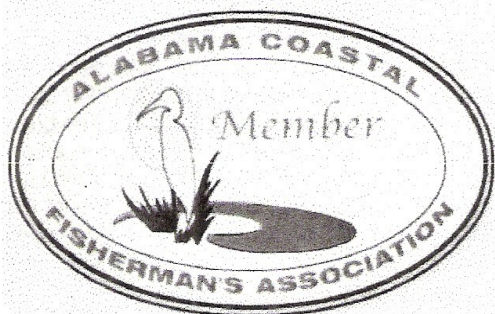


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July 2004 Newsletter

The July meeting of ACFA will be held on Thursday July 1st at the American Legion Post 88,2663 Halls Mill Road. Get there early!

Our speaker for the evening will be Mr. Vernon Humphrey from Fox's Trolling Motors. Most of our members who have trolling motors on their rigs know Vernon well, since he's the man who is always there and ready to keep us running. Some don't know about the installation of accessories and extensive boat wiring that has also become a hallmark of Fox service. We look forward to some words of wisdom and insightful information from Vernon on Thurs. night.

Presidents Message

I want to thank everyone who participated in the June tournament we had quiet a turnout. I know I missed alot of you because I got there late, I want to apologize for that (softball) got to follow behind the kids. Charlie Dowdle & crew were still there hanging tough through the bad storm that brewed up feeding anyone that came through the door. After a long day at the ballpark & anyone fishing we were glad to have a hot meal ready for the feasting. (Charlie you the man!)

On the fishing front it has been hit and miss this is where experience comes in (stay home) just kidding... For us the die hards that stay on the water and don't care if it is 100degrees or blowing 20 knots there are a few fish biting look for deep water such as the gas rigs in the bay, holes around the bridge at Dauphin Island, Middle Bay Lighthouse, and Denton Reef. Some of my best trips have been in July at Middle Bay. Use the changing of the tides to your advantage 2 hours before & after.

See you at the meeting,
 Bruce Sr.

June Tournament Wrap-up

What can you say about a very successful event? We call it the Summer Starter Tourney and member fish-fry. Great fishing weather and a large turn-out of fisherpersons and family members all contributed to another memorable club tournament. Heaps of "thanks" go to Charlie Dowdle, who precleaned loads of fish in his back yard (with help from Bruces Sr. and Jr. and Doug Smith), and who purchased and rounded up all the necessary items for our fish-fry; and to Charlie's first-rate crew of John Boudan (from post 250), Marl Cummings, Jimmy Holmes, Marc Kruse, Keith McGraw, and Bill Rawls who produces some of the best fried fish we've ever had at an event.

42 fish were presented to our weighmaster Pat Hughes for judging, and although (once again) white trout entries were scarce we were able to fill three places in each category.

Final June results are:

<u>Specs.</u>		<u>Ground Mullet</u>	
Kyle Mitternacht	6.55lb	David Hare	1.20lb
Bill Midgette	5.30lb	Bo Winter	1.15lb
Frank Mitternacht	5.25lb	Del Delchamps	.95lb
<u>White Trout</u>		<u>Flounder</u>	
Jimmy Holmes	.70lb	Kyle Mitternacht	3.10lb
Ocie Wade	.65lb	*Sonny Gause	2.70lb
David Hare	.65lb	Jimmy Quint	2.65lb

*New Member:

Third Annual ACFA July Junk Sale

Start searching through your boat, auto, storage shed/garage, tackle boxes, closets, and back porch for anything (even remotely) connected with our sport that you don't really need anymore. It's time to see what the market will bear and maybe help our club in a small way. Operating under the old saying that "somebody's trash is surely someone else's"

leasure" we afford you the opportunity to A) relieve yourself of some unwanted/unneeded items and make some money (to buy more stuff); B) obtain an item that you've wanted but couldn't afford to buy new; and C) produce a little money for our club treasury. Items for this sale can be large or small, short or tall, new or used, and don't worry about age or condition. Just price each item at whatever you can stand and we'll see if it can find a new home on Thurs. nite. Last year approx. \$600 changed hands and ACFA made slightly over \$60 on the evening.

Using the honor system we ask that each seller total up their gross sales for the evening and then deliver 10% of that total to our club treasurer Tom Duncan. Example: You sell an unwanted boat anchor for \$6.00 so you deliver \$0.60 to Tom. We don't pretend to make a lot of money from this junk sale--just enough to have some fun and help with future club projects. We do depend on the honest of you the individual member to get him that 10% (of your sales) to this treasurer

The sale begins at 6:30 or as soon as members get set up. Each member having items to sell (and we hope everyone does) should place them on the table at which you're sitting. This way members can browse the room without a jam-up and you can better tend to your sales. If possible, price each item where that amount can be easily seen by others.

Remember 1) Be sure to attend this meeting. 2) Get there early. 3) Bring something to sell. 4) Bring some spending (mad) money. And 5) Bring plenty of change and small bills.

First-Ever ACFA July Club Tournament

Due to popular demand we will have a July Tourney this year, but with a slight twist. The speckled trout category will be a team event with two-man teams entering a 5 fish creel. We've never attempted a creel event before so we'll see how this turns out. (By the way, if you don't have, or want, a partner a single angler can enter 5 fish by himself.) Plaques for first through third speckled trout creels will be awarded to both team members as will tournament points. This means not 12 but 15 plaques will be up-for-grabs. The other three tournament fish will be Redfish, Flounder, and White Trout and these species will be treated in our usual manner.

The name of this tourney is "Rodeo Warm-Up." Sat. July 3rd is the date. Weigh-in will be from 3-5pm at our usual location--behind the American Legion Post 250 on D.I.P.

Kudos To Our Members!

In the recent Yellow Jacket Tourney Kyle Mitternacht placed first in Speckled Trout and second in Flounder. Frank Mitternacht placed third in Speckled Trout. And in the last Alabama Speckled Trout Tournament Trail event Eddy Smith was part of the second place team and Bobby Abruscato was on the third place team.

Reminders

1. Be early or on time, but be sure to A) sign-in. B) wear a nametag and C) get your ticket for the door prize drawings.
2. ACFA rules, big fish weigh cards, and ACFA business cards are at the door.
3. Remember--all new members get 2ea. ACFA boat decals (free) and 1 ea. ACFA license tag. See Bekki.
4. The 2004 ACFA member roster came out at the June meeting. If you haven't gotten yours do so on Thursday night. Now 124 members!

Of Note

A. Lee Minto will present Quick Hits for July.

B. ACFA spends about \$200 every year on name tag, business cards, big fish cards, misc. copies of rules, roster, contribution material, and misc. and unforeseen supplies, etc. But in order to purchase decals, tags, logo items, and patches we must always have several extra hundreds of dollars in our bank account for advance payment as required by our suppliers.

C. No logo'd items will be sold at our July meeting! For those not present at the June meeting--our new patches have arrived and with them you can turn almost any apparel into logo'd stuff. Available again in Aug., these patches are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

A congratulations goes out to Jennifer and Kyle Mitternacht on the birth of their daughter Katie Elizabeth on 6/14.

Big Fish Contest Standings 2004

6/18/2004

	Blackfish	WT	Flounder	WT	Ground Mullet	WT	Redfish	WT
1	Del Delchamps	15.84	Mike Herring	4.94	Bruce Howle, Jr.	2.32	Kyle Mitternacht	5.75
2			Frank Mitternacht	4.50	Bruce Howle, Sr.	1.86	Mutt Burke	5.70
3			Del Delchamps	4.34	Bruce Howle, Sr.	1.60	Kelly Fulmer	5.50
4			Lori Tourne	4.10	Bruce Howle, Jr.	1.58	Jennifer Mitternacht	5.00
5			John Taylor	4.04	Del Delchamps	1.20	Jennifer Mitternacht	4.75
	Sheepshead	WT	Speckled Trout	WT	Spanish Mackerel	WT	White Trout	WT
1	Doug Smith	12.80	Rick Yeend	7.94	Bruce Howle, Jr.	2.79	Bruce Howle, Sr.	1.86
2	Brittney Howle	10.80	Bruce Howle, Sr.	7.58	Doug Smith	2.36	Rick Tourne	1.60
3	Kyle Mitternacht	10.26	Kyle Mitternacht	7.55				
4	Belinda Smith	10.05	Bruce Howle, Sr.	7.06				
5	Barry Keith	10.00	Kelly Fulmer	6.74				

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

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2004 Tournament Standings

PLACE	MEMBER	POINTS
1	Kyle Mitternight	26
2	David Hare	18
2	Doug Smith	18
3	Del Delchamps	13
4	Bill Midgette	12
5	Kelly Fulmer	10
5	Gerald Markow	10
5	Jeff Vadakin	10
6	Sonny Gause	9
6	Jimmy Holmes	9
7	Johnny Fassbender	8
7	Jim Glass	8
7	Tommy Pond	8
7	Bud Turner	8
7	Ocie Wade	8
8	Frank Dunlevy	7
8	Billy Hurd	7
8	Bobby McElroy	7
8	Frank Mitternight	7
8	John Winter	7
9	Brittney Howle	6
9	Frank Miller	6
9	Bill Patterson	6
10	Tom Duncan	5
10	Bruce Howle, Sr.	5
10	Jennifer Mitternight	5
10	Butch Pierce	5
10	Belinda Smith	5
11	Alvin Bell	4
11	Mike Herring	4
11	Barry Keith	4
11	Trisha Lowry	4
11	Jimmy Quint	4
12	Mike Coffee	3
12	Donald Garrettson	3
12	Wayne Garrettson	3
12	Jep Hill, Jr.	3
12	Thomas Murray	3
12	Beverly Pierce	3
12	Rick Tourne	3
13	Bud Barr	2
13	Charlie Dowdle	2
13	Jep Hill, Sr.	2
13	Earl Hopper	2
13	Patrick Hughes	2
13	Jim Jernigan, Jr.	2
13	John Markow	2
13	Nick Markow	2
13	George Turner	2
14	Mutt Burke	1
14	Donnie Fassbender	1
14	Sid Fern	1

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14	Donnie Howell	1
14	Angie Howle	1
14	Bruce Howle, Jr.	1
14	Jackson Hughes	1
14	Joseph Hughes	1
14	Marion Jernigan, Sr.	1
14	Wes Knight	1
14	Larry Markow	1
14	Sharon Markow	1
14	Jim Mason	1
14	Jimbo Miller	1
14	Dustin Moore	1
14	Matt Perry	1
14	Michael Pierce	1
14	Trey Pitt	1
14	Jad Pope	1
14	Darrell Raley	1
14	Joe Sirmon	1
14	BH Smith	1
14	Shaun Sullivan	1
14	Mike Thompson	1
14	Cindy Yeend	1