

April 2023 Newsletter



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April Meeting

Thursday, April 13, 6:30 pm

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

Speakers:

John Howard—Spring
Speckled Trout Fishing
Blakley Ellis-CCA Alabama
+ Raffle and Door Prizes!

Upcoming Dates

- Thur. April 13 - ACFA Meeting
- Sat. April 15 - ACFA Tourney
- Thur. May 4 - ACFA Meeting

President's Message:



Kudos to all the members who manned the ACFA booth at the Mobile Boat Show March 3rd through 5th. We need put together some ideas to update our banners and presentation for future boat shows in order to garner more interaction and interest in joining the club.

After we had to postpone our March tournament for a week, what a fine day we had March 25th. Not perfect weather, but not bad either considering we were following a frontal passage. Our anglers did a great job of scouring the fishable areas and yielded some nice specks, reds and flounder. Only one sheepshead was brought in however, as the wind and waves were a bit rough to try fishing the rigs. But overall it was an impressive showing for so early in the season.

We had a nice gathering at the American Legion Post 250 where large quantities of Chef Romie's chicken and sausage gumbo and Caesar salad were consumed. A huge "THANK YOU!" to all those who helped with the cooking preparations and cleanup. What a great group effort!

A majority of the attendees at the March meeting voted to postpone the April meeting and tournament for a week to avoid conflicts with Easter. Sorry that one slipped the attention of the Board of Directors.

We are quite excited though, about our new ACFA Tournament plaques which will be unveiled at the April 13th meeting. Nine anglers placed in 10 categories to earn honors. We hope this will return the tournament plaque presentations to the status they deserve in order to encourage even more participation in the monthly tournaments. Kudos to our new Weighmaster Kaci Stokley and Fishing Chaos guru Micaiah Lindquist for numerous assists at the weigh table to get everyone who weighed fish signed unto the ACFA Fishing Chaos apps. Change is never easy, but we all know in the long run this will be best for everyone and make all our fishing experiences easier.

Recent upstate rains have again pushed the river levels much higher than we generally like to see, but they are not as high as in the past few springs. The sheepshead bite is still going strong, and may well hang around for our April tournament on the 15th. The speckled trout should be moving into spawning mode as the moon wanes through the balance of mid-April. As we have already seen, redfish and flounder have been running nice sized and we hope to see more of that as coastal waters warm this month. Increasing numbers of pompano are showing along the Gulf beaches and some nice Spanish mackerel have been making their way westward along the coast as well. Good fishing getting better!

David Thornton - ACFA President

MARCH 2ND MEETING RECAP

We had a great turnout for our March meeting. Last month's speaker was redfish pro and club member Bernie White. Bernie gave everyone the run down on professional redfish fishing and left everyone with lots of tips to help improve their personal redfish fishing. Our quick hits last month held by Brandon Lunceford from Recreational Sales and Services on trailer maintenance. I think everyone learned at quite a bit about the what needs to be done to help keep our rigs in optimum condition and avoid being stranded on the side of the road! We also voted to move out April meeting and tournament to later in the month to avoid any conflicts with Easter weekend. All together it was a great meeting!

MARCH 25TH TOURNAMENT REVIEW

We had a great turnout for our first tournament of the year with some very nice fish weighed in despite less than ideal tournament conditions. We had a full board in all the slam species (speck, redfish, flounder) with over 30 fish weighed in. We had two new anglers holding the top of the board. **Alan Williams** with a chunky 3.26 lb speck and **George Dozier** with a solid 1.92lb flounder. The wind made getting out to the rigs for sheephead difficult, but **Colton Carlisle** managed to bring in one to take the top spot at 3.71 lbs.



There were a large number of solid upper slot redfish brought in, with Mark Jones landing the biggest that made the slot at 5.89 lbs. Though many junior anglers fished their hardest, none managed to bring any fish to the scales. The full leaderboard can be found on [here on the Fishing Chaos app](#). Remember, that leaderboard is

live, so you can see the real-time standings as soon as fish comes in no matter where you're at for all our tournaments. As far as food goes, Romie's chicken and sausage gumbo was a major hit and everyone took advantage of the nice afternoon to spend some time sitting around and talking fishing! Couldn't ask for a much better day and we hope to see you at the next one!

APRIL 13TH MEETING PREVIEW

Come join us at [Moes' BBQ](#) at 6:30 PM on Thursday, April 13th for our second meeting of 2023! This month's speaker will be local speckled trout legend and former club member John Howard. John will be sharing some of his springtime trout fishing secrets just in time before the April tournament. We will also be having Blakley Ellis from CCA Alabama coming to give us the rundown on how the hatchery program is going and plans for the Star Tournament. We will be holding a special raffle with the proceeds going to help provide a few meals for the Bosarge family as they are going through the sudden loss of their young son. They could really use our prayers and support as they navigate this difficult time.



APRIL 15TH "SPRING BREAKOUT" TOURNAMENT PREVIEW

The weigh-in for our second tournament of the year will be held at the American Legion DI Post 250 on April 15th. Our species for this month will be **Redfish, Speckled Trout, Flounder, Sheepshead, & Pompano**. A live leaderboard can be found here on [Fishing Chaos](#). The leaderboard will also be posted on the ACFA Facebook page during the weigh-in so any non-fishers can keep track of what's being weighed in real-time. Romie Perez will be cooking up some delicious chicken cacciatore. As always, any help with preparing food would be greatly appreciated. Tight lines!

2023 LOGO ITEMS: NOW ON SALE!

Our ACFA Logo Items co-Chairs Chad and Courtney Summers will have shirts, car tags (\$20), koozies (\$5-\$10), hats (\$20), stickers (\$5), and visors (\$15) available for sale at the meeting.

"New member kits" should also be available at the meetings..

Shirts need to be pre-ordered (long-sleeved dri-fit) (\$25 for regular sizes, and \$30 for plus sizes). They will be printed per your size and color preference, then picked up next meeting...

IF you need anything else, or would like to see additional items like ACFA sunglasses lanyards, keychains, etc. contact:
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CURRENT BFC AND CPR CONTEST LEADERBOARDS

[Catch-Photo-Release Leaderboard](#)

[Big Fish Contest Leaderboard](#)

LEADBOARDS ARE FILLING UP!

ACFA Big Fish Contest

Speckled Trout (15"-22")

Heaviest Slot (15"-22") Speckled Trout



1 **Alan Williams**

Speckled trout

3.26 lbs.



2 **Brad McDonald**

Speckled trout

3.03 lbs.



3 **Brad McDonald**

Speckled trout

2.93 lbs.



4 **Robert Howell**

Speckled trout

2.26 lbs.



5 **Tim Pierce**

Speckled trout

2.25 lbs.



6 **Robert Howell**

Speckled trout

2.18 lbs.



7 **Paul Clarke**

Speckled trout

2.18 lbs.



8 **Michael Mims**

Speckled trout

1.73 lbs.



9 **Alan Williams**

Speckled trout

1.67 lbs.



10 **George Dozier**

Speckled trout

1.59 lbs.



SEE FULL LEADERBOARD

Junior Speckled Trout (15"-22")

Heaviest Slot (15"-22") Speckled Trout



NO ENTRIES



SEE FULL LEADERBOARD

White Trout

Heaviest White Trout



NO ENTRIES



SEE FULL LEADERBOARD

Junior White Trout

Heaviest White Trout



NO ENTRIES



SEE FULL LEADERBOARD

Croaker

Heaviest Croaker



NO ENTRIES

Junior Croaker

Heaviest Croaker



NO ENTRIES

Redfish (16"-26")

Heaviest Slot (16"-26") Redfish



	1 Mark Jones Redfish	5.89 lbs.
	2 Perry Stokley Redfish	5.23 lbs.
	3 Alex Manry Redfish	5.12 lbs.
	4 David Jones Redfish	4.55 lbs.
	5 Quentin Miller Redfish	4.18 lbs.
	6 Blake Kennedy Redfish	4 lbs.
	7 Nathan Kennedy Redfish	3.73 lbs.
	8 Tim Pierce Redfish	2 lbs.
	9 Ron Kalifeh Redfish	1.79 lbs.
	10 Kaci Stokley Redfish	1.77 lbs.



SEE FULL LEADERBOARD

Junior Redfish (16"-26")

Longest Slot (16"-26") Redfish



NO ENTRIES



SEE FULL LEADERBOARD

Flounder

Heaviest Flounder



	1 George Dozier Flounder	1.92 lbs.
	2 Brad McDonald Flounder	1.8 lbs.
	3 Durand Bailey Flounder	1.76 lbs.
	4 Colton Carlisle Flounder	1.65 lbs.
	5 Gerald Markow Flounder	1.44 lbs.
	6 Micaiah Lindquist Flounder	1.11 lbs.



MY ENTRIES SEE FULL LEADERBOARD

Junior Flounder

Heaviest Flounder



NO ENTRIES



SEE FULL LEADERBOARD

Sheepshead

Heaviest Sheepshead



1 **Colton Carlisle**
Sheepshead

3.7 lbs.



2 **Brad McDonald**
Sheepshead

2.92 lbs.



SEE FULL LEADERBOARD

Junior Sheepshead

Heaviest Sheepshead



NO ENTRIES



SEE FULL LEADERBOARD

Spanish Mackerel

Heaviest Spanish Mackerel



NO ENTRIES



SEE FULL LEADERBOARD

Junior Spanish Mackerel

Heaviest Spanish Mackerel



NO ENTRIES



SEE FULL LEADERBOARD

Pompano

Heaviest Pompano



NO ENTRIES



SEE FULL LEADERBOARD

Junior Pompano

Heaviest Pompano



NO ENTRIES



SEE FULL LEADERBOARD

Gafftop

Heaviest Gafftopsail Catfish



1 **Shannon Ellzey**
Gafftopsail catfish

5.83 lbs.



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Junior Gafftop

Heaviest Gafftopsail Catfish



NO ENTRIES



SEE FULL LEADERBOARD

Kingfish

Heaviest Kingfish (Whiting & Ground Mullet)



1 **Alan Williams**
Ground mullet

0.56 lbs.



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Junior Kingfish

Heaviest Kingfish (Whiting & Ground Mullet)



1 **Greyson Williams**
Ground mullet

0.52 lbs.



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☰ 2023 ACFA Catch-Photo-Release Contest

Speckled Trout

Longest Speckled Trout Over 15"



	1 Gulf2Bay Scott Ellzey Speckled trout	26.25 in.
	2 Micaiah Lindquist Speckled trout	23.5 in.
	3 Brad McDonald Speckled trout	22.75 in.
	4 Micaiah Lindquist Speckled trout	19 in.
	5 Alan Williams Speckled trout	18 in.
	6 Jerry Pace Speckled trout	17.5 in.
	7 Alan Williams Speckled trout	15.5 in.

Junior Speckled Trout

Longest Speckled Over 15"



NO ENTRIES



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Redfish

Longest Redfish Over 16"



	1 Patric Garmeson Redfish	39 in.
	2 Gulf2Bay Scott Ellzey Redfish	35.75 in.
	3 Kaci Stokley Redfish	30.5 in.
	4 Perry Stokley Redfish	28.75 in.
	5 Alan Williams Redfish	27.75 in.
	6 Alan Williams Redfish	18 in.



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Junior Redfish

Longest Redfish Over 16"



	1 Brayleigh Ellzey Redfish	30.75 in.
	2 Brayleigh Ellzey Redfish	28.5 in.



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Flounder

Longest Flounder Over 14"



1 **Eric Miller**

Flounder

16.5 in.



2 **Micaiah Lindquist**



Flounder

16 in.



3 **Alan Williams**

Flounder

14 in.



MY ENTRIES

SEE FULL LEADERBOARD

Junior Flounder

Longest Flounder Over 14"



NO ENTRIES



SEE FULL LEADERBOARD

Black Drum

Longest Black Drum Over 16"



NO ENTRIES



SEE FULL LEADERBOARD

Junior Black Drum

Longest Black Drum Over 16"



NO ENTRIES



SEE FULL LEADERBOARD

Jack Crevalle

Longest Jack Crevalle Over 14" (FL)



NO ENTRIES



SEE FULL LEADERBOARD

Junior Jack Crevalle

Longest Jack Crevalle Over 14" (FL)



NO ENTRIES



SEE FULL LEADERBOARD

Sheepshead

Longest Sheepshead Over 12" (FL)



1 **Alan Williams**

Sheepshead

17.5 in.



2 **Alan Williams**

Sheepshead

16.5 in.



SEE FULL LEADERBOARD

Junior Sheepshead

Longest Sheepshead Over 12" (FL)



1 **Cooper Garmeson**

Sheepshead

17 in.



2 **Cooper Garmeson**

Sheepshead

14 in.



SEE FULL LEADERBOARD

Adult Tournament Points

2023-03-25

PL	ANGLER NAME	TotPts	SP	SpTrt (slot)	Red (slot)	Flndr	Shpshd	Kingfish	MarPts
1	BRAD McDONALD	10	2	4		4			10
1	COLTON CARLISLE	10	3			2	5		10
2	ALAN WILLIAMS (N)	7	2	5					7
2	GEORGE DOZIER (N)	7	2			5			7
3	MARK JONES	6	1		5				6
4	PERRY STOKLEY	5	1		4				5
5	TIM PIECRE	4	2	2					4
5	ROBERT HOWELL	4	1	3					4
5	ALEX MANRY	4	1		3				4
5	DURAND BAILEY (N)	4	1			3			4
6	DAVID JONES	3	1		2				3
7	PAUL CLARKE	2	1	1					2
7	QUENTIN MILLER	2	1		1				2
7	GERALD MARKOW	2	1			1			2
8	MIKE MIMS (N)	1	1						1
8	RON KALIFEH	1	1						1
8	BLAKE KENNEDY (N)	1	1						1
8	NATHAN KENNEDY	1	1						1
8	KACI STOKLEY (L)	1	1						1
8	MICAIAH LINDQUIST	1	1						1
	TOTAL PTS	76	26	15	15	15	5	0	76

Netman Points

2023-03-25

PL	ANGLER NAME	TotPts	SP	SpkTrt (slot)	Red (slot)	Flndr	Shpshd	Kngfsh	MarPts
1	BRAD McDONALD	10	2	4		4			10
2	MIKE MIMS (N)	7	2			5			7
3	ALAN WILLIAMS (N)	6	1	5					6
3	ALEX MANRY	6	1		5				6
4	KACI STOKLEY (L)	5	1		4				5
5	SHANE SCHUCHARDT	4	2	2					4
5	RON KALIFEH	4	1	3					4
5	COLTON CARLISLE	4	2			2			4
5	MARK JONES	4	1		3				4
5	CLIFF BAILEY	4	1			3			4
6	QUENTIN MILLER	3	1		2				3
7	WILLIAM KELLY	2	1	1					2
7	DAVID JONES	2	1		1				2
7	GERALD MARKOW	2	1			1			2
8	GEORGE DOZIER (N)	1	1						1
8	ROBERT HOWELL	1	1						1
8	NATHAN KENNEDY	1	1						1
8	BLAKE KENNEDY	1	1						1
8	PERRY STOKLEY	1	1						1
8	MICAIAH LINDQUIST	1	1						1
	TOTAL PTS	69	24	15	15	15	0	0	69

PHOTO TROPHY ROOM




LEADERBOARD

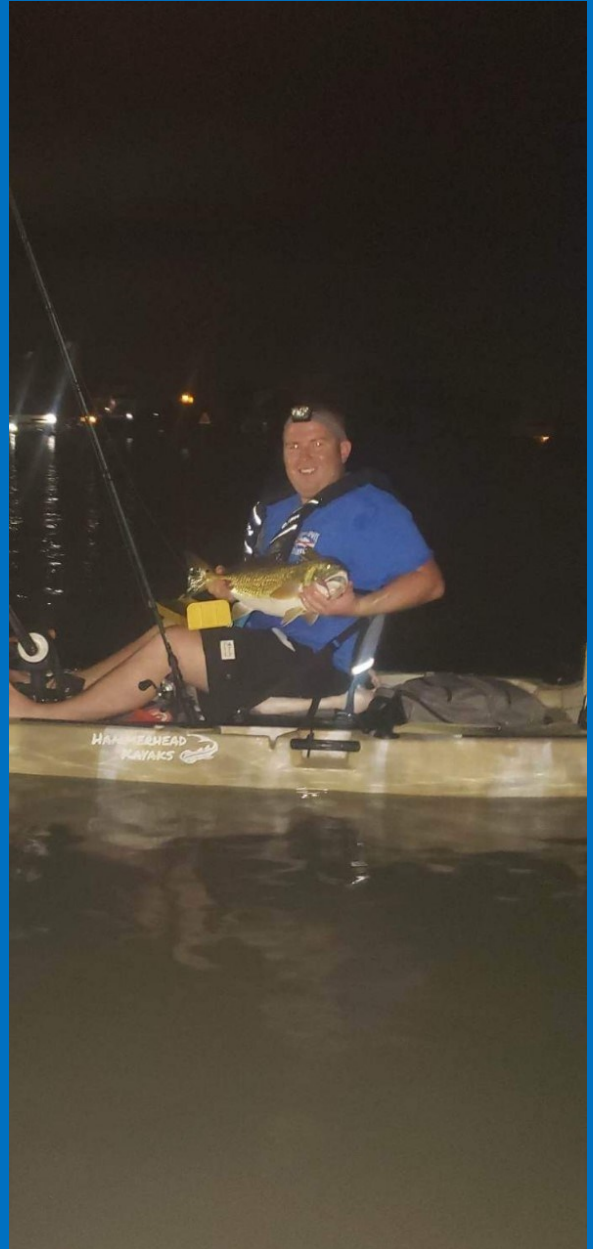
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A D U L T S	SPECKLED TROUT			REDFIS NAME	FLOUNDER	
	PL	NAME	WT		NAME	WT
1	ALAN WILLIAMS	3.26				
2						
3						
4						
5						

J U N I O R S	SPECKLED TROUT		
	PL	NAME	WT
1			
2			
3			
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A man in a light blue t-shirt is smiling and holding a speckled trout horizontally in front of him. He is standing in front of the white leaderboard sign.





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