

April 5, 2008 'Spring Breakout' Tournament Recap:

Again last month the weather refused to cooperate with our anglers, but again ACFA members challenged the fish and the elements of a record deluge in the Mobile area to have another successful tournament. Anglers tried their luck from the Mobile River south to the Gulf beaches of Dauphin Island in a variety of conditions and spots with different tactics and differing results. But as is now our tradition, the club members were rewarded with a cookout (grilled hamburgers and all the fixins) at the weigh-in. Thanks to our 'guest cooks' **Brenda and Steve Wilson** and their cooking crew: **Scott Godwin, Mike Lee** and other helpers! The burgers and baked beans were GREAT! Many of the members who did not fish came to the weighin just to eat and socialize. THAT's a sign of a good club community. "Oops" on the USCG Auxiliary not being there. We have traditionally done that at the April weighin, but I found out at the meeting (from VP **D.W. Garrettson**) it will be done in June this year. Sorry folks... Anyway, the fishing was S-L-O-W as you would expect with a nearly stationary storm front and NEAP tides. The bite on the Mobile River picked up a bit and some nice trout were caught later after the weather began to improve there. It did not rain at Dauphin Island until after 8am, and then it lasted only about an hour. Not much happened early, but after the rain I managed to catch 7 'decent' trout wade fishing with live shrimp near **Blake Michaleski** and **Pat Hughes** using artificials.

April Tournament Results

Speckled Trout

1st - Rick Yeend - 4.30
2nd - Jim Foster - 4.15
3rd - David Thornton - 4.00

Flounder

1st - Mike Herring - 3.15
2nd - Jarrod Yeend (N) - 2.20*
3rd - Chris Conken - 2.20

Sheepshead

1st - Dane Tomberlin - 7.30
2nd - Henry Nall - 5.25
3rd - Dave Growden (N) - 5.00

Ground Mullet

1st - Dave Growden (N) - .85
2nd - Steve O'Dell - .70
3rd - Austin Lee (J) - .35

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