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July June 2005 Newsletter

Next monthly meeting: Thurs. July 7th, 7pm American Legion Post 88, 2663 Halls Mill Rd.
 Speaker for the evening: Noel Nelson, local Tarpon expert. If you ever want to catch tarpon then this is the time to do it.

President's Message

I want to thank everyone that helped out with the soldiers last month. Especially, the ones that stepped up and took them fishing. Our head chef and his crew put on another great fish fry, and the attendance keeps on getting overwhelming. This is what ACFA was meant to be, just one big happy family that enjoys the same interest and making new friends.

Well July is only going to get better, I have arranged for 2 custom rods to be given away to the team that wins the (5 speck creel tourney) or 1 member that thinks he can catch 5 nice trout (more info in newsletter). We will be having hot dogs and the trimmings so stop by the weigh-in and Doug and his crew will fix you up. Doug will need volunteers.

See you at the meeting,
 Bruce Sr. AKA TOP DAWG

ACFA Record Trout Highlights Successful June Tourney

A 9.65lb. Spec caught on a surface lure by Bobby McElroy led the list of 34 trout entries on an almost perfect Sat. for fishing. Word has it that most of our guest servicemen caught some fish, and hopefully enjoyed the abundance of fried fish and all the trimmings that awaited everyone later in the afternoon at our weigh-in. Many thanks to our fish cleaners, fish cookers, and the people who brought food (Chip Cummings, Doug & Belinda Smith, Leslie & Judy Smith, Margaret & Jason Miller, Pete & Linda Burns, Nancy Thompson, Jack Tomberlin, Jerald Bolen, Marc Kruse, Charlie Dowdle, Jim Glass, and Bruce Howle Jr. Additional heartfelt thank yous to Mike Thompson and all our members who graciously stepped forward and used their rigs so that our troops could fish with us.

Following are the official results.

<u>Specs</u>		<u>Redfish</u>	
1. Bobby McElroy	9.65	1. Mike Lee	5.53
2. Jennifer Mitternight	5.40	2. Paul Smith	5.30
3. Tom Duncan	5.05	3. Dustin Moore	4.70
<u>Flounder</u>		<u>Ground Mullet</u>	
1. Chris Conken	3.90	1. David Hare	1.45
2. Trey Pitt	3.85	2. Belinda Smith	1.20*
3. Ben Hum	3.65	3. Del Delchamps	1.20

*Earliest weigh-in

ACFA July Tournament: "Rodeo Warm-Up"

Our monthly tourney will be held on Sat. July 9th. There will be the usual four designated species of fish but with a slight difference. For this tourney only, the Speckled Trout category will be a team event with two-man teams entering a 5 fish creel. (And by the way, if you don't have, or want, a partner a single angler can enter up to 5 fish by himself.) Plaques for first through third speckled trout creels will be awarded to both team members as will tournament points.

(The existing club creel record is 16.20lbs.) This means that 15 plaques will be on the line this month. The other three July tourney fish species will be Redfish, Flounder, and White Trout and these will be treated in our usual manner.

Weigh-in will be from 3-5pm at our regular location---behind the American Legion Post 250 on D.I.P. and yes, it's rumored that we'll have some eats at the weigh-in, so be ready.

And---this just in. Mr. Billy McDaniel custom rod builder for Gainesville, Fl. Has contacted ACFA offering to donate 2ea. Custom built "Billy Stix" casting rods to our club. These rods will be awarded to the 1st place team in the "spec creel" category in Saturday's tournament. Boy, if that doesn't make you want to get out and fish we don't know what it would take. Good luck to all!

Congratulations!

We've been trying to keep up with our ACFA members as they place in the various local public tournaments, but for fear of leaving a deserving individual out we must defer to a general "well done" for all of you winners. You make us all very proud and bring only good publicity to our club. Way to go!

July Junk Sale-ACFA Style

If you haven't already started to round up items (even remotely connected to our sport) that you really don't need anymore you'd better get in gear and get on with your search. It's time to see what the market will bear and at the same time maybe help your club in a small way. We all seem to upgrade toward newer lures, rods and reels, and numerous items of boating and trailering equipment. This "junk" sale affords you an opportunity to: A) Shed some of your unwanted/unneeded items and replace them with 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. Your items for this sale can be large or small, short or tall, used or new, many or few, and don't worry about age or condition. Just price each item at whatever you can stand and we'll try to find it a new home on Thurs. night. Each year between \$350 and \$550 changes hands between members and guests.

Using the ACFA honor system we ask that each seller total up their gross sales for the evening and then deliver just 10% of that total to our club treasurer Tom Duncan. Example: you sell an unwanted landing net, some grubs and lures, and 2 unneeded life jackets for \$10 so you deliver \$1 to Tom. We don't pretend to make a lot of money from this sale--just enough to have some fun, move some items, and help with future club projects. We do depend on the honesty of you the individual member to get 10% of your sales to the treasurer.

The sale begins at 6:30 or as soon as members with items for sale get set up. Each member having items to sell should place them on the table where you're sitting. This way members can browse the meeting room without a jam-up and you can better tend to your sales. If possible, price each item so the asking price can be easily seen. And it's certainly "ok" to "dicker".

Since this sale's inception there have been some seriously good buys presented by our membership and we doubt that this year will be any different. You may find just what you've been thinking about, or looking for.

We've been checking among some of our members to try to bring you a sneak preview of this year's sale and following are some of the items which should be available on Thurs. night:

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| *3-5 ea spin cast combos | *life jackets |
| *well over a dozen rods | *landing and bait nets |
| *at least a dozen reels | *gaffs |
| *deep sea combos | *6 gal gas tank |
| *approx. 15 tackle boxes | *spot light |
| *lots of grubs | *misc. boat and trailer items |
| *mirro lures and other lures | *flounder lights and gig |
| *fishing lines, leaders, weights, hooks, corks, etc. | *fishing knives and scalers |

Reminders: 1) Be sure to attend this meeting. 2) Get there early for the best selection. 3) Help yourself and your club--bring something to sell. 4) Bring some spending (mad) money. And 5) Bring plenty of change and small bills.

Reminders

1. This meeting marks the half-way point toward our big attendance prize for 2005. Please sign-in and wear a name tag.
2. ACFA now has 173 members!
3. Our big ACFA rod raffle continues until the August meeting. See Bekki at the door for your chance to win.
4. Be on the look-out while fishing. It's now time for schooling trout under the birds out in the bay!
5. Be sure to pick up your prepaid, logo'd shirt at the meeting Thurs. night. If you can't be there please get a friend to do it for you. See Donald Garrettson.
6. All other ACFA logo'd items will again be available at our August meeting.
7. Quick hits will be delivered by Doug Smith.
8. Pick up some ACFA business cards for potential members or visitors. It's a great way to advertise our club and get those emergency numbers into the hands of fellow fishermen and boaters.
9. Alabama Deep Sea Rodeo is scheduled for July 15-17th.

2005 "Membership--Thank You" Shrimp Boil

Our big shrimp boil which we hold as a thank-you to all our members for choosing ACFA is now scheduled for Sat. Aug. 6th behind Post 250 down DIP. This event will be held in conjunction with our monthly tournament weigh-in. All ACFA members are invited so mark your calendar now and get hungry.

Quiet Please----??

ACFA meetings are always great occasions and we look forward to that first Thurs. night of the month. It's always good to see your special buddies and others who share the sport of inshore fishing. Some members come to just mingle with other fisherman while others come to learn where to fish and exactly how to do it. We try to please all by running an information packed meeting featuring speakers who we all can learn from. Lately though, we've been receiving some criticism from members in the meeting room regarding the noise level during the presentations by our officers and guest speakers. With over 100 folks in the room trying to hear exactly what's going on we just can't afford to have side conversations among some members becoming a distraction to those who really are enjoying the information given out by the speaker at the rostrum.

So please, help your club, and either wait 'til the break, or the end of the meeting, or go outside if you wish to converse with another member during the program. We hate to even have to mention this, but it needs to be said for the good of ACFA. We all owe it to our fellow members and their guests. Thank you for your cooperation!

A Note Of Thanks

Due to unforeseen circumstances our scheduled June speaker was unable to appear. Capt. Paul Smith (of our club)

stepped in and very ably filled the role of main speaker for the evening. Thank you Paul, you did a great job, and much was learned from the fishing info which you presented. Please note: We will make every effort to reschedule Capt. Duddy later this year.

Let's Be Perfectly Clear On This----

ACFA fishing contests are built on a foundation of honesty and we pride ourselves on that particular point. Monthly tournaments are on-day-only contests and fish entered in them must be caught by the member on the announced tournament day! Our year long contest runs from Nov. 15 of one club year through Nov. 14 of the following year. This "Big Fish" contest consists of 8 fish species which (with the exception of redfish) can be weighed on approved scales at any time anywhere. Big Fish entry cards are filled out, signed by the "weigher", and forwarded by the member to the club statistician. (Due to the 26 inch limitation redfish can only be weighed in during a tournament since we must verify they fall into the slot.) This means that you can, of course, weigh-in any Big Fish category fish at any of our tourneys or the "Challenge," but if you weigh-in one of the 4 or 5 designated tournament species on a tourney day that fish must have been caught on that very day otherwise it must be declared as a "Big Fish" entry when you present it to our weigh master.

We hope this reminder clears up any misconceptions anyone may have about our two contests. We fish for glory only, and we ask your cooperation on the honesty part. If anyone has any questions about this facet of ACFA please see the president, and be sure to read our tourney rules.

ACFA----We catch fish----Get the net!!!

Big Fish Contest Standings 2005
6/8/2005

	Blackfish	WT	Flounder	WT	Ground Mullet	WT	Redfish	WT
1			Tom Duncan	4.02	Karen Kelly	1.85	Mutt Burke	6.25
2			Chris Conken	3.90	Bruce Howle, Jr.	1.67	John Markow, Jr. (J)	6.05
3			Gerald Markow	3.88	William Brady	1.50	Michael McDonald	5.70
4			Jerry Markow	3.86	David Hare	1.45	Donnie Fassbender	5.55
5			Trey Pitt	3.85	Jim Glass	1.25	Mike Lee	5.55
	Sheepshead	WT	Speckled Trout	WT	Spanish Mackerel	WT	White Trout	WT
1	Bill Midgette	10.40	Bobby McElroy	9.65	Henry Lee Nall, Jr.	3.76	John Fassbender	1.65
2	Doug Smith	10.20	Keith Vaughn	7.52	Jim Glass	3.10	Bruce Howle, Jr.	1.64
3	David Thornton	10.10	Phillip Guy	6.84	Glenn McDonald	2.85	Joe Sirmon	1.50
4	Bruce Howle, Sr.	9.90	Kyle Mitternight	6.67	Marc Kruse	2.75	John Fassbender	1.49
5	Kyle Mitternight	9.50	Donald Garrettson	6.64	Jad Pope	2.35	Bill Midgette	1.36

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.

2005 Tournament Standings		
Place	Name	Points
1	David Hare	18
2	Bill Brady	12
2	Jep Hill, Sr.	12
3	Chris Conken	11
3	Bobby McElroy	11
3	Bill Midgette	11
3	Doug Smith	11
3	Wayne Tubb	11
4	Tom Duncan	10
4	Jennifer Mitternacht	10
4	Trey Pitt	10
4	David Thornton	10
5	John Fassbender	9
5	Mike Lee	9
5	Jimbo Miller	9
5	Kyle Mitternacht	9
5	Lori Tourne	9
6	Bruce Howle, Sr.	8
6	Belinda Smith	8
7	Bruce Howle, Jr.	7
7	Chris Massey	7
7	Jimmie Quint	7
7	Rick Toume	7
7	Randy Wiscaver	7
8	Chris Calloway	6
8	Del Delchamps	6
8	Donnie Fassbender	6
8	David Garrettson	6
8	Phillip Guy	6
8	Kelli Hurn	6
8	Frank Mitternacht	6
8	Dewayne Overstreet	6
8	Paul Smith	6
9	Bill Patterson	5
9	John Winter	5
10	Alvin Bell	4
10	Jason Day	4
10	Donald Garrettson	4
10	Mike Herring	4
10	Jep Hill, Jr. (J)	4
10	Ben Hurn	4
10	Barry Keith	4
10	Marc Kruse	4
10	Dustin Moore	4
10	Leslie Smith	4
10	Keith Vaughn	4
10	Bubba Williams	4
11	Mutt Burke	3
11	Pete Burns	3
11	Jim Glass	3
11	Donnie Howell	3
11	Glenn McDonald	3
11	Michael McDonald	3
11	Thomas Murray	3
11	Mike Thompson	3
12	Karen Brown	2
12	Cameron Calhoun (J)	2
12	Wayne Garrettson	2
12	Billy Hurd	2
12	Theo Koulianos (J)	2
12	George Koulianos	2
12	Austin Lee (J)	2
12	John Markow, Jr. (J)	2
12	Margaret Miller	2
12	Lee Minto	2
12	Erik Nelson	2
12	Jad Pope	2
13	Bud Barr	1
13	John Burke	1
13	Linda Burns	1
13	Chip Cummings	1
13	Sonny Gause	1
13	Roger Glass	1
13	Todd Golomb	1
13	Bob Gray	1
13	Angie Howle	1
13	Cullen Jacobs	1
13	Jim Jernigan	1
13	Mike Jones	1
13	Terry Keifer	1
13	Karen Kelly	1
13	Wes Knight	1
13	Brandon Lane	1
13	Bekki Ludlam	1
13	Don Ludlam	1
13	Jeffrey Lyons (J)	1
13	Mark Lyons	1
13	Gerald Markow	1
13	Larry Markow	1
13	Jay McNamee	1
13	Frank Miller	1
13	Jason Miller	1
13	Derek Murphy	1
13	Henry Nall	1
13	Steve Parks	1
13	Howard Perry	1
13	Matt Perry	1
13	Tommy Pond	1
13	Brian Pugh	1
13	Steve Roberts	1
13	Pat Sirmon	1
13	Sean Sullivan	1
13	Nancy Thompson	1
13	John Vereen	1
13	John Westover	1
13	Bo Wilder	1
13	Josh Woolums	1