



# ACFA

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## November Newsletter

The November meeting of ACFA will be held on Thursday Nov. 7th at 7PM at the American Legion Post 88, 2663 Halls Mill Road. We look forward to seeing you there!

Our final speaker for this club year will be Dr. Rick Wallace who is a Marine Specialist at the Auburn University Marine Extension and Research Center (Sea Grant) here in Mobile. Rick will discuss Mercury in our fish and will update us the on-going studies and findings regarding this very critical aspect of our sport. We look forward to a very informative evening.

### Message from the President

It takes guts to step up to the plate, especially when you face the unknown. The seventh game of the world series was a piece of cake compared to what one of our members decided to do this year. I have known this guy for about 10 years now. I have fished with him, and against him. Take my word for it, you will come out better of you fish with him. He is a person of great character, and I am proud to call him my friend. He did something NO one else wanted to attempt. He volunteered to be President of the club for 2003.

Like a lot of us he cut his teeth in Saltwater Sportsman, tournament and lunger fishing with the best around. He is a veteran of the tournament wars, and has seen what makes a club strong, and what can bring a club to it's knees. I think he is a natural leader, and he was my choice from the start.

This guy understands that if there is not a president, there is not a club. Is he too busy to do it? Sure he is. Would he rather sit in the back and drink beer? Heck yea. But when it was all said and done we had no President.

Now we do! Please help me welcome my hero, Mr. Don Ludlam to the short list of President of the Alabama Coastal Fisherman's Association. Needless to say the club is in good hands for another year. Keep in mind you may be called on to help out this year. I know all our members will be glad to help Don and the new board out.

See you at the meeting  
 Dave

### ACFA Leadership 2003

The following club members have graciously volunteered their services for these leadership positions for the club year 2003. A vote will be held at the Nov. meeting when additional nominations will be taken from the floor.

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| President <u>Don Ludlam</u>              | Memebrrship <u>Becki Ludlam</u> |
| Vice President <u>Lee Minto</u>          | Weighmaster <u>Pat Hughes</u>   |
| Treasurer <u>Tom Duncan</u>              | Donations <u>Joe Sirmon</u>     |
| Secretary <u>Angie Howle</u>             | Caps & Tees <u>Bud Barr</u>     |
| Statistician <u>Jennifer Mitternacht</u> | Awards <u>Bill Midgette</u>     |

This looks like a winning team that our club will field next year. You are asked to support each of them in any way possible.

### October Tournament Results

The final club touney for 2002 is now in our record book. Fishing off the causeway was tough as expected due to the earlier influx of freshwater from Isidore, neap tides, and early morning winds; but, as usual, fish were caught and club awards were won. And...the fish fry after was terrific. Many thanks to Jimmy Holmes and crew. Special thanks to Brittney and Bruce Howle Jr. for their help with the cooking and weigh-in. Charlie Dowdle certifies the results that follow

<u>Speckled Trout</u>		<u>Redfish</u>	
Kyle Mitternacht	3.65lb	Del Delchamps	3.90lb
Connie Minto	3.15lb	Gary Richardson	2.70lb
Rick Yeend	2.70lb	David Hare	2.65lb
<u>White Trout</u>		<u>Sheepshead</u>	
Rick Yeend	1.20lb	Del Delchamps	4.30lb
Scott Lewis	1.15lb	Kyle Mitternacht	3.95lb
Bruce Howle, Jr.	1.05lb	Charlie Dowdle	2.65lb

2002 Big Fish Contest To Close in November and 2003 Contest To Commence

At the stroke of midnight on Thursday Nov. 14 the ACFA 2002 big fish contest comes to a close and all big fish entries should be in the hands of our statistician. Final standings will be computed and awards will be ordered for the 8 winners.

Conversely, the 2003 big fish contest officially begins at one minute past midnight on Friday Nov. 15 and runs for 1 year (until midnight Nov. 14 2003). If you catch a big fish for 2003 be sure to mail your big fish card to:

Jennifer Mitternacht---9430 Yorktown Way ---Mobile, Al 36695

Please note: These fish will be entered into the new big fish contest, but will be wiped out if your dues are not paid by the first club meeting of 2003 to be held in February.

Reminders

1. There is no November club tournament. ACFA tourney standings will be rechecked and the club champions for 2002 will be confirmed.

2. Our Dec. meeting (Thurs. Dec. 5th) will be our annual Christmas party and awards presentations. More info later.

And the winner is -----???

This November meeting is the last chance for members to sign-in at the door to qualify for entry in the ACFA attendance contest with a prize now estimated at over \$150 in value. The drawing will be held at our Dec. meeting and Christmas party. Be sure to sign-in and wear a nametag. See you at the meeting!

Good Show!

Our congratulations to the ACFA members who won big in the recent Mobile Bay Fishing Tournament sponsored by Southern Bama and George's Water Sports. Bill Patterson won the Speckled Trout division and Bruce Howle Sr. placed second, while Kyle Mitternacht won the Sheepshead category. Bill was also named Master Angler of the tournament.

**Big Fish Contest Standings 2002 (FINAL)**

10/25/2002

	Blackfish	WT	Flounder	WT	Ground Mullet	WT	Redfish	WT
1	Del Delchamps	18.16	Matt Perry	5.25	Del Delchamps	1.80	Alvin Bell	4.69
2	Del Delchamps	16.09	Linda Burke	4.20	Bruce Howle, Jr.	1.64	Kyle Mitternacht	3.95
3	David Hare	14.55	Rick Yeend	4.00	Bruce Howle, Jr.	1.48	Del Delchamps	3.90
4	David Hare	14.29	Bill Midgette	3.78	Del Delchamps	1.30	Rick Yeend	3.60
5	Bobby McElroy	13.79	Bruce Howle, Jr.	3.62	Eugene Pierce	1.27	Frank Mitternacht	3.15
	Sheepshead	WT	Speckled Trout	WT	Spanish Mackerel	WT	White Trout	WT
1	Barry Keith	10.45	Bill Patterson	8.12	Kyle Mitternacht	4.58	Eugene Pierce	2.25
2	Keith Smith	10.25	Bruce Howle, Jr.	7.15	Bruce Howle, Jr.	4.05	Bruce Howle, Jr.	2.14
3	Bruce Howle, Sr.	10.12	Bruce Howle, Sr.	6.83	Bobby McElroy	4.03	Del Delchamps	2.00
4	Bobby McElroy	9.75	Bill Patterson	6.75			Bill Midgette	1.77
5	Mike Thompson	8.85	Rick Yeend	6.57			Bruce Howle, Jr.	1.76

PLACE	MEMBER	POINTS
1	Del Delchamps	56
1	Kyle Mitternacht	56
2	Bobby McElroy	33
3	Ricky Yeend	30
4	David Hare	29
5	Barry Keith	26
6	Frank Mitternacht	23
7	Matt Perry	18
8	Jeff Dure	17
9	Scott Lewis	16
10	Ocie Wade	13
11	Wayne Ladner	12
12	Mike Thompson	11
13	Donald Garretson	10
13	Eugene Pierce	10
14	Bruce Howle, Jr.	9
14	Bill Midgette	9
14	Keith Vaughn	9
15	Murt Burke	8
15	Guy Davis	8
15	Earl Hopper	8
16	Mark Bryant	6
16	Jep Hill	6
16	Connie Minto	6
16	Gary Richardson	6
16	Keith Smith	6
17	Brittany Howle	5
18	Charlie Dowdle	4
18	John Fassender	4
18	Ted Keifer	4
18	Butch Pierce	4
18	Cindy Yeend	4
19	Alvin Bell	3
19	Pat Hughes	3
19	Bill Patterson	3
20	Bud Barr	2
20	Angie Howle	2
20	Bruce Howle, Sr.	2
20	Gerald Markow	2
20	Lee Minto	2
21	Anna Davis	1
21	Kelly Fulmer	1
21	Jimmy Holmes	1
21	Donnie Howell	1
21	Dustin Moore	1
21	Howard Perry	1
21	Cliff Straughn	1

**(FINAL) ACFA**  
**TOURNAMENT STANDINGS**