



# ACFA

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## October Newsletter

The October meeting of ACFA will be held on Thurs. Oct. 3rd at 7 PM at the American Legion Post 88, 2663 Halls Mill Road.  
 Bring your fall fishing reports and possibly a fellow fisherman who might enjoy this meeting.

### Message from the President

Usually I babble something incoherent and try to get a smile out of some of you. This month I will get serious for a minute. Many of you know that we have nominations this month for new officers. I have to give this board a lot of credit, Charlie D., Angie, Becky, Earl, and Jennifer have given you more than your monies worth this year. Let's not forget Bill Midgette, Mutt Burke and all the others that have helped out and lent a hand. I want you to think seriously about taking a position on the board next year. Too busy?, Not good enough. So were we. Like to fish too much?, you don't have to miss any fishing time if you work it right. Don't like to get up in front of people? Me either, but I think enough of this club not to let it go the way of some other organizations.

There have been three Presidents of ACFA. Mike Thompson-Founder of ACFA 2 years, Jeff Dute-1 year, David Hare-2 years. If you ask any of us, it has been an honor to be at the helm of the best inshore club in the area. Also if you ask us to do it again this year we will all say "It is time for some new blood, and new idea's." One of you will be the new President, or board member next year. I can guarantee you one thing, you will have the help of all the past board members, and the members of the club. This is not a burden, it is an honor! I for one can't imagine not being in the club, or there not being a club. I know you will help us keep the club rolling like it has of the past 5 years.

Mike Thompson  
 Jeff Dute  
 David Hare

-----? Your Up!

See you at the meeting  
 Dave

### Our October Speaker

#### Mobile's Unparalleled Trout Tactician and Causeway/Delta Aficionado

ACFA charter member "Mutt" Burke has graciously agreed once again to share some of his 35+ years of causeway and lower delta fishing expertise with our club. When the fish are found, most of us can usually come up with a method to catch them; But where to locate them in the fall in the many bays, creeks, and rivers of the lower Delta presents somewhat of a problem to even the seasoned coastal fisherman. Pair this with the added task of safely navigating the "skinny-water" delta areas such as south-of-the-bayway, Spanish River to Mobile River cut-through, or the East-West channel through Chocolatta Bay, and many anglers feel a bit overwhelmed when confronted with a causeway trip.

Not to worry--with Mutt's maps and fishing tips you'll be able to knowledgeable talk about the "bubble-ups", Brookley channel, Spookville, the several channels of Devil's cut, and Turtle Ditch. Bring your causeway questions. Mutt will answer them and we'd bet that you'll catch more fall fish too!

Our "Causeway Classic" is more than 2 weeks after this meeting so you'll have plenty of time to concentrate on the Delta, find your way around, and catch some fish beforehand. Don't miss this presentation!

### Congratulations !

Bruce Howle Sr. won the Gulf Coast Outdoors Magazine award package which was determined by subscriptions sold during the ACFA subscription drive. Alan White, G.C.O.M. publisher, presented a check for \$249 to ACFA representing the club's share of the subscription sale. A huge thank-you to all of our members who helped ACFA in the endeavor!

Additionally the club received \$50 as the club's share from the sale of Popping Shrimp lures and Kistler rods during the meeting. Another win-win situation for ACFA!

### September Tournament Results

The passage of a tropical weather front in the Gulf with its accompanying windy seas and rain showers slowed our Sept. tourney effort somewhat. The sea conditions made it impossible to get to the Spanish Mackerel but some of our intrepid (stubborn!) anglers did manage to score on the more-inshore species.

Speckled Trout		Flounder		White Trout	
Frank Mitternight	5.25lb	Scott Lewis	2.90lb	Del Delchamps	.80lb
Kyle Mitternight	3.30lb	Bobby McElroy	1.10lb	David Hare	.80lb
Bill Midgette	2.65lb	Kyle Mitternight	.75lb		

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**ACFA October Tourney**

Well, we are finally at the end of our club tournament trail for 2002. Mark October 19th on your calendar as that is the date for the ACFA "Causeway Classic" shoot-out and fish-fry. After a year's absence ACFA is returning to the covered back porch and pier at Liz's Haven on the causeway (directly across from Battleship Park) for our weigh-in and fish-fry. Charlie Dowdle will be checking the club scales and Jimmy Holmes and his crew will be cleaning the fish and frying "em up for our tourney participants and all of you who might drop by that afternoon.

Weigh-in will be from 3pm until 5pm and we hope to have some fried fish ready by 4. According to ACFA custom all Causeway Classic participants must launch and return to a ramp somewhere along the causeway between the tunnels and Spanish Fort Hill. This is done to assure a level playing field for all of our tournament participants. Since Liz has been nice enough to let us use her on-the-water facility we always encourage as many of you as possible to launch at her establishment which boasts a very good concrete ramp with attendant piers.

Species for this tournament include 1) Speckled Trout, 2) Redfish, 3) White Trout, and 4) Sheepshead. Fish cleaners and assistant cooks are always needed and appreciated. Please give Jimmy a helping hand if called upon. And remember, if you need a beverage to go along with that fish, Liz has whatever you may require just steps away from the launch ramp. See you there!

\*\*\*\*Under no circumstances will the Alabama Coastal Fisherman's Association (ACFA) be responsible for the welfare of any members, guests or equipment while attending ACFA meetings or engaging in ACFA tournaments.\*\*\*\*

**Club Business**

1. Please sign-in at the door and wear your nametag. The big year-long attendance contest runs through our November meeting, with a very nice prize package awarded to the winner in Dec.
2. J. Silverman--we've got your T-shirt!
3. Club decals for boat, trailer, tackle box, or vehicle will remain on sale for 1/2 price: 50 cents each. Stock up now and help keep ACFA in the Public's eye.
4. One tan fishing cap with the full ACFA logo remains to be sold.
5. Do you know when this year's Big Fish Contest closes and when next year's begins??? Stay tuned.

**Big Fish Contest Standings 2002**

9/24/2002

	Blackfish	WT	Flounder	WT	Ground Mullet	WT	Redfish	WT
1	Bobby McElroy	13.79	Matt Perry	5.25	Del Delchamps	1.80	Atvin Bell	4.69
2	Del Delchamps	12.34	Rick Yeend	4.00	Bruce Howle, Jr	1.64	Kyle Mitternight	3.95
3	David Hare	12.55	Bruce Howle, Jr	3.62	Bruce Howle, Jr	1.48	Rick Yeend	3.60
4	Bruce Howle, Sr.	9.06	Matt Perry	3.30	Del Delchamps	1.30	Frank Mitternight	3.15
5	Del Delchamps	9.25	Kyle Mitternight	3.15	Eugene Pierce	1.27	Mike Thompson	3.15
	Sheepshead	WT	Speckled Trout	WT	Spanish Mackerel	WT	White Trout	WT
1	Barry Keith	10.45	Bill Patterson	8.12	Kyle Mitternight	4.58	Eugene Pierce	2.25
2	Keith Smith	10.25	Bruce Howle, Jr	7.15	Bruce Howle, Jr.	4.05	Del Delchamps	2.00
3	Bruce Howle, Sr.	10.12	Bruce Howle, Sr.	6.83	Bobby McElroy	4.03	Bill Midgette	1.77
4	Bobby McElroy	9.75	Bill Patterson	6.75			Jeff Dute	1.35
5	Mike Thompson	8.85	Rick Yeend	6.57			Ocie Wade	1.35

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PLACE	MEMBER	POINTS
1	Kyle Mitternight	43
2	Del Delchamps	41
3	Bobby McElroy	32
4	Barry Keith	26
5	David Hare	25
6	Frank Mitternight	23
7	Ricky Yeend	19
8	Matt Perry	17
9	Jeff Dute	16
10	Ocie Wade	13
11	Wayne Ladhner	12
12	Donald Garretson	10
12	Scott Lewis	10
12	Eugene Pierce	10
12	Mike Thompson	10
13	Bill Midgette	9
13	Keith Vaughn	9
14	Guy Davis	8
14	Eat Hopper	8
15	Mutt Burke	7
16	Mark Bryant	6
16	Jep Hill	6
16	Keith Smith	6
17	Bruce Howle, Jr.	5
18	John Fassbender	4
18	Brittany Howle	4
18	Ted Keifer	4
18	Butch Pierce	4
19	Alvin Bell	3
19	Pat Hughes	3
19	Bill Patterson	3
19	Cindy Yeend	3
20	Bud Barr	2
20	Bruce Howle, Sr.	2
20	Gerald Markow	2
21	Anna Davis	1
21	Kelly Fulmer	1
21	Dannie Howell	1
21	Angie Howle	1
21	Lee Minno	1
21	Dustin Moore	1
21	Howard Perry	1
21	Cliff Straughn	1

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