

RECORD BREAKING TOURNEY!

July Tournament Recap:

Some great early summer weather graced the ACFA July Tournament held on July 5th. Despite the holiday weekend crowds good numbers of really fine fish were caught, especially at the lower end of the bay around the gas rigs and the 'Shoals'. Just 15 minutes after the scales opened **Bruce Howle, Sr** and his daughter **Brittney Howle** weighed a 5 speckled trout creel of 18.45# tying the 2006 record set by **Todd Golomb** and **Hal Scheurich**. And only a few minutes after that **Tommy Pond** and **Billy Hurd** entered an incredible 20.55# creel that smashed the former record by over 2 pounds. Well done!! Wish we had a picture... A total of 43 anglers entered speckled trout in the tournament, our best showing by far for this year. Other fish weren't slacking either, as (even though they weren't a category this month) some really nice ground mullet (Southern Kingfish) were entered in the Big Fish Contest by **Shane Ford** and his son **Daniel Ford**. But those were eclipsed by **Bill Perry's** 2.45# record catch (below). And the fun didn't end with the fishing either. The 'hotdogs' that **Brenda** and **Steve Wilson** cooked (with helper **Marc Kruse**) were some of the extraordinary sausages we got to sample outside at the July meeting. Thanks to our cooking and cleanup folks!



New ACFA member **Bill Perry** caught this 2.45# Ground Mullet (Gulf Kingfish) to establish a new ACFA club record. He was fishing with his friend and partner **Alvin Bell** near Fort Morgan during the July ACFA Tournament. Bill's ground mullet replaces the old record of 2.32# caught by **Bruce Howle, Jr** in 2004.

July Tournament Results:

This was our best tournament so far this year for the weather, quantity of fish and overall participation!

(5) Speckled Trout Creel 25 teams total (2 Jr anglers participated) (**Trent Pitt** and **Theo Koulianos**)

1st **Tommy Pond & Billy Hurd** 20.55#**, 2nd **Bruce Sr & Brittany Howle (J)** 18.45#, 3rd **Chris Conken & Bo Winter** 16.55#

Flounder 17 total (1 Jr angler) (1st **Tye Jordan** .95#)

1st **Bo Winter** 3.90#, 2nd **George Harrison (N)** 3.20#, 3rd **Henry Nall** 2.80#

Redfish 7 total (1 Jr angler) (1st **Theo Koulianos** 3.65)

1st **Henry Nall** 6.70#, 2nd **Chris Massey** 4.75#, 3rd **Richard Suk** 4.30#

White Trout: 7 total (1 Jr angler **Tye Jordan** .70#)

1st **Lauren Rea** 1.50#, 2nd **Jim Foster** .90#, 3rd **Theo Koulianos (J)** .85#

Blackfish: 3 total (NO Jr anglers)

1st **Rick Yeend** 13.70#, 2nd **Rick Tourne'** 10.35#, 3rd **Michael McDonald** 9.90#

81 total fish entries, 5 Junior angler plaques will be awarded

(N) New Member (J) Junior Angler (L) Lady Angler (*) First to weigh in (**) NEW CLUB RECORD

And many thanks to our cooking crew, **Brenda** and **Steve Wilson** along with **Marc Kruse** (and others whom I missed with the cleanup crew). The hot dogs and sausages (with beans & fixins) were a great success, as was the 'warm-up' at the meeting. WOW! Was that ever good. We almost had to cancel the second half of the meeting so many folks were outside sampling. The members really appreciate the efforts of the cooking crew, but they appreciate at least the offer to help out. Thanks to all!