



## ACFA

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### June 2005 Newsletter

Our next monthly meeting: Thurs. June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7pm, American Legion Post 88, 2663 Halls Mill Rd. We make every attempt to start our meetings on time so you won't be inconvenienced. Please be on time.

Speaker for the evening: Capt. J.T. Duddy, chief guide for Jesse's Trout Lodge in Gulf Shores. J.T. hasn't spoken at our meeting in a number of years, and we know you won't want to miss this one. As one of the top guides in South Alabama, J.T. has a wealth of experience on the water and he'll be here to share some of it with us.

Display: Boaters World will be showing some of their hottest items.

### President's Message

I want to thank everyone that helped out with the Redfish Cup and the recent Battle of the Bay. This was the first clean sweep in club history and it came on my watch, (not that I helped with a big fish) a lot of the new club members stepped up to the plate and put on a showing for us, good job guys. Don't forget the June tourney is set for (take the soldiers fishing day) so let Mike Thompson know who the captains will be.

On the fishing front the specks are really starting to bite around Dauphin Island, the Shoals, and the rigs in the bay are producing several nice trout. So don't miss the June meeting for the fishing reports.

See you at the meeting,

Bruce Sr. AKA TOP DAWG

### May Tourney (The Speckled Trout Challenge) Results

Another beautiful day for fishing, lots of specks caught on both sides of the Bay, and a clean sweep for ACFA garnering all ten places. In addition, the total combined weight of 46.8lbs for the top ten trout may be a new record and certainly eclipses all totals in the last 4 years. We believe all who competed thoroughly enjoyed themselves (over 65 folks from WBFC and ACFA weighed in fish) and that's what this contest is all about. Thanks to all who donated frozen fillets to get started with and many kudos to our volunteer fish fry team of: Bruce Howie Sr., Doug Smith, Joel Midgette, Bruce Howle Jr., Don and Bekki Ludlam, Chip Cummings, John Markow and Phillip Guy. Additional thank-you to weigh master Pat Hughes and his trusted assistant Charlie Dowdle who kept the weigh-in running smoothly and who certify these results:

1. Keith Vaughn	6.20lbs. (ACFA)	6. Chris Conken	4.40lbs (ACFA)
2. Frank Mitternight	5.45lbs. (ACFA)	7. David Garrettson	4.30lbs (ACFA)
3. Trey Pitt	4.70lbs. (ACFA)	8. Bo Winter	4.20lbs (ACFA)
4. Phillip Guy	4.65lbs. (ACFA)	9. Jason Day	4.20lbs (ACFA)
5. Bill Patterson	4.60lbs. (ACFA)	10. Bill Brady	4.10lbs (ACFA)

### ACFA June Tourney-"Summer Starter"

Your next tournament will be Sat. June 4. We will fish for Speckled Trout, Flounder, Redfish, and Ground Mullet. 12 plaques will be awarded to the winners. Weigh-in will be from 3-5pm at the American Legion Post 250 (our usual place) several blocks south of Bayley's Restaurant on D.I.P.

This tourney is followed by our big June fish fry behind the post at our weigh-in site. All family members are invited to our weigh-in and fry and we should have fried fish to eat by 2:30 to 3pm.

This year there's an added attraction and a real incentive for all our members to support this event. ACFA will be taking the troops fishing in conjunction with this tournament and we'll be entertaining their families at our big fish fry. Of course we need your help for this worthwhile endeavor: 1) Volunteer for the cooking crew, 2) Volunteer to help clean fish on site, 3) Bring some frozen fish fillets to this meeting (someone will have an ice chest), and 4) Be there to mingle with our guests and extend that ACFA hospitality to those who have served our country.

Mike Thompson will update on all this at Thurs. meeting.

### Membership Drive Winners

For the second straight year Alvin Bell signed up the most new members and won a dinner-for-two. Chris Callaway was the winner of a second dinner-for-two when his name was drawn from all our members who signed up one or more new members in 2005. Congratulations guys!

### Shirt Night

Just in case you forgot to remember this Thurs. meeting will be "shirt night" when you can bring any long or short sleeve fishing shirt (or any number of shirts) with \$10 per shirt for embroidering of our ACFA logo on each. Please remember to place your business card or a card with your name printed on it in one or both breast pockets. (If new, no tags have to be removed.) All shirts turned in Thurs. night will be finished and returned at our July meeting where you will find and claim your shirts. So go buy just the shirt (or shirts) you want and deliver same with \$10 to Donald Garrettson this Thurs. night.

As announced no other logo'd items will be on sale until our August meeting, and we will probably not repeat this shirt offer again this club year so act now if you want this type of logo'd apparel.

#### 2005 Roster Ready

As promised our '05 membership roster with names, addresses, and phone numbers will be ready for you to pick-up at this June meeting. One per family please. See Bekki.

#### Reminders

1. Sign in to be eligible for our Dec. grand attendance prize and please wear a nametag so we can get to know you.
2. New member kits are available from Bekki.
3. Our current membership is over 160 and attendance at meetings has been averaging over 100.
4. Our fishing rod raffle is in full swing. Be sure to buy a ticket to help your club. Chances are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. The rod will be awarded at our Aug. meeting.
5. Send your big fish entry cards to our Statistician Jennifer Mitternacht.
6. Everyone (all places) on the final Big Fish Board will receive plaques in Dec.
7. Our junk sale is just one month away. Start getting your "extras" and "don't-use-that-anymore" boating and fishing items ready for resale. Just remember the old axiom "somebody's trash is someone else's treasure."
8. Thanks to Jason Miller for our LNG updates.
9. "Quick hits" will be delivered by Marc Kruse.
10. Smokers--In deference to our many members attending the monthly meetings we request that you refrain from smoking in the meeting room during meeting hours. Smoking is permitted in the club, the vestibule, and, of course, outside. We all thank you for your cooperation!
11. Please see that your table and the immediate area around you is cleaned up and all ticket stubs, cans, bottles, paper, etc are placed into the nearest receptacle as you leave. We have enjoyed good relations with the folks at Post 88 and we certainly want to keep it that way! Thanks for helping ACFA.

#### Wanted

We're always trying to enhance our big attendance prize which will be awarded at our Dec. get-to-gether. With that in mind we ask that you help ACFA in 2005 and, if you're able, please donate an item or two for our ice chest. We can even turn cash into something nice to present to a lucky member come Dec. If you can aid us in any way please contact Bekki our Membership Chairman. And remember--we'll take anything and be thankful.

P.S.--Remember those frozen fillets for the meeting Thurs.

ACFA----We catch fish----Get the net!!!

Big Fish Contest Standings 2005  
5/18/2005

	Blackfish	WT	Flounder	WT	Ground Mullet	WT	Redfish	WT
1			Jerry Markow	3.86	William Brady	1.50	Mutt Burke	6.25
2			Wayne Tubbs	2.20	Jim Glass	1.25	John Markow, Jr. (J)	6.05
3					David Hare	1.15	Michael McDonald	5.70
4					Jimmie Quint	1.00	Donnie Fassbender	5.55
5							John Fassbender	5.35
	Sheepshead	WT	Speckled Trout	WT	Spanish Mackerel	WT	White Trout	WT
1	Doug Smith	10.20	Keith Vaughn	7.52	Jim Glass	3.10	John Fassbender	1.65
2	David Thornton	10.10	Kyle Mitternacht	6.67	Glenn McDonald	2.85	Bruce Howle, Jr.	1.64
3	Bruce Howle, Sr.	9.90	Bill Midgette	6.34	Marc Kruse	2.75	Joe Sirmon	1.50
4	Kyle Mitternacht	9.50	Ted Kiefer	6.32	Bekki Ludiam	2.10	John Fassbender	1.49
5	Kyle Mitternacht	9.34	Cindy Yeend	6.32			Bill Midgette	1.36



2005 Tournament Standings		
Place	Name	Points
1	Bill Brady	11
1	Jep Hill, Sr.	11
2	David Hare	10
2	Bill Midgette	10
2	Doug Smith	10
2	David Thornton	10
2	Wayne Tubbs	10
3	Jimbo Miller	8
3	Kyle Mitternight	8
3	Lori Tourne	8
4	John Fassbender	7
4	Bruce Howle, Sr.	7
4	Jimmie Quint	7
4	Randy Wiscaver	7
5	Tom Duncan	6
5	Bruce Howle, Jr.	6
5	Kelli Hum	6
5	Chris Massey	6
5	Dewayne Overstreet	6
5	Rick Tourne	6
6	Chris Calloway	5
6	David Garrettson	5
6	Phillip Guy	5
6	Donnie Fassbender	5
6	Frank Mitternight	5
7	Jennifer Mitternight	4
7	Bill Patterson	4
7	Trey Pitt	4
7	John Winter	4
8	Alvin Bell	3
8	Mutt Burke	3
8	Chris Conken	3
8	Jason Day	3
8	John Fassbender	3
8	Donald Garrettson	3
8	Mike Herring	3
8	Jep Hill, Jr. (J)	3
8	Donnie Howell	3
8	Barry Keith	3
8	Marc Kruse	3
8	Glenn McDonald	3
8	Bobby McElroy	3
8	Leslie Smith	3
8	Mike Thompson	3
8	Bubba Williams	3
8	Keith Vaughn	3
9	Pete Burns	2
9	Del Delchamps	2
9	Jim Glass	2
9	Billy Hurd	2
9	Theo Koulianos (J)	2
9	George Koulianos	2
9	John Markow, Jr. (J)	2
9	Michael McDonald	2
9	Margaret Miller	2

9	Thomas Murray	2
9	Jad Pope	2
9	Belinda Smith	2
10	Karen Brown	1
10	Cameron Calhoun (J)	1
10	Chip Cummings	1
10	Wayne Garrettson	1
10	Sonny Gause	1
10	Roger Glass	1
10	Todd Golomb	1
10	Bob Gray	1
10	Angie Howle	1
10	Jim Jernigan	1
10	Terry Keifer	1
10	Karen Kelly	1
10	Brandon Lane	1
10	Austin Lee (J)	1
10	Mike Lee	1
10	Bekki Ludlam	1
10	Don Ludlam	1
10	Jeffrey Lyons (J)	1
10	Mark Lyons	1
10	Gerald Markow	1
10	Larry Markow	1
10	Frank Miller	1
10	Jason Miller	1
10	Lee Minto	1
10	Derek Murphy	1
10	Erik Nelson	1
10	Steve Parks	1
10	Howard Perry	1
10	Matt Perry	1
10	Tommy Pond	1
10	Pat Sirmon	1
10	Nancy Thompson	1
10	John Vereen	1
10	John Westover	1
10	Josh Woolums	1

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