

A 'Grand Slam' of a Tournament!

An unseasonable August "cold front" treated the ACFA 'Grand Slam' Tournamenters to a few hours of pleasant temperatures before the breeze faded and the blazing August sun reminded us it was still mid summer along the Gulf Coast. Still it was a great tournament with some fantastic results, and an even better reward at the members' appreciation shrimp boil during the weighin. The brisk north wind seemed to hurt the fishers in the south end of the Bay trying the rigs and those looking for blackfish, but the Mobile River seemed to be THE place to be as it produced some really nice specks. I doubt anyone did much better that day than the team of **O.P. Harrison** and his grandson **George Harrison** who weighed in the first and third place speckled trout. Though relative 'newcomers' in the club, O.P. and George are certainly no rookies when it comes to catching big trout. That was proved on this weekend when they entered an astonishing 5 speck creel of 28.70# Saturday and a very respectable 17.92# creel on Sunday to take first place in the Conde Cavaliers Mardi Gras Fishing Rodeo Speckled Trout Jackpot and swept the top three places in speckled trout along the way. Congratulations guys. Very well done, and we are certainly glad to have you aboard the ACFA!

Rick Tourne is another persistently producing club member who not only entered the sole blackfish of our tournament, but his 13.64# tripletail took first place in that category in the Conde Rodeo too. So our congratulations and admiration go out to you all!

Again this year several members came mighty close to scoring a 'Grand Slam' in our August tournament, some even placing in two of the three GS species. But in the end no one closed the deal by placing in all three species. However, **Henry Nall** came closest by placing in redfish and flounder and weighing a speckled trout to qualify him for our first "Largest Grand Slam" Plaque. Congratulations to Henry for accomplishing a feat that seems to elude most of us more 'ordinary' anglers (including me ;-)

With the nice weather and promise of mounds of delicious boiled shrimp we had a great turnout for the tournament with at least 67 entries. But about twice that many folks showed up to partake in the boiled shrimp feast prepared by our cooking crew (below). Besides the +200# of large shrimp there were piles of corn, potatoes and cabbage (IF you haven't tried that yet you've missed a treat). And speaking of treats, the sampling of mushrooms and sausages in the mix made it worth digging through the pile ;-)

Once again our ACFA cooks have outdone themselves in providing a top notch feed for us all after a hard day of fishing...

Our 'HOT' Shrimp Boil Cooks: (L to R) **Doug Smith, Bruce Howle Sr, Marc Kruse** and **Randy Wiscaver**. Thanks guys!



August Tournament Results:

This was about our best tournament so far this year for the weather, quality of fish and overall participation at the weighin!

Speckled Trout (25 Total)

1st - **O.P. Harrison (N)** 6.65#
2nd - **Bill Graves** 6.35#
3rd - **George Harrison (N)** 5.25#
4th - **Chris Conken** - 4.90#
5th - **Vince Hawkins** - 4.70#

Flounder (16 Total)

1st - **Daniel Ford** - 3.35#
2nd - **Henry Nall** - 2.70#
3rd - **Vince Hawkins** - 2.60#
4th - **Bubba Williams** - 2.45#
5th - **Mike Lee** - 2.20#

Redfish (8 Total)

1st - **Mike Foster** 5.95#
2nd - **Tommy Pond** 4.40#
3rd - **Henry Nall** 4.00#
4th - **Bill Perry** 3.90#
5th - **Margaret Rowell (N)(L)** 3.80#

White Trout (17 Total)

1st **Jim Foster** 1.55#
2nd **Sidney Foster (N)** 1.15#
3rd **Bob Maclay** .95#

Jr Speckled Trout

1st - **Tye Jordan** 1.75#
2nd - **Carson Tierce** 1.70#
3rd - **Robert Morgan** .90#

Jr Flounder

1st - **Carson Tierce** 2.15#
2nd - **Tye Jordan** 1.70#
3rd - **Lindsey Hawkins** .95#

Jr Redfish

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Jr White Trout

1st - **Robert Morgan** .60#
1st - **Matthew Morgan** .60#
2nd - **Carson Tierce** .50#
3rd - **Jacob Guy** .40#

Blackfish: 1 total (NO Jr anglers) 1st **Rick Tourne** 13.55#

67 total fish entries, 10 Junior angler plaques will be awarded

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