

# Alabama Coastal Fisherman's Association



## July 2009

**Next meeting:** July 2<sup>nd</sup>  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Speaker:** Lee Minto-Flounder  
**Quick Hits:** Todd Golomb  
**Mini-seminar:** No mini-seminar-  
July Junk Sale at 6 pm  
**Next tournament:** July 11<sup>th</sup>  
American Legion Post 250

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## President's Message

Another month and another great tournament, thanks to all involved. Congratulations to all the Junior anglers that participated and especially those that placed in the Adult categories. Special thanks to all the parents that make it happen. It is very rewarding to see the young faces staring at the weigh sheets, watching the next fish to come in and watching the clock in hopes that their catch will remain on the leader board. Reminder that the Roy Martin Young Anglers Tournament coincides with our July tournament (JULY 11<sup>th</sup> and NOT July 4<sup>th</sup>), so we hope to see even more JR anglers weighing fish. Special thanks to Mike Thompson and Jim Foster for starting the process for "Taking a Veteran Fishing" this fall. More details to follow if you missed the June meeting. Please remember to wear your PFD's when running and to be courteous to your fellow anglers and I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting and weigh-in.



**Patric Garmeson, and Jim Foster** find a creative way to beat the unseasonably sweltering June heat, and still catch a few fish.

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## June Meeting Recap

Capt. Joey Aburscato presented the main presentation on summertime trout tactics, and D.W. Garretson presented the Quick Hits. Prior to the main meeting, longtime club member and just about full time fisherman Bill Midgette presented the mini-seminar on fishing the Eastern Shore. If you missed it, you missed out.

## July Meeting and Junk Sale- July 2<sup>nd</sup>

In lieu of the 6 p.m. mini-seminar, we will be holding our annual July Junk Sale. The aptly named July Junk Sale is basically an ACFA flea market, where members can bring any old rods and reels, tackle, or other fishing related items they would like to part with and sell them to fellow club members. Tables will be set up for you to display your junk...erh, merchandise. In return for the service, the club asks that you give 10% of whatever you make off selling your goods to the ACFA treasury. (We'll also take anything over 10% that you feel like donating as well.) So gather up all that old tackle that has been cluttering up your garage, and bring it to the July meeting so both you, and the club, can make a few bucks off of it.

The main speaker at the meeting will be Lee "Deltaman" Minto. For those that don't know him, Lee is a Delta fishing and hunting expert with decades of knowledge. He's also a pretty darn good flounder fisherman, when he's not being distracted by a hot blue crab "bite." Flounder will be the topic of the day for the July meeting and you'll be certain to pick up a tip or two. Todd Golumb, a/k/a Fowl River Todd a/k/a Todd River, and a few other nicknames, will be presenting the Quick Hits.

## June "Summer Starter" tournament results

The weather finally cooperated with unusually cool June temperatures and light northerly winds, switching to light southerly winds, with clear skies. The great weather also resulted in a great turnout with a pile of fish brought to the scales and lots of folks at the weigh-in. As always, thanks to club chef Brenda Wilson, and her helpers this month, Mike Lee & Pete Burns for preparing the sausage dogs, trimmings and sides.

### Speckled Trout (45 entered)

1. Joey Gates 6.95
2. Hayley Hack (J) 6.20
3. Lee Minto 6.15
4. O.P. Harrison 5.25
5. George Harrison 5.00

### Ground Mullet (8 entered)

1. Daniel Ford 1.70
2. Shane Ford 1.30
3. Ed Greer 1.15
4. Lauren Rea 1.05
5. Richard Hoffman SR 0.65

### Junior Speckled Trout

1. Robert Morgan 3.20\*
2. Matthew Morgan 3.20
3. Ryan Hoffman 3.00

### Spanish Mackerel (8 entered)

1. Mike Lee 3.15\*
2. Tim Pierce 3.15
3. Austin Lee (J) 2.90
4. Dave Growden 2.85
5. Dane Tomberlin 1.85

### Redfish (11 entered)

1. Rick Tourne 6.45
2. Judy Smith (L) 5.75
3. Billy Hurd 5.35
4. Phillip Guy 3.75
5. Tracy Ainsworth 3.60

### Junior Flounder

1. Chloe Chaffin(N) 1.55
2. Chase Maxwell 1.35
3. Matthew Morgan 1.10\*
4. Robert Morgan 1.10

### Flounder (22 entered)

1. Autumn Lundy (L)(N) 3.85
2. Christian Howell (J) 2.85
3. Vince Hawkins 2.75
4. Adam Barker 2.60
5. Stephanie Alexander (L)(N) 2.55

### Junior Redfish

1. Ryan Hoffman 2.40

### Junior Ground Mullet

1. Tye Jordan 0.45



**Hayley Hack**, proudly shows off her 6.2 lb speckled trout, which **Todd Golomb** shows off a limit of school trout he and **Mike Thompson** earned second place in the June tournament.

### July “Rodeo Warmup”- July 11<sup>th</sup>

Please note rather than being the first Saturday after the July meeting, the July “Rodeo Warmup” will instead be on the following Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>. The board voted to move the tournament due to the fact that July 4<sup>th</sup> falls on Saturday this year. In addition to the fact that many club members will be spending the holiday elsewhere with their families, having the tournament on the 4<sup>th</sup> created a number of problems. First, our generous hosts at the weigh-in site at the American Legion will be having their own activities to celebrate the nation’s birthday that would conflict with our weigh-in. Second, the fireworks shows on both the western and eastern shores of Mobile Bay create boat ramp Armageddon at all the area boat ramps with every patriotic Tom, Dick, and Harry trying to launch, ski boats, party barges, waverunners, canoes, kayaks and bathtubs to go see the fireworks at about the same time our club members would be attempting to put their boats on the trailer to come to the weigh-in. Therefore, we thought it best to push back the tournament a week.

This month’s tournament will feature the following categories. 5 speckled trout creel (2 man team); redfish, flounder, white trout, and blackfish. The Roy Martin Young Anglers Tournament (f/k/a DIYAT) will be held on the same date so be sure to get your junior anglers’ catch weighed in at both tournaments. As always, Brenda Wilson and her helpers will be cooking up some tasty vittles for club members, their spouses, and children.

### Member Appreciation Shrimp Boil-August 8<sup>th</sup>

Mark your calendars, and make plans now to be at the August tournament weigh-in on August 8, 2009. Like every weigh-in, you are welcome and encouraged to stop by even if you were unable to fish, but especially for the August event. Every August we have our Member Appreciation Shrimp Boil where we boil up half a bay’s worth of shrimp, taters, corn and other goodies as a way of saying “thanks” to all our great members who make the ACFA what it is. Don’t miss it!

## ACFA'ers in other tournaments

### **Saltwater Sportsman Association Memorial Day Tournament**

Due to the “almost” tropical weather on Memorial Day weekend, the Saltwater Sportsman Association had their Memorial Day tournament the following weekend, May 30th. Club members O.P. Harrison and Trenny Woodham teamed up to win the 6 trout creel division. O.P also took first for largest individual speck, and Trenny took second place in the category.

### **IFA- Venice**

The IFA Redfish Tour had its tournament out of Venice, Louisiana on June 13, 2009. Congratulations are in order for club member Bernie White, and his dad, Steve, who took 5<sup>th</sup> place with a 16.32 lb, two fish stringer.

### **The Spectator Tournament**

New member Cullen Jacobs and club treasurer Chris Conken won the “Spectator Tournament” held at Dauphin Island Marina on June 13<sup>th</sup> with a whopping 5 speckled trout creel of 28.55 lbs. For the mathematically impaired (cough-cough) that’s a whopping 5.71 lb *average*. Congrats to Cullen and Chris.

Club members George Harrison and Trenny Woodham also took second place in the tournament.



**Cullen Jacobs, and Chris Conken** display some of their winning fish from the Spectator tournament.

## Stormin Norman Inshore Challenge

A whole bunch of ACFA anglers fished the Stormin Norman Inshore Challenge out of Fairhope on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to Cevin Cormier, Stephanie Cormier, and Randy Wiscaver for taking 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 3 fish creel flounder category. Congrats also go to Eric Nelson, Stacy Nelson, and Brian Pugh for taking 5<sup>th</sup> place in the flounder division. Although 5<sup>th</sup> place did not award a prize, the team won all of the Calcutta pot because the 1<sup>st</sup> four teams were not entered in the Calcutta division. The “Blue Bullet Brigade” of Jim Foster, Patric Garmeson and Adam Barker took home the lunger prize in the flounder division.

## WNSP Inshore Tournament

The WNSP tournament was also held on June 20<sup>th</sup> out of Dauphin Island Marina. O.P. Harrison took first place in the Cash Jackpot Speckled Trout category with a 15.66 lb, 3 fish stringer, and also won the Lunger Speckled Trout division with a 6.63 lb'er. He also took second in the Sheephead category with a 4.19 lber. Finally, Junior Member Tye Jordan took 4<sup>th</sup> place in the Junior Speckled Trout division. Congrats to the winners.

## 2009 Tournament Point Standings

**14 pts-** Adam Barker;

**12 pts-** Dane Tomberlin;

**10 pts-**Austin Lee(J), Bill Midgette, Rick Tourne;

**9 pts-**Bryann Sullivan (J); Mike Lee;

**8 pts-** Chase Maxwell(J)(N); O.P. Harrison, Vicki Foster (L);

**7 pts-**George Harrison, Marty Garmeson, Phillip Guy

**6 pts-** Autumn Lundy (L)(N), Chris Nelson(J), Daniel Ford, David Thornton, Donnie Fassbender, Frank Mitternacht, Gary Tingle, George Koulianos, Joey Gates, Richard Suk, Tim Pierce, Tom Duncan, Tommy Devery;

**5 pts-**, Billy Hurd, Christian Howell (J), Ed Greer, Hayley Hack (J), Jim Foster, John Fassbender, Judy Smith (L), Kyle Woodham (J), Les Smith, Shane Ford, Steve Laurendine, Vince Hawkins

**4 pts-** Bryan Sullivan, Dave Growder, Donnie Howell, Doug Houston, Jerry Torrans, Lee Minto, Sam Clark III, Trenny Woodham (N)

**3 pts-** Bubba Williams, David Hare, Doug Smith, Evon Fassbender (L), Lauren Rea (L), Patric Garmeson, Ted Lawson, Tracy Ainsworth (N)

**2 pts-**Alvin Bell, Donald Garretson, Doug Tierce, Mike Foster Patrick Hughes, Patsy Garmeson (L), Richard Hoffman, Richard Hoffman, Sr. (N), Stephanie Alexander (L)(N), Steve Odell, Theo Koulianos (J), Tommy Pond, Tye Jordan (J)

**1pt-**, Barry Keith, Belinda Smith(L), Bill Patterson, Bill Perry, Bob McClay, Bob Ward, Bobby Burgess, Bruce Howle, Jr., Bud Barr, Chloe Chaffin (J), Chris Conken, Dale Roberts, Dwayne Overstreet, Donna Schantz (L), Frank Parker III (J), Frank Parker Jr., George March, Greg Walker (N), Jackson Hughes (J), Jared Kelly, Jimbo Miller, Jimmie Farmer (N), Joe Sirmon, Jonathon Law, Justin Peacock, Keith Kenney, Kevin Wilson, Kyle Doster, Larry Watkins, Lindsey Hawkins (J), Luke Fleniken (N), Mary Howell (L), Matthew Morgan (J), Mike Thompson, Phillip Ward, Robert Morgan (J), Ronnie Dyson, Ryan Hoffman (J), Teena Pierce (L), Todd Golomb, Trevor Wood, Tyler Dixon, Wilder Wing (N)(J), Will Parker (J).

## 2009 Bigfish Standings

|                  | Blackfish | Wt | Flounder           | Wt   | Ground Mullet       | Wt   | Redfish           | Wt   |
|------------------|-----------|----|--------------------|------|---------------------|------|-------------------|------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  |           |    | Jamie Dixon(L)     | 5.01 | Dane Tomberlin      | 1.95 | Luke Flenikan(N)  | 6.50 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  |           |    | Autumn Lundy(L)(N) | 3.85 | Kyle Doster         | 1.92 | Rick Tourne       | 6.45 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  |           |    | Cameron Busby      | 3.13 | Kyle Doster         | 1.72 | Mike Foster       | 5.80 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>  |           |    |                    |      | Daniel Ford         | 1.70 | Judy Smith(L)     | 5.75 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>  |           |    |                    |      | Shane Ford          | 1.30 | Billy Hurd        | 5.35 |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>  |           |    |                    |      | Ed Greer            | 1.15 | Dane Tomberlin    | 5.20 |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>  |           |    |                    |      | Bryann Sullivan (J) | 1.05 | Theo Koulianos(J) | 5.10 |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  |           |    |                    |      | Lauren Rhea(L)      | 1.05 |                   |      |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  |           |    |                    |      | Donnie Fassbender*  | 1.00 |                   |      |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> |           |    |                    |      | Steve Laurendine    | 1.00 |                   |      |
|                  | Sheephead | Wt | Spanish Mackerel   | Wt   | White Trout         | Wt   | Speckled Trout    | Wt   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  |           |    | Gary Tingle        | 3.33 | O.P. Harrison       | 2.29 | Bill Midgette     | 7.71 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  |           |    | Mike Lee           | 3.15 | Bill Midgette       | 1.26 | Joey Gates        | 6.95 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  |           |    | Tim Pierce         | 3.15 | Bill Midgette       | 1.12 | Bill Midgette     | 6.85 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>  |           |    |                    |      |                     |      | O.P. Harrison     | 6.56 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>  |           |    |                    |      |                     |      | Bruce Howle, Jr.  | 6.45 |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>  |           |    |                    |      |                     |      | Trenny Woodham(N) | 6.33 |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>  |           |    |                    |      |                     |      | Hayley Hack(J)    | 6.20 |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  |           |    |                    |      |                     |      | Lee Minto         | 6.15 |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  |           |    |                    |      |                     |      | Bruce Howle Jr.   | 6.11 |
|                  |           |    |                    |      |                     |      |                   |      |

\*First to weigh in.

**CPR Speckled Trout:** 1<sup>st</sup> -Jim Foster 28.25", 2<sup>nd</sup>-Patric Garmeson-25.5", 3<sup>rd</sup>-Jim Foster-24.25"

### Reminders

\*2009 dues are due.

\*2009 Big Fish Contest is now running until Nov 14, 2009. Our Statistician MUST receive cards within 30 days of catch.

\*Fill out and send Bigfish cards to: Joe Sirmon 3831 BEBEE POINT DRIVE THEODORE, AL 36582 (605-5811)

\*Please remember, NO SMOKING in the meeting room. Thanks for helping to make a healthier family environment.

\* PLEASE be respectful of our speakers (and members who want to hear them) by refraining from any unnecessary talking or moving

about during the presentations. And we ask that you save your questions until the end of their talk.

\*Justin Peacock, Logo Items Chairman, will be selling the usual assortment of ACFA shirts, hats, fish towels, etc. at every meeting.

\* Meeting check-in-Those that attend and check in to at least 8 of our 10 regular club meetings will be eligible for our 2009 Grand

Attendance Prize Package. Be sure to see Mike Lee at the sign-in table and please wear a name tag.

\*Donations are constantly needed for our monthly door prizes and for the 2009 Grand Attendance Prize Package. Please see Alvin Bell if

you would like to contribute, or have any leads on possible donation sources.

\*Remember to suggest ACFA to your fishing friends and acquaintances. The member who sponsors the most new memberships will

automatically win a free dinner for two and receive the Membership Sponsor Award for 2009.

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