

February 2021 Newsletter



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February Meeting

Thurs. February 4th, 6:30 pm

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

Featured Speaker:
Jason Smith

**FOX10 Chief Meteorologist
and Outdoorsman**

2021 ACFA Board

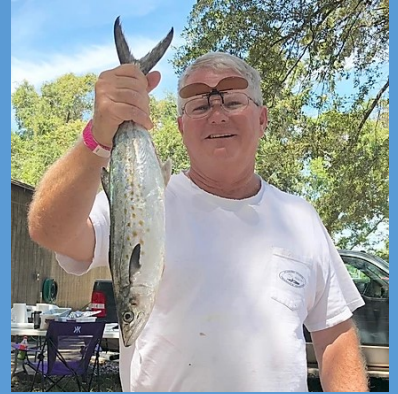
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Upcoming Dates

- February 4 - First Meeting
- March 4 - Second Meeting
- March 20 - March Madness Tournament

President's Message

Greeting ACFA members and friends. For the 24th year the Alabama Coastal Fisherman's Association will strive to fulfill its Mission Statement of being a family-oriented club where fishermen can meet new friends and share common interests. Not easy to do during an unprecedented pandemic with social-distancing restrictions. But we made it this far and hope all of you are doing well through these trying times, and still getting out to catch some fish. This year we would like to regain as much 'normalcy' as possible, returning to a full slate of meetings and tournaments featuring 5 species each, plus food at the weigh-ins. To accomplish all our goals and provide the same level of service, we need folks to step up and renew their membership, and recruit new members. Our Membership Drive runs through the end of March, and four drawings will be held at the April meeting.



Also, we are looking for someone to step into the role of Membership and Logo Items chairpersons.

To boost participation in the Big Fish Contest (BFC) and Catch, Photo, Release Contest we are adding another tier to combine with our 8 tournaments to honor an Angler of the Month (each month for Adult and Junior Anglers). The scoring will work about the same as how the Angler of the Year is determined at the end of the season. But this will be for each period standing along. Further explanation will come at the February and March meetings. Hope to see you at the meeting!

David Thornton - ACFA President



Engel Dry Box/Cooler



Frabill Bait Station

ACFA Membership

Annual membership renewal for 2021 is now open! Register online at **acfafish.com** and **pay via PayPal** (PayPal account not required to pay).

We will have 4 excellent drawings sponsored by **Tackle This Shoot That** at the April meeting this year to encourage early membership registration:

- 1 drawing for first time members
- 3 for anyone that pays via PayPal

Don't forget to register!

2020 End of Year Banquet Recap

The 2020 season ended on a high note with our annual banquet at Moe's Original BBQ downtown. As always, there were endless trays of fish, shrimp, chicken fingers and all of the fixings, and I can't imagine that anyone left with an empty stomach!



We also had the opportunity to honor winners of the annual contests including the BFC, CPR, tournament points leaders, and netmen of the year for Junior and Adult Divisions. There were plenty of plaques to go around with the modified season.

In the Adult category, our winners in the major annual competitions were **Tom Brooks** (CPR), **Randy Bosarge** (BFC), **David Jones** (Tournament Points), **Alex Beebe** (Master Angler), and **Chad Summers** (Netman of the Year). In the Junior category, our winners were **Chatwin Summers** (BFC, Tournament Points, and Master Angler), **Raelynn Bosarge** (CPR), **Micaiah Lindquist** (New Angler), and **Raylee Storer** (Junior Netwoman). Perhaps the highest honor of the night, the newly renamed **Mike Thompson** Founders Award, was awarded to **Robert Thornton** for his continued service and dedication to the club. Well done!



Left: **Chad Summers**, **Alex Beebe**, **Randy Bosarge**, and **Mr. Jones** were among the top winners for the Adult Division. Middle: ACFA president **David Thornton** accepted the **Mike Thompson** founders award on behalf of brother **Robert**. Right: **Raylee Storer**, **Shianne Diehl**, **Chatwin Summers**, **Micaiah Linquist**, and **Raelynn Bosarge** round out the Junior Division.

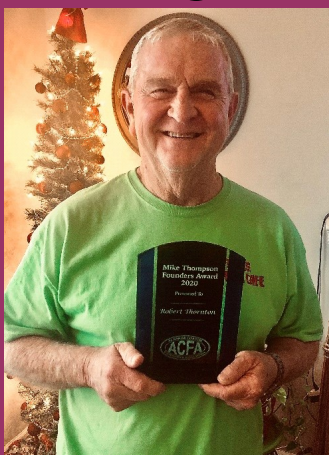
February Meeting Preview

Once again, and for the 12th year in a row, we have the opportunity to host FOX10 News Chief Meteorologist and avid outdoorsman, **Jason Smith** to kick off our 2021 meetings. Jason always gives us a great fishing report and weather outlook, so you won't want to miss it.

Also, ACFA President **David Thornton** will introduce our schedule for 2021 and discuss some of the new and upcoming changes. These changes include a new monthly competition in the works!



Message from Robert Thornton



First of all, let me apologize for not being able to attend this years ACFA Awards Banquet. I assure you I had every intention of going but I had a medical procedure on my neck that same afternoon and my doctor **STRONGLY** advised that I stay home and rest.

That being said, I would like to thank you all for bestowing this most prestigious award on me for simply doing something I felt needed doing. I definitely wasn't looking for accolades or awards. Having known **Mike Thompson** for only three years, he had become one of my closest friends in the club and was always ready to help in any way he could. When the notion of re-naming this award after Mike came up to the ACFA Board, I felt the award and what it stood for could not have represented a better member, and for that fact, a better man to be named after.

I want everyone to know, I am deeply humbled by this award. And the relationship Mike and I enjoyed, makes it all the more special to me. I hope to continue what I do for the ACFA for many years to come. And I thoroughly enjoy every minute of serving you, the members of this club. Thank you all again.

Robert Thornton - ACFA Statistician

ACFA Corporate Membership Tiers

\$100 Sponsorship – Includes 1 Membership, and Logo in the Monthly Newsletter.

\$250 Sponsorship – Includes 2 Memberships, Logo in the Monthly Newsletter, and Recognition at ACFA Monthly Meetings.

\$500 Sponsorship – Includes 3 Memberships, a 12x12 Logo on the Tournament Trailer, Logo in the Monthly Newsletter and Recognition at ACFA Monthly Meetings.

Company Name: _____

Primary Contact & Phone Number: _____

Membership Name(s): _____, _____, _____

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2021 ACFA Calendar



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Meeting Tournament

2021 Tournament Schedule

Date	Tournament Name	Species	Weigh-In	Food
Mar 20	March Madness	Speckled Trout, Redfish, Sheepshead, White Trout, Ground Mullet/Whiting	American Legion Post 250	Chicken Cacciatore
Apr 3	Spring Breakout	Speckled Trout, Redfish, Flounder, Sheepshead, Pompano	American Legion Post 250	Chicken & Sausage Gumbo
May 8	UCP - Hooked Up to Help	Speckled Trout, Redfish, Flounder, White Trout, Pompano	Ralph & Kacoo's Causeway	Cheeseburgers
Jun 5	Summer Starter	Speckled Trout, Redfish, Flounder, Black Drum, Spanish Mackerel	American Legion Post 250	Quesadillas
Jul 10	Rodeo Warm-up	Speckled Trout, Flounder, Blackfish, Gafftop, Ground Mullet/Whiting	American Legion Post 250	BBQ
Aug 7	Mobile Bay Grand Slam	Speckled Trout, Redfish, Flounder, Blackfish, Gafftop	American Legion Post 250	Shrimp Boil
Sep 4	End of Summer	Speckled Trout, Redfish, Flounder, Croaker, Spanish Mackerel	American Legion Post 250	Fish Fry
Oct 23	Mutt Burke & Bill Midgette Causeway Classic	Speckled Trout, Redfish, Flounder, Black Drum, Croaker	Causeway	Shrimp and Oysters

2021 Adult Division Big Fish Competition

Adult BFC Standings as of: 2021-01-16

PL	PTS	CROAKER	WT	PL	PTS	GR. MULLET/WHITING	WT	PL	PTS	WHITE TROUT	WT
1	10			1	10	DAVID THORNTON	1.45	1	10		
2	9			2	9	DAVID THORNTON	1.08	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	POMPANO	WT	PL	PTS	SHEEPSHEAD	WT	PL	PTS	FLOUNDER	WT
1	10	DAVID THORNTON	2.32	1	10			1	10		
2	9	DAVID THORNTON	1.67	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		
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9	2			9	2			9	2		
10	1			10	1			10	1		
PL	PTS	BLACKFISH	WT	PL	PTS	GAFFTOPSAIL CATFISH	WT	PL	PTS	SPANISH MACKEREL	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		
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8	3			8	3			8	3		
9	2			9	2			9	2		
10	1			10	1			10	1		
PL	PTS	SPECKLED TROUT	WT	PL	PTS	BLACK DRUM	WT	PL	PTS	REDFISH	WT
1	10	RANDY BOSARGE	3.72	1	10			1	10		
2	9	RANDY BOSARGE	3.38	2	9			2	9		
3	8			3	8			3	8		
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**** New Club Record * First to weigh in (N) New Member (L) Lady Angler**

2021 Junior Division Big Fish Competition

Junior BFC Standings

as of: 2021-01-16

PL	CROAKER	WT	PL	GR. MULLET/WHITING	WT	PL	WHITE TROUT	WT
1			1			1	RAELYNN BOSARGE	1.26
2			2			2	RAELYNN BOSARGE	0.96
3			3			3		
4			4			4		
5			5			5		
6			6			6		
7			7			7		
8			8			8		
9			9			9		
10			10			10		
PL	POMPANO-12" TL min	WT	PL	SHEEPSHEAD	WT	PL	FLOUNDER	WT
1			1	RAELYNN BOSARGE	5.50	1		
2			2	RAELYNN BOSARGE	2.50	2		
3			3			3		
4			4			4		
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10			10			10		
PL	BLACKFISH	WT	PL	GAFFTOPSAIL CATFISH	WT	PL	SPANISH MACKEREL	WT
1			1	KENZLEIGH BOSARGE	1.98	1		
2			2	KENZLEIGH BOSARGE	1.88	2		
3			3			3		
4			4			4		
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PL	SPECKLED TROUT	WT	PL	BLACK DRUM	WT	PL	REDFISH	WT
1	RAELYNN BOSARGE	3.88	1			1	RAELYNN BOSARGE	5.50
2	RAELYNN BOSARGE	3.30	2			2		
3			3			3		
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9			9			9		
10			10			10		

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

Big Fish Competition Standings

Adult BFC Points

as of: 2021-01-19

PL	ANGLER NAME	PTS	CROAK	GM/WH	WH TRT	POMP	SHEEPS	FLOUND	BLACK	GAFFTOP	SPMACK	SPTRT	BLK DR	REDFISH
1	DAVID THORNTON	38		19		19								
2	RANDY BOSARGE	19										19		
3		0												
4		0												
5		0												
6		0												
7		0												
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9		0												
10		0												
11		0												
TOTALS		57	0	19	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	19	0	0

Junior BFC Points

as of: 2021-01-16

PL	ANGLER NAME	PTS	CROAK	GRM/WH	WHTRT	GAFFTOP	SPMK	SHEEPS	POMP	FLDR	BLKF	REDF	BLKDR	SPTRT
1	RAELYNN BOSARGE	67			19			19				10		19
2	KENZLEIGH BOSARGE	19				19								
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14		0												
TOTALS		86	0	0	19	19	0	19	0	0	0	10	0	19

CPR and BFC Reminder!

Consider catching an entry for the 2021 BFC or CPR contests! Be sure to print off the new BFC and CPR cards online and mail, text, or email your entries to Robert Thornton (thorntonr17@yahoo.com). You will also want to review the rules regarding each contest for proper entry. If you're planning on releasing a fish for the CPR contest, be sure to have a good ruler handy and be prepared for a quick release before you hit the water!



2021 Adult Division CPR Competition

Adult CPR Standings

as of: 2021-01-27

PL	SHEEPSHEAD	LENGTH	PL	SPECKLED TROUT	LENGTH	PL	REDFISH	LENGTH
1	PAT TROUP	22.00	1	GRADY LeBLANC	25.50	1		
2	WENDY TROUP	18.75	2	MICHAEL NICHOLAS	24.25	2		
3	PAT TROUP	17.50	3	RANDY BOSARGE	20.50	3		
4	WENDY TROUP	14.50	4	RANDY BOSARGE	20.25	4		
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PL	FLOUNDER	LENGTH	PL	BLACK DRUM	LENGTH	PL	BLACKFISH	LENGTH
1			1	DAVID THORNTON	34.75	1		
2			2	WENDY TROUP	26.50	2		
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**** New Club Record * First to weigh in (N) New Member (L) Lady Angler**

Adult CPR Points

as of: 2021-01-27

PL	ANGLER NAME	PTS	SHEEPS	FLOUNDER	SP TROUT	BLK DRUM	REDFISH	BLACKFISH
1	WENDY TROUP	25	16			9		
2	PAT TROUP	18	18					
3	RANDY BOSARGE	15			15			
3	DAVID THORNTON	10				10		
4	GRADY LeBLANC	10			10			
6	MICHAEL NICHOLAS	9			9			
7		0						
8		0						
9		0						
10		0						
TOTALS		87	34	0	34	19	0	0

2021 Junior Division CPR Competition

Junior CPR Standings

as of: 2021-01-27

PL	SHEEPSHEAD	LENGTH	PL	SPECKLED TROUT	LENGTH	PL	REDFISH	LENGTH
1			1	RAEYNN BOSARGE	24.75	1	RAEYNN BOSARGE	34 3/4
2			2	KENZLEIGH BOSARGE	20.50	2		
3			3	KENZLEIGH BOSARGE	20.25	3		
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PL	FLOUNDER	LENGTH	PL	BLACK DRUM	LENGTH	PL	BLACKFISH	LENGTH
1			1	J.W. MARTIN	35.63	1		
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Junior CPR Points

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1	RAEYNN BOSARGE	20			10		10	
2	KENZLEIGH BOSARGE	17			17			
3	J.W. MARTIN	10				10		
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	TOTALS	47	0	0	27	10	10	0

ALABAMA COASTAL FISHERMAN'S ASSOCIATION

Big Fish Contest Entry Form

Catch Date: ____/____/____

Angler's Name: _____

Species: _____

Weight: _____ in.
Length (Redfish, Speckled Trout & Black Drum MUST comply with Slot Length)

Weigh-in Location: _____

Weighed by (PLEASE PRINT): _____

Signature of Weigh person: _____

**** This card must be received by ACFA Statistician (Robert Thornton) within 30 days of catch date****
 If submitting Redfish, Speckled Trout or Black Drum, include a photo to verify compliance with slot length



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Big Fish Contest

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7404 Carol Acres Ln
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Email: thorntonr17@yahoo.com
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CPR (Catch, Photograph Release) Entry Form

Catch Date: ____/____/____

Angler Name: _____

Species: _____

Length: (All Species MUST meet CPR Length Requirements): _____ in.

Did you Tag this fish? Y N Tag Number: _____

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