

February 2022 Newsletter



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February Meeting

Thursday February 3rd, 6:30 pm

Moe's Original BBQ
701 Springhill Ave.
Mobile, AL 36602

Speaker: John Calagaz
Fishing Chaos

Weather Briefing
Raffle and Door Prizes!

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Upcoming Dates

- Thur. Feb. 3 First ACFA Meeting
- Tue. Mar. 1 - Mardi Gras Day
- Mar. 3 - March 2022 Meeting

President's Message

WELCOME to 2022, the 26th year for the ACFA!

Looking forward to another great year for the club. Your Board of Directors has laid some big plans to make this our best year yet. I want to say "thank you" to all those who donate their time and talents to continue making the ACFA function as the area's finest and longest lasting inshore fishing club. We are working diligently with Fishing Chaos to upgrade our contests and tournaments so as to allow our members real-time updates and notifications about who has caught what. More on that below ...



Winter fishing patterns have finally become established, so I hope you have been able to take advantage of the trout bite in the coastal rivers. Let's keep our fingers crossed the upcoming spring isn't as 'wet' as we have endured in recent years so our tournament season can kick off when things begin to warm up next month. In the meantime, the Big Fish Contest (BFC) and Catch, Photo, Release Contest (CPR) continue.

Remember that all memberships are now due! This club offers its members a LOT for \$50. And YOU are the best ambassadors to recruit other anglers to join us! So, this year we are adding additional incentives for encouraging new angler participation. Let's get this thing cranked up!

David Thornton - ACFA President

FEBRUARY MEETING PREVIEW

Come join us on Thursday Feb. 3rd for our first meeting of the new year. We are excited to welcome John Calagaz of Fishing Chaos to explain what is in store for the ACFA to fully embrace the digital age. Change can be a challenge, especially for those "IT challenged folks" like me. But these guys are the best in the industry, and have a great track record with managing large and small scale fishing tournaments all around the country. And we are fortunate enough to have them based just down the street! Many members already use the Fishing Chaos app on our phones for various fishing tournament ticket purchases and more. Much, much more is on the way folks...

We are also quite fortunate to have Craig Hall, our VP who is working behind the scenes to eventually meld the ACFA website into Fishing Chaos. In the meantime, just continue to use the JOIN/RENEW ACFA tab on the front page of the website to sign up and pay membership dues.

End of Year Awards Banquet Review

Friday December 3rd, 2021 we celebrated the end of the 2021 season with a nice meal at Moe's BBQ. Thanks to all who brought desserts. It looked like no one went away hungry, in fact there was plenty of leftovers to share.

Besides the good eats, the evening's highlight was of course the award presentations. We handed out almost a hundred plaques and trophies, plus our grand attendance prize that was worth over \$300.

Congratulations to all our champions, especially **Raelynn Bosarge** who swept all three Junior contests to be crowned Junior Angler of the Year!

And to her dad, **Randy Bosarge** who earned Netman of the Year honors.

Also, **Riley Boltz** was our Junior New Angler of the Year.

The Adult Division Champions were:

David Thornton - Big Fish Contest

Pat Troup – Catch, Photograph, Release Contest

Sandy Tillery – Tournament Champion

Courtney Summers was the Adult New Angler of the Year,

And **Wendy Troup** won the Lady Angler of the Year.

Our Adult Co-Anglers of the Year were **Sandy Tillery** and **Wendy Troup**.

Sandy had a 1st & 3rd place, and Wendy had two 2nd places, for the tie.



Junior angler Raelynn Bosarge is hoping Santa brings another room just for her awards!



Founding Member, Romie Perez 'cooked up' the Mike Thompson Founder's Award this year!



Chatwin Summers and his Uncle Courtney Summers made a fine showing this year!

2022 Memberships Are Due!

Keep in mind that membership dues are the primary income to maintain the services our members enjoy. For \$50, it really is still a great bargain for the money, perhaps more now than ever. Over the past few years (even in the face of the pandemic driven membership decline) the ACFA has continued to expand the perks for our members by adding the Young Angler Division to our tournaments and contests, in addition to adding more species to be recognized. We can be extremely proud of what we have accomplished to fulfil our club Mission of promoting a family-oriented fishing environment while practicing good conservation principles. This expansion of services, along with the professionally prepared food at the weighins has come with a cost though. A good bit more money going out than we have been bringing in over the past couple of years has resulted in an alarming drain on our bank account which the 2022 Board of Directors voted to halt, and reverse if possible with minimal impact on the services our members and their families have come to expect.

The biggest cost saver will be to cut the trophy costs, (especially Tournament Trophy cost) which is our single largest cash outflow budgeted item. But instead of just slashing the number of plaques, we decided on a compromise by continuing to recognize first place in tournaments with plaques, but give the second and third place finishers frameable printed certificates in lieu of the more expensive plaques. This alone would potentially save the club over \$2000 through the coming year.

So, what can YOU do as a member or participant of the ACFA?

THE best thing you can do to support the club is help our membership grow. Take every chance to 'talk up' the club to anyone potentially interested, and encourage your family and friends to join. And especially encourage inactive members to renew their membership and participate. They represent a valuable asset to the ACFA with their experience and fellowship.

As incentive, we will have several drawings for \$50 gift certificates at the April meeting. Two among anyone who has at least one new or inactive member reference, and another for any member with multiple references. Let's get out there, talk to some folks and get them signed up!

2022 LOGO ITEMS

Our Logo Items co-Chairmen: Chad and Courtney Summers are hard at work getting proofs for new ACFA Logo Items. Koozies, hats and visors are coming soon, and I put in a request for stickers and ACFA car tags to complete our new member packages. They also have some 'old stock' t-shirts which we will be looking to liquidate. Let them know what you want...

2022 Adult Division Big Fish Contest

Adult BFC Standings as of: 2022-01-23

PL	PTS	BLACK DRUM	WT	PL	PTS	BLACKFISH	WT	PL	PTS	CROAKER	WT
1	10			1	10			1	10	WENDY TROUP	1.10
2	9			2	9			2	9	DAVID THORNTON	0.68
3	8			3	8			3	8		
4	7			4	7			4	7		
5	6			5	6			5	6		
6	5			6	5			6	5		
7	4			7	4			7	4		
8	3			8	3			8	3		
9	2			9	2			9	2		
10	1			10	1			10	1		
PL	PTS	FLOUNDER	WT	PL	PTS	GAFFTOPSAIL CATFISH	WT	PL	PTS	GR. MULLET/WHITING	WT
1	10			1	10			1	10	DAVID THORNTON	1.58
2	9			2	9			2	9	DAVID THORNTON	1.13
3	8			3	8			3	8		
4	7			4	7			4	7		
5	6			5	6			5	6		
6	5			6	5			6	5		
7	4			7	4			7	4		
8	3			8	3			8	3		
9	2			9	2			9	2		
10	1			10	1			10	1		
PL	PTS	POMPANO	WT	PL	PTS	REDFISH	WT	PL	PTS	SHEEPSHEAD	WT
1	10	WENDY TROUP	1.85	1	10			1	10	PAT TROUP	5.00
2	9	WENDY TROUP	1.40	2	9			2	9		
3	8			3	8			3	8		
4	7			4	7			4	7		
5	6			5	6			5	6		
6	5			6	5			6	5		
7	4			7	4			7	4		
8	3			8	3			8	3		
9	2			9	2			9	2		
10	1			10	1			10	1		
PL	PTS	SPANISH MACKEREL	WT	PL	PTS	SPECKLED TROUT	WT	PL	PTS	WHITE TROUT	WT
1	10			1	10			1	10		
2	9			2	9			2	9		
3	8			3	8			3	8		
4	7			4	7			4	7		
5	6			5	6			5	6		
6	5			6	5			6	5		
7	4			7	4			7	4		
8	3			8	3			8	3		
9	2			9	2			9	2		
10	1			10	1			10	1		

**** New Club Record * First to weigh in (N) New Member (L) Lady Angler**

2022 Adult Division Big Fish Contest

Adult BFC Points as of: 2022-01-23

PL	ANGLER NAME	TotPts	SP	BlkDr	Blkf	Croak	Floun	Gaff	Gm/Wh	Pomp	Red	Sheeps	SpMck	SpTrt	WhTrt	NovPts
1	WENDY TROUP	32	3			10				19						32
2	DAVID THORNTON	29	1			9			19							29
3	PAT TROUP	11	1									10				11
4		0														0
5		0														0
6		0														0
7		0														0
8		0														0
9		0														0
10		0														0
TOTALS		72	5	0	0	19	0	0	19	19	0	10	0	0	0	72



Cooper Garmeson is following in his dad's (Patric Garmeson) footsteps, putting the hurt on redfish and trout in Mobile Bay.

Young Jack Wilson is as proud of this redfish as granddad, Terry Wilson. Raelynn Bosarge (with her dad, Randy) was made for this!



2022 Catch, Photograph, Release Contest

Adult CPR Standings as of: 2022-01-23

PL	PTS	BLACK DRUM	LENGTH	PL	PTS	BLACKFISH	LENGTH	PL	PTS	FLOUNDER	LENGTH
1	10	MACAIAH LINDQUIST	37.50	1	10			1	10		
2	9	DAVID THORNTON	31.13	2	9			2	9		
3	8			3	8			3	8		
4	7			4	7			4	7		
5	6			5	6			5	6		
6	5			6	5			6	5		
7	4			7	4			7	4		
8	3			8	3			8	3		
9	2			9	2			9	2		
10	1			10	1			10	1		
PL	PTS	REDFISH	LENGTH	PL	PTS	SHEEPSHEAD	LENGTH	PL	PTS	SPECKLED TROUT	LENGTH
1	10	CLIFF BAILEY	39.25	1	10	WENDY TROUP	21.50	1	10		
2	9	PAT TROUP	30.75	2	9	WENDY TROUP	20.25	2	9		
3	8	PAT TROUP	24.25	3	8			3	8		
4	7			4	7			4	7		
5	6			5	6			5	6		
6	5			6	5			6	5		
7	4			7	4			7	4		
8	3			8	3			8	3		
9	2			9	2			9	2		
10	1			10	1			10	1		

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Adult CPR Points as of: 2022-01-23

PL	ANGLER NAME	PTS	SP	BLK DRUM	BLACKFISH	FLOUNDER	REDFISH	SHEEPS	SP TROUT
1	WENDY TROUP	20	1					19	
2	PAT TROUP	18	1				17		
3	CLIFF BAILEY	11	1				10		
4	MICAIAH LINDQUIST	11	1	10					
5	DAVID THORNTON	1	1	9					
6		0							
7		0							
8		0							
9		0							
9		0							
10		0							
	TOTALS	61	5	19	0	0	27	19	0

2022 ACFA CALENDAR

January						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

February						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28					

March						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

April						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Tourney Dates	
	03/19/22
	04/09/22
	05/07/22
	06/04/22
	07/09/22
	08/06/21
	09/10/22
	10/22/22

May						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

June						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

July						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

August						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Meeting Dates	
	02/03/22
	03/03/22
	04/07/22
	05/05/22
	06/02/22
	07/07/22
	08/04/22
	09/08/22
	10/06/22
	11/03/22
	12/02/22

September						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

October						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

November						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

December						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

AoM Period Dates	
	Midnight Nov 15 - 3:00 pm Mar 19
	3:01 pm Mar 19 - 3:00 pm Apr 9
	3:01 pm Apr 9 - 3:00 pm May 7
	3:01 pm May 7 - 3:00 pm Jun 4
	3:01 pm Jun 4 - 3:00 pm Jul 16
	3:01 pm Jul 16 - 3:00 pm Aug 6
	3:01 pm Aug 6 - 3:00 pm Sep 10
	3:01 pm Sep 10 - 12:00pm Nov 14

AoM Period Dates	
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Drop Dead Date	
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Tournament	
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Meeting	
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Newsletter	
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Federal, State & Local Holidays						
Jan 1	New Year's Day	May 30	Memorial Day	Nov 11	Veteran's Day	
Jan 17	Martin Luther King Day	Jul 4	Independence Day	Nov 24	Thanksgiving Day	
Feb 21	President's Day	Sep 5	Labor Day	Dec 25	Christmas Day	
Mar 1	Mardi Gras Day	Oct 10	Columbus day			

2022 ACFA SCHEDULE of EVENTS

M O N T H	"DROP DEAD" DATE EVERYTHING MUST BE TO NEWSLETTER EDITOR BY...	MAIL NEWSLETTER ONE WEEK + PRIOR TO MEETING	MONTHLY MEETING DATE: 1 st THURSDAY EACH MONTH <i>except in red</i>	TOURNAMENT DATE: SATURDAY FOLLOWING MEETING except March & October	TOURNAMENT NAME	TOURNAMENT SPECIES	P L A C E #	REMARKS
JAN								
*** NO regular MEETING - Board meeting in Jan BEFORE 1st Newsletter ***								
FEB	JAN 23	JAN 28	FEB 3	****	****	****	**	NO TOURNAMENT IN FEB
MAR	FEB 20	FEB 25	MAR 3	MAR 19	MARCH MADNESS	SPECKLED TROUT, REDFISH, SHEEPSHEAD, WHITE TROUT, GROUND MULLET/WHITING	10	WEIGH-IN AMERICAN LEGION Post 250 FOOD: CHICKEN & SAUSAGE GUMBO
APR	MAR 27	MAR 31	APR 7	APR 9	SPRING BREAKOUT	SPECKLED TROUT, REDFISH, FLOUNDER, SHEEPSHEAD, POMPANO	10	WEIGH-IN AMERICAN LEGION Post 250 FOOD: CHICKEN CACCHITORE
MAY	APR 24	APR 29	MAY 5	MAY 7	UCP - HOOKED UP TO HELP	SPECKLED TROUT, REDFISH, FLOUNDER, POMPANO, GROUND MULLET/WHITING	10	WEIGH-IN @ RALPH & KACOO'S ON THE CAUSEWAY FOOD: SHRIMP & GRITS
JUN	MAY 22	MAY 27	JUN 2	JUN 4	SUMMER STARTER	SPECKLED TROUT, REDFISH, FLOUNDER, BLACK DRUM, SPANISH MACKEREL	10	WEIGH-IN AMERICAN LEGION Post 250 FOOD: FISH FRY
JUL	JUN 26	JUN 30	JUL 7	JUL 9	RODEO WARM-UP	SPECKLED TROUT, FLOUNDER, BLACKFISH, GAFFTOP, WHITE TROUT	10	WEIGH-IN AMERICAN LEGION Post 250 FOOD: BBQ PULLED PORK
AUG	JUL 24	JUL 29	AUG 4	AUG 6	MOBILE BAY GRAND SLAM	SPECKLED TROUT, REDFISH, FLOUNDER, BLACKFISH, GAFFTOP	10	WEIGH-IN AMERICAN LEGION Post 250 FOOD: EX-PRESIDENTS' SHRIMP BOIL
SEP	AUG 28	AUG 31	SEP 8	SEPT 10	END OF SUMMER	SPECKLED TROUT, REDFISH, FLOUNDER, CROAKER, SPANISH MACKEREL	10	WEIGH-IN AMERICAN LEGION Post 250 FOOD: JAMBALAYA
OCT	SEP 25	SEP 30	OCT 6	OCT 22	MUTT BURKE & BILL MIDGETTE CAUSEWAY CLASSIC	SPECKLED TROUT, REDFISH, FLOUNDER, BLACK DRUM, CROAKER	10	WEIGH-IN @ HOOKED UP BY THE BAY ON THE CAUSEWAY FOOD: TROUT ROMIEZ
NOV	OCT 23	OCT 28	NOV 3	****	****	****	**	NO TOURNAMENT IN NOV BFC, CPR & AoM ENDS NOV 14TH
DEC	NOV 20	NOV 25	FRIDAY: DEC 2	****	****	****	108	ANNUAL ACFA AWARDS BANQUET ON 1 st FRIDAY
ALL ITEMS IN RED NEED BOARD APPROVAL PRIOR TO FINAL EDITING OF SCHEDULE								
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