

Alabama Coastal Fisherman's Association



December 2009

Next meeting: December Awards Banquet. Friday, December 4th, 2010

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: "The Grand Hall", 3556 Halls Mill Road, Mobile, AL 36693

Notes: David Hare and Don Ludlam, and a DJ will provide music. Food will be catered by Fish Headz Catering. Adult beverages - BYOB

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President's Message

The tournament season is now officially over and there were some great fish weighed in throughout the year. As stated last month, the End of the Year Awards Banquet/Christmas Party will be held on FRIDAY, December 4th at the Grand Hall on Halls Mill Road. Festivities are to begin at 6:30. Don Ludlam and David Hare will have their guitars and we will also have an amateur DJ playing hits from the last few decades, so bring your dancing shoes and prepare for a fun night out. I have heard rumors that there could be special dance lessons given by O.P. Harrison and Bill Midgette, so you don't want to miss it. If you bring a guest, we ask that you pay \$13 to Vince or Chris Conken. Everyone attending is also asked to bring a dessert and a 2 liter drink.



Tournament Points champion for 2010, **Adam Barker**, and his boys **Kaleb** and **Noah**, show off a fine red caught on one of their many father/sons fishing trip this year.

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November Meeting Recap

Major Chris Blankenship with the Alabama Marine Resources Division was the featured speaker, and gave a report on the state's saltwater fisheries enforcement efforts. Some interesting points included that roughly 40% of gillnets (by total landings) have been forever removed from Alabama waters due to the buyback program. The state has also set up video surveillance of some of the more popular fishing areas in order to allow the Marine Resources Division to more effectively utilize their manpower. AMRD also trained dozen of new "Coast Watchers" this year through the CCA sponsored Coast Watch program to increase the number of eyes on the water. Finally, Major Blankenship said anglers who see fishery law violators on the water should report it to the state's enforcement hotline 251-476-1256. He also explained that it important to leave a call back number in the event the investigating officer needs additional investigation.

2010 board members were also elected as follows:

President-Vince Hawkins

Vice President-Patric Garmeson

Treasurer-Chris Conken

Secretary-Vicki Foster

Statistics-Adam Barker

Membership-Kieth Kenney

Weighmaster-Pat Hughes

Donations-Charlie Crawford

Logo Items-Jerry Torrans and Joe Sirmon

Awards-George Harrison

Newsletter-Jason Miller

Webmaster-Brandon Milam

Food-TBD. We still need a volunteer to oversee this committee and as of now there are only 2 to 3 tournaments that will need a cook. Thanks to those that have volunteered to assist with the other 5 tournaments.

November "Mutt Burke Causeway Classic" Tournament results

The 2009 Mutt Burke Causeway Classic was held Saturday Nov 7 under sunny skies with a cool northeast breeze. The falling tide just seemed to make the muddy river conditions even worse for many anglers. At the weigh in we had some really fine chili to sample and El Presidente Vince Hawkins brought along a big screen TV to watch the Alabama vs LSU game.

Speckled Trout

1. Donald Garrettson	4.85
2. Rick Tourne	4.45
3. George Harrison	4.35
4. Doug Tierce	3.20
5. O.P. Harrison	3.15

White Trout

1. Carson Tierce(J)	1.20
2. Vicki Foster (L)	0.75
3. Daniel Ford	0.70
4. Chloe Chaffin(N)	0.65
5. Donna Schantz	0.55*

Flounder

1. Jim Foster	3.60
2. Jerry Torrans	2.55
3. Adam Barker	2.15
4. Shane Ford	1.45
5. Trenny Woodham	1.25

Redfish

1. O.P Harrison	5.40
2. George Harrison	2.75
3. Kyle Woodham(N)(J)	2.05
4. Mike Foster	1.50

Junior Flounder

1. Kyle Woodham(N)	1.15
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Junior Speckled Trout

1. Carson Tierce	2.95
2. Kyle Woodham(N)	1.25
3. Chloe Chaffin(N)	1.10

Junior White Trout

1. Carson Tierce 1.20
 2. Chloe Chaffin(n) 0.65

Junior Redfish

1. Kyle Woodham(N) 2.05

*First to weigh-in

Next Meeting will be February 4th, 2010. Next tournament March 2010

Tha-tha-tha-tha-that's all, folks! The ACFA's year 2009 is all wrapped up with the exception of the December Awards Banquet. The next meeting be February 4th, 2010, with all the other 2010 dates to be announced in the next newsletter.

December Awards Banquet-Friday, Dec. 4th

Year long awards including Tournament Points Champion, Big Fish Champion, Master Angler, Lady Angler, Junior Angler, individual Big Fish winners and the Founders Award will be handed out at the annual awards banquet on Friday, December 4th, starting at 6:30 p.m. The banquet will be held at the same place as last year-"The Grand Hall" on Halls Mill Road, just west of I-65. More specifically, 3556 Halls Mill Road, Mobile, AL 36693. All members, their spouses, and children under 16 are welcome. The event will be catered by club member Terry Quint's catering company, Fish Headz Catering. This is the club's biggest annual expense by far, so it is important to get an accurate head count for the caterer. Adult beverages are BYOB. Entertainment will be provided by David Hare and Don Ludlam and their guitars, and also a DJ. Everyone attending is also asked to bring a dessert and a 2 liter drink. Please RSVP to Vince Hawkins no later than November 27th. It's a great time with great food, great entertainment, and best of all, great company. Please make plans to come out and celebrate the end of the year with us.

**South Alabama Invitational a/k/a "Battle of the Grubs" a/k/a "The Diehard"
 Saturday December 12, 2009**

For longer than their collective, salt encrusted brains can put a number on, club members Bruce Howle and David Hare have been holding an informal, yet deadly serious, all artificial bait speckled trout tournament in the December cold (and sometimes January, and sometimes February) to fill the void in the competitive fishing season. If its not 30 degrees and blowing 25 knots out of the north, most of the usual participants will be sorely disappointed. Frost bite has never been so much fun! This is not a club tournament, and is therefore open to anyone interested who can scrape up a fishing partner and \$40 between them. Single angler teams can also fish for those without any friends, or at least any friends with a screw loose.

When: Saturday, December 12th.
 Where: Check-in Waffle house I-65 at Government 5:00 to 5:30 a.m.
 How much: \$20 per man (two men to a boat). Optional \$10 per man for slot redfish .
 Boundaries: None, as long as you make the weigh-in on time.
 Weigh-in: Dog River Marina 4:00 to 4:30 p.m.
 In case of
 bad weather: Suck it up, newbie.
 Places: Speckled trout-1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place (Best five fish per team total weight)
 Lunker: Largest fish per man
 Redfish: Winner take all largest slot redfish
 Payout: All entry money will go directly into the pay-out.

2009 Tournament Point Standings

49 pts- Adam Barker,
44 pts- George Harrison,
43 pts- O.P. Harrison,
33 pts- Rick Tourne,
26 pts- Vicki Foster (L),
25 pts- Phillip Guy,
24 pts- David Thornton,
22 pts- Donald Garrettson, Kyle Woodham (J)(N),
19 pts- Joey Gates, Mike Foster,
18 pts- Trenny Woodham (N),
17 pts- Tim Pierce, Daniel Ford, Jim Foster,
15 pts- Bill Midgette,
14 pts- Austin Lee(J),
13 pts- Tye Jordan (J), Patric Garmeson,
12 pts- Dane Tomberlin, Jacob Markris (N)(J), Shane Ford,
11 pts- Chase Maxwell(J)(N), Autumn Lundy (L)(N), Chloe Chaffin (J)(N),
10 pts- John Fassbender, Christian Howell (J),
9 pts- Bryann Sullivan (J), Mike Lee, Richard Suk, Tom Duncan, Jerry Torrans,
8 pts- Sam Clark III, Marty Garmeson(N), Gary Tingle, Bubba Maxwell, Bill Perry,
7 pts- Vince Hawkins, Frank Mitternacht, Patrick Hughes, Teena Pierce (L), Donnie Howell, Danny Finch (N), Bob Ward, Doug Tierce,
6 pts- Bill Graves, Chris Nelson(J), Donnie Fassbender, Doug Houston, George Koulianos, Jimbo Miller, Tommy Devery Philip Ward (N), Ronnie Dyson, Jacob Guy(J), Carson Tierce (J)
5 pts- Billy Hurd, Bekki Ludlam (L), Caleb Gates (J), Ed Greer, Hayley Hack (J), Judy Smith (L), Les Smith, Steve Laurendine, Tracy Ainsworth (N), Ted Lawson, Donna Schantz (L),
4 pts- Bryan Sullivan, Dave Growden, Lauren Rea (L), Lee Minto, Richard Hoffman, Sr. (N), Nick Redding
3 pts- Alvin Bell, Bubba Williams, David Hare, Doug Smith, Evan Fassbender, Katie Mitternacht (J), Richard Hoffman, Joe Sirmon,
2 pts- Bud Barr, Barry Keith, Jake Markis (N), Jonathon Law, Kristen Mitternacht (J), Larry Watkins, Patsy Garmeson (L), Robert Morgan (J), Ryan Hoffman (J), Stephanie Alexander (L)(N), Steve Odell, Theo Koulianos (J), Tommy Pond, Trevor Wood, Tyler Dixon (N)(J), Rich Shantz
1pt- Belinda Smith (L), Bill Patterson, Bob McClay, Bobby Burgess, Bruce Howle, Jr., Chris Conken, Dale Roberts(N), Dana Hawkins (L), Dwayne Overstreet, Evon Mosley (J), Frank Parker III (J), Frank Parker Jr., George March, Greg Walker (N), Jackson Hughes (J), Jared Kelly, Jerome Parsons(N), Jimmie Farmer (N), Justin Peacock, Keith Kenney, Kevin Wilson(N), Kyle Doster, Lindsey Hawkins (J), Lou Fellis, Luke Fleniken (N), Mary Howell (L), Matthew Morgan (J), Mike Thompson, Rich Schantz, Rileigh Hawkins (J), Selene Finch(L)(N), Stewart Mosley, Todd Golomb, Wilder Wing (N)(J), Will Conken (J), Will Parker (J), Wilson Winter (J).

2009 Bigfish Standings

	Blackfish	Wt	Flounder	Wt	Ground Mullet	Wt	Redfish	Wt
1 st	Rick Tourne	23.93	Gerald Markrow	6.57	Dane Tomberlin	1.95	Bill Graves	7.35
2 nd	Rick Tourne	19.86	Gerald Markrow	5.95	Kyle Doster	1.92	Phillip Guy	7.20
3 rd	Frank Mitternacht	18.51	David Thornton	5.25	Kyle Doster	1.72	O.P. Harrison	7.10
4 th	Frank Mitternacht	17.55	Jamie Dixon(N)	5.01	Daniel Ford	1.70	Luke Flenikan(N)	6.50
5 th	Dane Tomberlin	17.23	Doug Tierce	4.79	Lauren Rea(L)	1.70	Rick Tourne	6.45
6 th	Jacob Markris(J)	14.90	Rick Tourne	4.62	Shane Ford	1.30	D.W. Garrettson	6.25
7 th	D.W. Garrettson	11.55	Bill Midgette	4.54	Ed Greer	1.15	Chloe Chaffin(J)(N)	5.85
8 th	D.W. Garrettson	10.15	Tim Pierce	4.47	Bryann Sullivan (J)	1.05	Mike Foster	5.80
9 th			Sharon Markow	4.09	Lauren Rea(L)	1.05	Judy Smith(L)	5.75
10 th			Lee Minto	3.92	Donnie Fassbender*	1.00	O.P. Harrison	5.40

	Sheephead	Wt	Spanish Mackerel	Wt	White Trout	Wt	Speckled Trout	Wt
1 st	Trenny Woodnan (J)	8.20	Christian Howell	5.10	O.P. Harrison	2.29	Alvin Bell	8.00
2 nd	Chase Maxwell (J)	7.16	David Thornton	4.57	Jim Foster	1.68	O.P. Harrison	7.95
3 rd			Danielle Howell (L)	4.40	Jacob Guy(J)	1.65	Bill Midgette	7.71
4 th			David Thornton	4.03	Theo Koulianos (J)	1.59	Lee Minto	7.60
5 th			Gary Tingle	3.33	Noah Barker (J)	1.59	Joey Gates	6.95
6 th			Mike Lee*	3.15	Jim Foster	1.48	Bill Midgette	6.85
7 th			Tim Pierce	3.15	John Fassbender	1.30	O.P. Harrison	6.56
8 th					Bill Midgette	1.28	Chris Conken	6.51
9 th					Bill Midgette	1.26	Bruce Howle, Jr.	6.45
10 th					Carson Tierce(J)*	1.20	George Harrison	6.43

*First to weigh in.

CPR Speckled Trout: 1st -Jim Foster -28.25", 2nd -George Harrisons-26.75", 3rd -O.P. Harrison-26.00", 4th -Doug Smith -25.75", 5th -Patric Garmeson-25.50", 6th -O.P Harrison-25.00", 7th -Doug Tierce 24.75", 8th -Jim Foster-24.25, 9th -George Harrison-24.00", Adam Barker-23.75"

Reminders

*2010 Big Fish Contest is now running until Nov 14, 2010. Our Statistician MUST receive cards within 30 days of catch.

* Please let Vince Hawkins know if you plan to attend the December Awards Banquet

*Fill out and send Bigfish cards to: Adam Barker 1682 Heartland Circle Robertsdale, AL 36567(947-2579)

*Donations are constantly needed for our monthly door prizes and for the 2010 Grand Attendance Prize Package. Please see Charlie Crawford if you would like to contribute, or have any leads on possible donation sources.

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