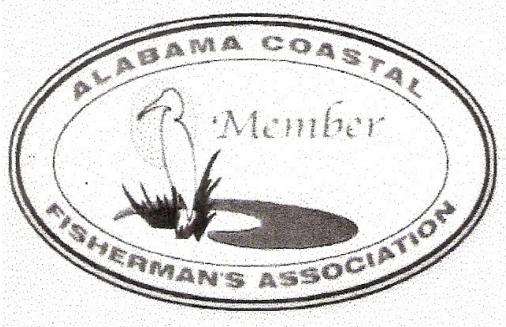


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JUNE Newsletter

The June meeting of ACFA will be held on Thurs. June 5th at 7pm at the American Legion Post 88, 2663 Halls Mill Road.

Our June speaker will be Capt. Joey Abruscato, well known successful inshore fishing guide and member of the "A Team Fishing Adventures" guide service. This will be Joey's first visit to our club and we're sure to benefit from his inciteful approach to catching a "mess" in our local waters.

Also at this June meeting West Marine will have a display of items from the store which should be of interest to all.

Message From The President

With the fishing, the water, and the weather all heating up, we'll all be getting outside just a little bit more than normal. Unfortunately, we are not alone. Flies and the Gulf Coast favorite "flying teeth" are showing up in abundance. This is when your fishing rod turns into a dual purpose item. Not only does it catch fish, it also can be used as a single edged fly swatter. If this doesn't work you can always pull out your bug repellent and a can of RAID, (which by the way is still sitting on the counter top at home waiting to be loaded in the boat).

On a more serious note, whether you fish with a friend, a child, your spouse, or especially someone you don't normally fish with, make sure they are familiar with the workings of your boat. Emergencies and accidents are not planned. The anticipated hot weather can bring on more than "pop up" thunderstorms, it also affects our bodies as well. Even the most well conditioned athlete can be susceptible to heat strokes or any other sudden illness, so let's not forget that your partner may be your "life saver" in the event of some unfortunate incident.

Hope you have great luck fishing and stay safe.

Don

Results From Our Speckled Trout Challenge In May

Well, it turned out to be almost a slam-dunk, but it could not have happened without the tremendous turn-out by our ACFA speck fishermen. Twenty-three of our members actually entered fish in the competition and by most counts at least 30 or more actually fished for specks that day. Thank you, thank you, thank you, and congratulations to all!

Because of you ACFA now permanently owns the challenge trophy and has strengthened our reputation as one of the premier inshore fishing machines on the Gulf Coast. All in all, Sat. May 3rd was another red letter day in the short history of ACFA. There's really only one thing to say now:-----WHO'S NEXT?!?!?-----

Results from the 2003 speckled Trout Challenge:

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|-------------------|-------|---------|-----------------|-------|----------|
| Kyle Mitternacht, | ACFA, | 4.80lbs | Scott Lewis, | ACFA, | 3.40lbs. |
| Jeff Dute, | ACFA, | 4.40lbs | Bud Barr, | ACFA, | 3.40lbs |
| Frank Dunlevy, | ACFA, | 4.30lbs | Shorty Williams | SSA, | 3.35lbs |
| Joe Sirmon, | ACFA | 4.20lbs | Michael Pierce, | ACFA, | 3.35lbs |
| Howard Perry, | ACFA | 3.55lbs | Keith Vaughn, | ACFA | 3.35lbs |

Ongoing Club Business

1. This month's meeting marks the half-way point of our 2003 attendance contest. Sign in on Thurs. nite!
2. If you haven't picked up a pair of our free new boat decals, yours will be waiting at the meeting. See Bekki Ludlam when you arrive.
3. Prepaid ACFA tee shirts ordered at our May meeting will be ready for pick-up at this meeting. And, Bud Barr will also have several additional 2003 club tees for sale on a first-come basis for those of you who may have been unavailable and couldn't order at the May meeting.
4. Bud will also have ACFA fishing caps and our logo'd fishing/boat towels available for you to choose from.
5. If you haven't gotten the 2003 ACFA club roster be sure to pick yours up at the June meeting.

Bud Barr

6. Due to time constraints at our May meeting the fisherman's tour of Gaillard Is. has been rescheduled for this July meeting. Mark your calendar.
7. Bekki Ludlam asks anyone who may be able to donate a nice item to our attendance jackpot to please contact her. We always have a basic jackpot which will make any winner a very happy person, but we like to go just a little further and add a bonus item or two that will really put this prize over the top. If you are the "sugar daddy" that can help please don't hesitate. Act now!
8. Remember our Junk sale in July. Save up your unneeded stuff.

June Tournament and Membership Family Fish Fry

Our next tourney the "Summer Starter" will be held on Saturday June 7th. We will fish for speckled trout, flounder, white trout, and ground mullet and 12 plaques will be awarded.

Weigh-in will be from 3-5pm at the American Legion Post 250 on D.I.P. (on west side of hiway next to the Dollar Store) approx. 1 block south of Bayley's Restaurant and Greer's Food Tiger. ACFA members will park, weigh-in, and eat at rear of the main post building. Our fish-fry will utilize the large, covered screen porch area with picnic tables just like last year.

We fed approximately 100 folks last year and we expect to do at least that well again in 2003. Everyone in the club is invited, so plan to attend even if you don't fish in the tourney. We'll be looking for you, your wife, and all the kids! Charlie Dowdle and his crew plan to make fried fish and all the trimmings ready by 4pm and, if you can, we ask that you purchase some of your cold beverages from post 250 since these folks have welcomed us with open arms and great hospitality.

As the fish come in during the weigh-in we'll have a volunteer fish cleaning crew to produce our main dish so don't throw anything edible away on Saturday. And please consider contributing some cleaned, frozen fish to this undertaking beforehand so that we'll have at least some fish ready to fry early-on on Sat. to that end Charlie will accept any frozen fish, that you may care to donate, at the meeting on Thurs. nite. Any quantity of any species will be appreciated. Don't forget to remember!

Consider This

It's June again. Probably the last big slug of high river water has just passed so the Mobile, Tensaw, and Blakeley Rivers should now start to clear up to "fishable". The fish have remained at Choctaw Pass. Flounders have been caught off the Fairhope Pier for almost a month. Fish are biting along the eastern shore and Zundels, Klondike, and Fish River reefs are producing limits. Shell bank reef has been productive for more than 3 weeks now. The new hard bottoms are going to be placed around the MaryAnn rig and several others. Blackfishing and "schooling-fish-under-the-birds" are about to begin. Shrimp are once again plentiful in most of our waters. It's flounder time at Dog River, Fowl River, and they've been biting at the canal for several weeks. The Hollinger's Island reef and Gaillard Is. have been producing good fish for more than a month. Denton reef will now be producing with regularity as should Middle Bay Light, the High Markers, and almost every rig in the lower bay. White trout will bite along the main ship channel and the Theodore Channel. Specs have been at the Shoals and along Dauphin Island since late April and there are really some bigger fish this year. Portersville Bay and Coffee Is. are once again in full swing with both whites and specs available over the oyster beds, and the Blue Rig has produced since early in May.

The winds have finally started to subside a bit and hurricane season isn't upon us yet. If you haven't stopped to think about all this please do so now. We believe you'll agree with us that this is the prime part of our fishing year. We hope that each of you will find a little time to get out on the water and enjoy the experience. This is truly a great time to be an inshore fisherman in Alabama! It just doesn't get much better than this!

ACFA TOURNAMENT STANDINGS

2003 Tournament Standings

| PLACE | MEMBER | POINTS |
|-------|-------------------|--------|
| 1 | Kyle Mitternight | 20 |
| 2 | Bobby McElroy | 13 |
| 3 | Charlie Dowdle | 11 |
| 3 | Michael Pierce | 11 |
| 4 | Bill Midgette | 10 |
| 5 | Alvin Bell | 9 |
| 5 | David Hare | 9 |
| 5 | Bruce Howie Jr | 9 |
| 5 | Barry Keith | 9 |
| 5 | Eugene Pierce | 9 |
| 6 | Don Ludlam | 8 |
| 6 | Doug Smith | 8 |
| 6 | John Winter | 8 |
| 7 | John Fassbender | 7 |
| 8 | Angie Howie | 6 |
| 8 | Wes Knight | 6 |
| 9 | Bud Barr | 4 |
| 9 | Frank Dunlevy | 4 |
| 9 | Scott Lewis | 4 |
| 9 | Larry Markow | 4 |
| 9 | Howard Perry | 4 |
| 9 | Joe Sirman | 4 |
| 9 | Keith Vaughn | 4 |
| 9 | Ocie Wade | 4 |
| 10 | Jeff Dute | 3 |
| 10 | Kelly Fulmer | 3 |
| 10 | Mike Thompson | 3 |
| 11 | Mutt Burke | 2 |
| 11 | Donald Garretson | 2 |
| 11 | Bruce Howie Sr | 2 |
| 11 | Gerald Markow | 2 |
| 11 | John Markow | 2 |
| 11 | Nicholas Markow | 2 |
| 11 | Frank Mitternight | 2 |
| 12 | Del Delchamps | 1 |
| 12 | Ray Dulton | 1 |
| 12 | Billy Heard | 1 |
| 12 | Britney Howie | 1 |
| 12 | Earl Hopper | 1 |
| 12 | Doug Houston | 1 |
| 12 | Pat Hughes | 1 |
| 12 | Brooke Jemison | 1 |
| 12 | Payton Jemison | 1 |
| 12 | Bekki Ludlam | 1 |
| 12 | Sharon Markow | 1 |
| 12 | Matt Perry | 1 |
| 12 | Butch Pierce | 1 |
| 12 | Tommy Pond | 1 |

Big Fish Contest Standings 2003

5/27/2003

| WT | Blackfish | Flounder | WT | Ground Muller | WT | Redfish | WT |
|----|------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|------|
| 1 | Eugene Pierce | 3.65 | Doug Smith | 1.20 | Bud Barr | 7.05 | |
| 2 | Patrick Hughes | 3.25 | | | Charlie Dowdle | 6.60 | |
| 3 | Bruce Howie, Sr. | 3.00 | | | Gerald Markow | 6.65 | |
| 4 | John Fassbender | 3.00 | | | Bobby McElroy | 6.65 | |
| 5 | Larry Markow | 2.90 | | | Mike Thompson | 6.20 | |
| WT | Sheepshead | Speckled Trout | WT | Spanish Mackerel | WT | White Trout | WT |
| 1 | Bruce Howie, Jr | 9.88 | Michael Pierce | 7.00 | | Kyle Mitternight | 2.33 |
| 2 | Don Ludlam | 9.55 | Bruce Howie Jr. | 6.96 | | Del Delchamps | 2.25 |
| 3 | Angie Howie | 9.25 | Alvin Bell | 6.95 | | Eugene Pierce | 1.93 |
| 4 | David Hare | 9.15 | Bruce Howie Jr. | 6.58 | | Eugene Pierce | 1.82 |
| 5 | Brooke Jemison | 8.50 | Bill Patterson | 6.14 | | Bill Patterson | 1.78 |