), Scott Lewis, Roger Glass, Robert Schmitz (N), Rick Tourne, Patric Garmeson (N), Mike Foster (N), Michael Jones (j), Matt Perry, Judy Smith (L), Judson Taylor (N)(j), John Burke, Jad Pope, Howard Perry, Erik Nelson, Donna Kiefer (L), Donald Garrettson, Don Ludlam, Denny Lyons, Austin Lee Jr (j)

1 point: Wes Hughes (N), Tyler Haas (N), Todd Golomb, Tim Bradley Jr (j), Tim Bradley, Stephanie Cormier (L), Stacy Nelson (L), Skip Grizzle (N), Shane Ford, Savannah Lee (j), Robbie Bosarge (N), Rick Rutland (N), Rick Gaines, Randy Wiscaver, Phillip Russell (N), Pat Hughes, Ocie Wade, Michael Tew (N), Michael Taylor (N), Michael McDonald, Lee Ward (?), Lain Cameron (N), Kenny Nelson (N), Jonathan Payton (?), Joseph Hughes (j), Joe Sirmon, Jerry Donahughie (N), Jerold Bolen, James Foster (N), Jackson Hughes (j), George Koulianos, Evan Fassbender (j), Daniel Ford, Dane Tomberline (N), Christine Gaines (L), Chip Cummings, Charlie Dowdle, Cameron Calhoun (j), Bruce Howle Sr, Brenda Mashburn (L), Bo Winter, Blake Grizzle (N)(j), Bekki Ludlam (L)

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