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## May Meeting

Thursday, May 4th 6:30 pm

Moe's Original BBQ 701 Springhill Ave. Mobile, AL 36602 Speakers:

Bobby Abruscato — Fishing the Spring Transition
Engine Maintenance —
George's Water Sports
Hooked Up to Help — UCP
+ Raffle and Door Prizes!

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## **Upcoming Dates**

- Thur. May 4 ACFA Meeting
- Sat. May 6 ACFA Tourney

# <u>President's Message:</u>

It seems weather and water have conspired to give us a rough time so far this tournament season. But kudos to the anglers who have persevered to establish themselves again in the April contest. Even the Junior anglers came through, and we had fish entered in every species except Junior Redfish. And that was only due to a fine entry being just a ½ inch too long. Tough break, but a great experience for all!

Even a freak thunderstorm couldn't dampen our spirits as the time ticked down to 3pm. Everyone was chowing down on plentifully delicious chicken cacciatore and Caesar salad. Special thanks to all those who pitched in to help set up, help Romie with the chopping and cutting and cleaning up. Especially that, plus the folks who brought desserts! It is so much fun to see so many pitch in to make everything go so well. Even when we had to relocate the board and weigh table under the porch. THANK YOU ALL!

This month we share the stage with United Cerebral Palsy, hosting their 15th annual Hooked Up To Help Tournament on the Causeway in conjunction with the ACFA tournament. There will be UCP representatives at the meeting as well, to tell us about the tournament and the fine work they have been doing. This is a great cause to support!

We will also have Allen from George's Water Sports to talk a bit on engine maintenance.

And we welcome back Bobby Abruscato for the hundredth time to tell us about spring fishing trends. This should be our biggest and best meeting yet this year, so be sure to get there early for a good seat.

**David Thornton - ACFA President** 

## APRIL 13TH MEETING RECAP

We had a great turnout for our April meeting at Moe's Barbecue. Blakley Ellis, Executive Director of CCA Alabama, opened up by presenting some of the current and past works of the CCA, along with details on the second annual Star tournament. This was followed by longtime ACFA member John Howard sharing some of his spring time speckled trout tactics. This is a good time of the year to stay on the move and cover a lot of water until you find the fish. We'd also like to thank everyone in the club that participated in last month's raffle for the Bosarge family. We were able to raise over \$500 to help Romie Perez and few others cook and deliver several meals to them in this difficult time.

## APRIL 15TH TOURNAMENT REVIEW

We were greeted with beautiful early morning weather for our second tournament of the year, and despite the wind kicking up hard early in the afternoon, some great fish made it to the scales. New member Alan Williams held the first place speckled trout for the second time in the row at 3.16lbs. The top of the redfish board was tight, with William Kelly barely snagging first with a 6.30 lb redfish, Micaiah Lindquist close behind with a 6.28. Brad McDonald turned some heads with his 5.83 lb flounder! The biggest weighed in since 2021. The Summers family put the hammer down on the pompano, with Courtney Summers taking first place pompano at 1.96lbs, and Chatwin took the top junior spot with a 1.21. Jack Wilson and Wolfgang Schuchardt did a great job filling the rest of the junior board! Check out the full leader-board on fishing chaos!

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	PL	NAME	WT	NAME	WT	NAME	WT	NAME	WT	NAME	WT
	1	ALAN WILLIAMS (N)	3.16	WILLIAM KELLY	6.30	BRAD McDONALD	5.83	DURAND BAILEY (N)	3.83	COURTNEY SUMMERS	1.96
U	2	JAMES WILSON	2.99	MICHAIAH LINDQUIST	6.28	DAVID JONES	1.43			CHAD SUMMERS	1.49
T	3	ROBERT HOWELL	2.78	PERRY STOKLEY	5.64	QUENTIN MILLER	1.25			COLTON CARLISLE	0.76
S	4	SANDY TILLERY	2.69	HARVEY PEPPER	5.53	DURAND BAILEY (N)	1.18				
	5	GEORGE DOZIER (N)	2.46	NATHAN KENNEDY	4.43	JERRY MARKOW	1.05				
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## MAY 4TH MEETING PREVIEW

Head on down to Moes' BBQ at 6:30 PM on Thursday, May4th for this month's meeting. Our featured speaker will be Bobby Abruscato of A-Team Fishing sharing some of his secrets for fishing the spring transition. We will also have Allen from George's Watersports giving some reminders on engine maintenance and a couple representatives from UCP to give some details on their upcoming Hooked Up to Help tournament. More details on the below. Should be a great meeting with lots of good stuff to be learned. Hope you can make it!

## May 6TH "UCP Hooked Up to Help" TOUR-NAMENT PREVIEW

The weigh-in for our May tournament will be at Ralph and Kakoo's on the causeway in conjunction with the UCP tournament. Our species for this month will be **Redfish**, **Speckled Trout**, **Flounder**, **White Trout** & **Pompano**. Registration is open and leaderboards can be found here on fishing chaos. Romie will be cooking up shrimp over linguine. As always any helpers with set up, food, and clean up are greatly appreciated. Tickets for the UCP tournament are \$35 for adults and \$15 for junior anglers under 15, with an additional team speckled trout jackpot option for \$50. Rules, registration, and more details can be found here on fishing chaos.

#### 2023 LOGO ITEMS: NOW ON SALE!

Our ACFA Logo Items co-Chairs Chad and Courtney Summers will have shirts, car tags (\$20), koozies (\$5-\$10), hats (\$20), stickers (\$5), and visors (\$15) available for sale at the meeting.

"New member kits" should also be available at the meetings..

**Shirts** need to be pre-ordered (long-sleeved dri-fit) (\$25 for regular sizes, and \$30 for plus sizes). They will be printed per your size and color preference, then picked up next meeting...

IF you need anything else, or would like to see additional items like ACFA sunglass lanyards, keychains, etc. contact: **Chad Summers (251) 680-5271** 



#### CURRENT BFC AND CPR CONTEST LEADERBOARDS

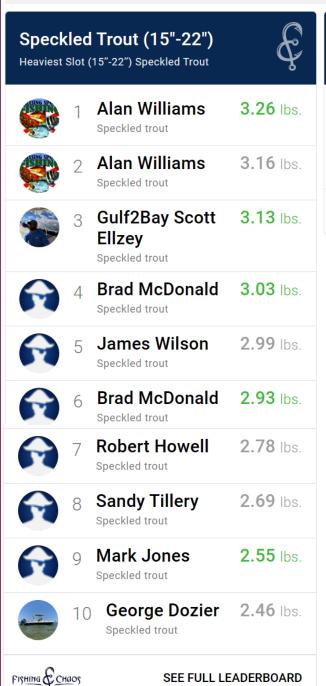
**Catch-Photo-Release Leaderboard** 

**Big Fish Contest Leaderboard** 

**Tournament & Netman Points** 

#### LEADBOARDS ARE FILLING UP!

#### ≡ 2023 ACFA Big Fish Contest



#### Junior Speckled Trout (15"-22")

Heaviest Slot (15"-22") Speckled Trout



#### NO ENTRIES

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#### Redfish (16"-26") Heaviest Slot (16"-26") Redfish William Kelly 6.3 lbs. Redfish Micaiah 6.28 lbs. Lindquist **Perry Stokley 5.99** lbs. Redfish **Mark Jones 5.89** lbs. Redfish **Perry Stokley** 5.64 lbs. Redfish **Harvey Pepper** 5.53 lbs. **Alex Manry 5.12** lbs. **David Jones** 4.55 lbs. Redfish Nathan 4.43 lbs. Kennedy Redfish Quentin Miller 4.18 lbs. Redfish

#### Junior Redfish (16"-26")

Redfish

Longest Slot (16"-26") Redfish





#### Wolfgang Schuchardt

**4.92** lbs.



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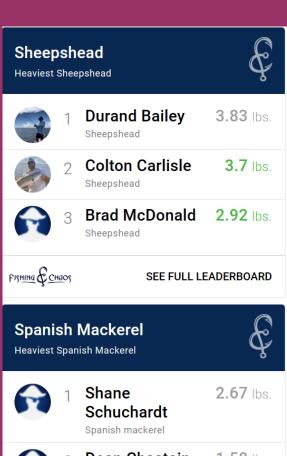
#### **Flounder** Heaviest Flounder **Brad McDonald** 5.83 lbs. Flounder **George Dozier** 1.92 lbs. Flounder **Brad McDonald** 1.8 lbs. Flounder **Durand Bailey** 1.76 lbs. Flounder **Colton Carlisle** 1.65 lbs. Flounder **Mark Jones** 1.55 lbs. Flounder **Gerald Markow** 1.44 lbs. Flounder **David Jones** 1.43 lbs. Flounder **Quentin Miller** 1.25 lbs. Flounder **Durand Bailey** 1.18 lbs. Flounder

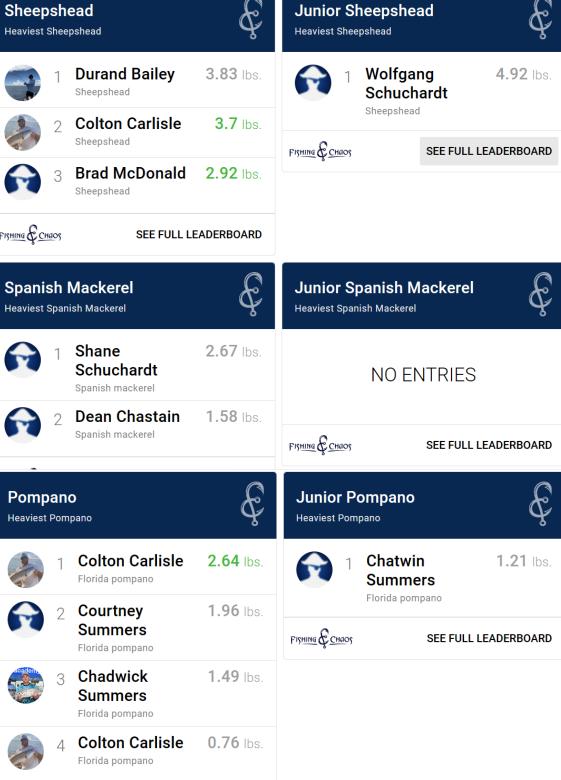
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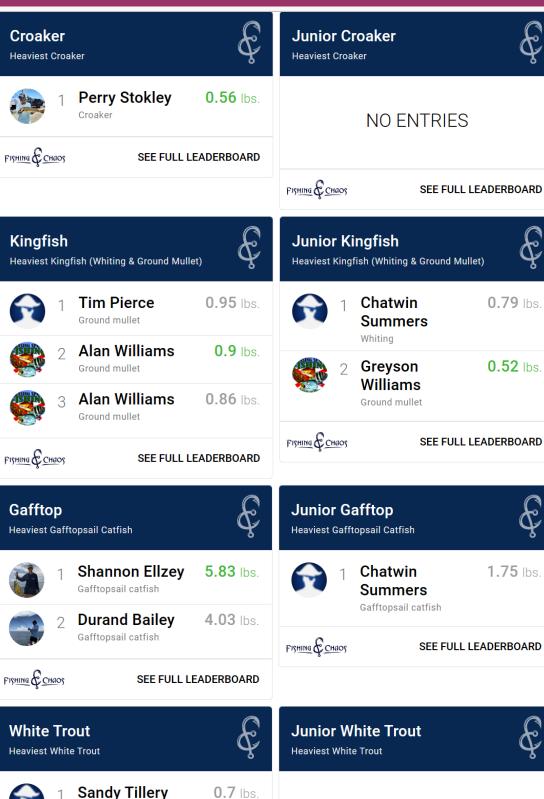
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# Junior Flounder Heaviest Flounder 1 Wolfgang Schuchardt Flounder 2 Jack Wilson Flounder SEE FULL LEADERBOARD





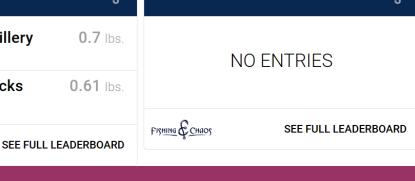


White trout

White trout

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**Chris Hicks** 

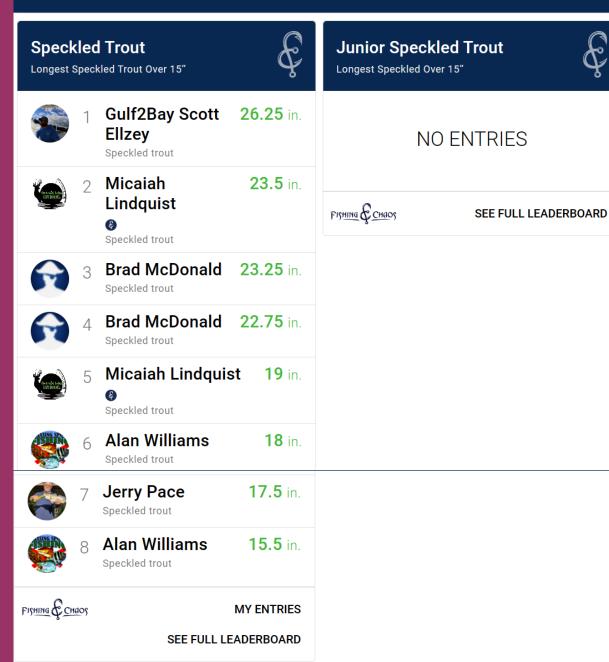


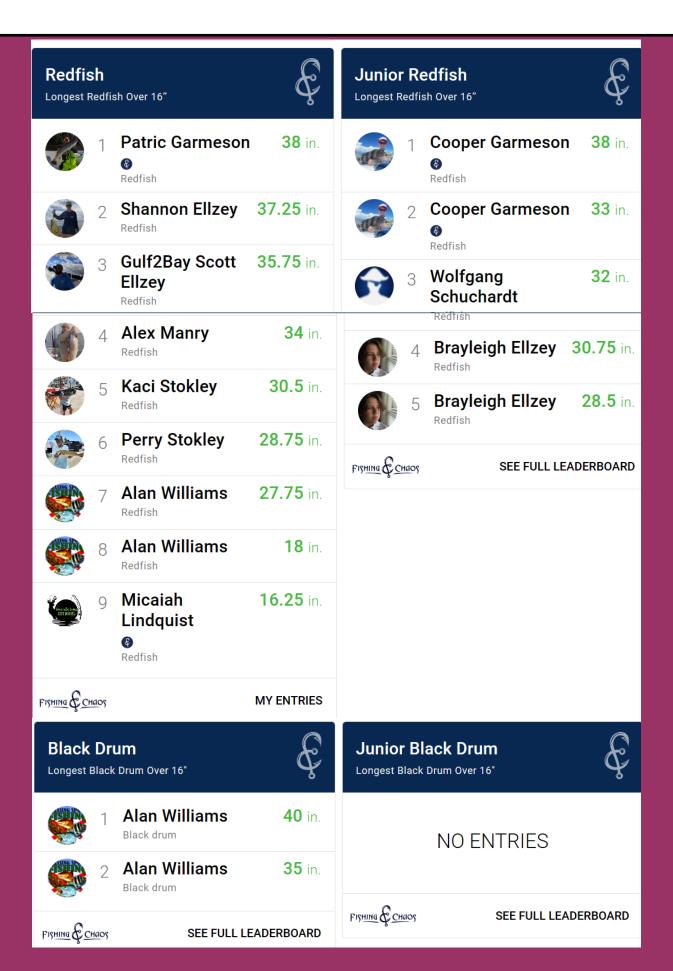
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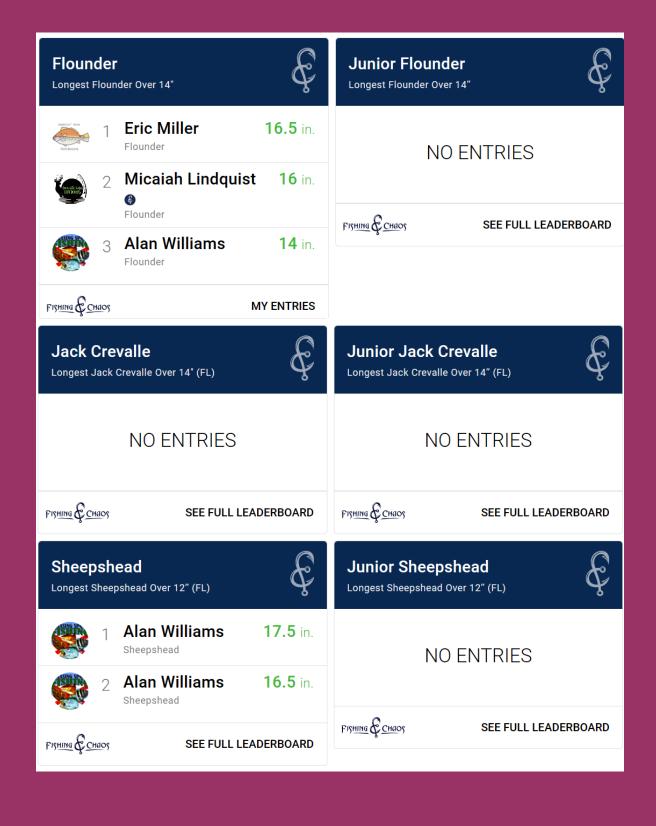
0.52 lbs.

1.75 lbs.









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