

Alabama Coastal Fisherman's Association



A Family Oriented Fishing Club Since 1997

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May Meeting

Date: May 1, 2014 **Time:** 7:00 pm

Place: American Legion Post 88 2663 Halls Mill Rd

Main Speaker: Doug Houston

Mini Seminar: Donald Garretson

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Important Dates

May 3– UCP Tournament

May 10– Captain Hook Classic Tournament

May 17– Christ the King Inshore Classic

May 17– Delta Rendezvous Tournament

Be sure to tune in 105.5 for WNSP Outdoors every Thursday at Noon and FM Talk 106.5 Outdoors every Saturday morning at 7am!

President's Message:

The 3rd annual ACFA speckled trout challenge will be May 3rd. The challenge is between ACFA members 40 years old and under versus those that are over the age of 40. The over 40 group kicked butt last year and destroyed the under 40 group. I for one look forward to seeing a large turnout from both sides and may the best anglers win!

Last month I planned to provide a new member orientation during our mini seminar segment but my job prevented me from making it to the meeting in time to provide any information. Our May mini seminar will be provided by Donald Garrettson (long time member and hard bait guru) at 6:15-7:00. He will provide as much information about hard baits as he can, (some baits are too secret to discuss at this time) discussing everything from technique, line type/weight, rod and reel selection. If you like to fish hard baits or want to learn how this will be a "must attend" mini seminar.

Capt. Patric Garmeson

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MAY MEETING

Raffle Item for May Meeting

- **Hellbender Camo Breathable Wader**
\$140 Retail



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Gary Tingle, brought up in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, spent his childhood years freshwater fishing for bream and bass and remembers spending a lot of time paddling the boat for his dad while he fly fished. Gary moved to Baton Rouge, Louisiana where he completed Junior High and most of High School before moving to Mobile and graduating with the Davidson High School Class of 1970. After graduation, Gary attended the University of South Alabama for a year, focusing his studies on engineering and computer programming.

During the early 70's, Gary was a self-described "Beach Bum" in Gulf Shores but he also found time to work as a computer programmer for Van's Photo. Beginning in the 1970s Gary played semi-professional football as an Outside Linebacker for the Mobile Generals into the early 1980's.

During the 1980's Gary worked as a Programmer/Analyst for First Southern Federal, working to develop the Alert Network for account access from ATM. During this time Gary spent his free time near-shore and blue-water fishing in his boat and friend's boats that were kept at Dauphin Island Marina. His evenings were spent playing acoustic guitar and later working as a part-time Disc Jockey in many Mobile night clubs including "The Max" and "Studebaker's".

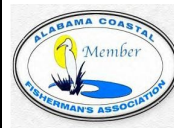
Gary worked as a Database Analyst for QMS and Computer Sciences Corp during the 1990's but suffered a stroke in 2002 and retired in 2008 due to disabilities related to the stroke. He is currently building simple websites for friends.

In 2007, Gary joined the ACFA on the recommendation of Tim Bradley and started fishing with Bobby "The Brain" McElroy shortly after joining the club. Gary credits Bobby with teaching him much of what he knows about fishing; "Bobby always out fishes me 10 to 1, but have learned more in 5 years fishing with Bobby than I could have learned in 50 years by myself". Gary is a firm believer in the ACFA as a source of learning about inshore saltwater fishing but he put it best when he said; "Between what I have learned and the friends I have made, the bottom line is, the ACFA is the best source of fishing knowledge around".

Since becoming an ACFA member Gary has served as Awards Chairman for two years and is currently serving his second year as Membership Chairman. Those of us that know Gary and have worked with him appreciate the fact that he is always willing to help with anything that may come up during the year. Due to his dedication to the club Gary received the 2013 ACFA Founders Award at the 2013 Awards Banquet.

Gary's number one tip for his fellow ACFA members is ; " Have a great fishing buddy, and whether you catch fish or not, enjoy the wonderful outdoors and the company of good friends".

MEET THE ANGLER



Gary Tingle



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May Meeting

- Doug Houston of Doug Houston Outdoors will be out main speaker for the night. Doug will be discussing near shore saltwater fishing. Be sure to come out for this one, you just might learn something about near shore fishing. Remember, Spanish Mackerel are a category on the Big Fish Board and some ACFA tournaments.
- Our mini-seminar for the night will be "Hard Bait Education" by Donald Wayne Garretson. The man is an expert on fishing with artificials so, be here early and pay attention when "Daktari" takes the stage. You are encouraged to bring the hard bait of your choice for an open discussion with Donald after his presentation. It is our suggestion to bring a high dollar lure that you bought only to find that it hasn't produced for you. We're thinking Dak might have an answer for you.
- We'll also have Jim Daniels, our Legendary Marine/Skeeter Boats representative on hand to go over some deals on new and used Skeeters that are available from Legendary Marine.

SPECKLED TROUT CHALLENGE!!!

SATURDAY MAY 3, 2014



- **SPECKLED TROUT ONLY**
- **WEIGH IN ON CAUSEWAY AT LAP'S**
- **FOOD PROVIDED BY TEAM "OLD SALTS"**

Its time for the ACFA Speckled Trout Challenge, the annual competition between the "Older" and "Younger" club members. Last year, team "Old Salts" showed up in force and crushed the "Young Guns" with a 34 to 21 victory. So, its time to see if the Old Salts can bring it again this year. Traditionally the previous years victors provide the food so the Old Salts will be providing the food at this years weigh in. We hope to see everybody there, come out and support your team!

April Meeting Recap

Our April meeting headliner was Captian Bobby Abruscato of the Skeeter Pro Staff and A-Team Fishing Adventures. Bobby discussed tactics for fishing in the wind and targeting Speckled Trout with "stick bait" type lures. Bobby is someone we can all learn something from and we look forward to having him at our meetings every year!

We had a great raffle item donated to the club by frog toggs, and an added surprise was a giant box of soft bait assortments from Zman fishing. Club member Joe Sirmon was able to get in touch with Zman and get the samples mailed to us. So, special thanks to Joe and Zman for the awesome sample packs!



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ACFA Tournament Plaques Sponsored by Skeeter Boats and Legendary Marine

ACFA "Spring Breakout" tournament April 5, 2014

<u>Flounder</u>		<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Pts.</u>	<u>NetMan</u>		<u>Junior Angler Flounder</u>	
1	Trenny Woodham	2.95	5	1	Trenny Woodham	1	
2	Henry Nall	2.15	4	2	Richard Hoffman Jr	2	
3	Michaela Cain (L)	1.90	3	3	Jonathon Byrd	3	
4	Vicki Foster (L) *	1.15	2	4	Mike Foster	4	
5	Brian Mygrant	1.15	1	5	Brian Mygrant	5	
<u>Ground Mullet</u>				<u>PI. NetMan</u>		<u>PI. Junior Angler Ground Mullet</u>	
1	Henry Nall	0.50	5	1	Henry Nall	1	
2			4	2		2	
3			3	3		3	
4			2	4		4	
5			1	5		5	
<u>Sheepshead</u>				<u>NetMan</u>		<u>Junior Angler Sheepshead</u>	
1	Tyler Vanthoff (N)	8.60	5	1	Grant Tillman (N)	1	Joe Hughes 2.25
2	Grant Tillmann (N)	8.35	4	2	Tyler Vanthoff (N)	2	
3	Vicki Foster (L)	5.85	3	3	Mike Foster	3	
4	Mike Foster	4.00	2	4	Vicki Foster (L)	4	
5	Joe Hughes (J)	2.25	1	5		5	
<u>Speckled Trout</u>				<u>NetMan</u>		<u>Junior Angler Speckled Trout</u>	
1	George Harrison	5.40	5	1	O.P. Harrison	1	Ryan Hoffman 1.70
2	Henry Nall	4.30	4	2	Richard Hoffman Jr	2	
3	Jeb Mann	4.25	3	3	Mike Nicholas	3	
4	Rick Tourne'	4.10	2	4	Rick Tourne'	4	
5	Jay O'Brien	3.00	1	5	Jay O'Brien	5	

* TIE 1st to weigh in

SPRING BREAKOUT RECAP

Muddy water, high winds and rain are enough to keep most folks from even thinking about going fishing but our ACFA die-hard anglers get out there and get the job done time after time. Despite the wind and chop there were some nice Sheepshead caught out at the rigs and a few nice Specks were caught in the Industrial Canal by a couple lucky guys that were lucky enough, or good enough to find one. The end of the day was highlighted by the food! If you've never had Kyle Eckhoff and Tom Brook's Baked Ziti you really missed out, the Ziti weigh in is fast becoming one of my favorites. The food was great guys, and we appreciate all those that helped to prepare and clean up afterwards!

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Statistics

as of : April 20, 2014

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Big Fish Contest Standing			5-Apr-14									
	Blackfish	WT		Flounder	WT		Ground Mullet/Whiting	WT		Redfish	WT	
1			1			1	David Thornton	2.12	1	Michealla Cain (L)	5.60	
2			2			2	David Thornton	1.70	2			
3			3			3			3			
4			4			4			4			
5			5			5			5			
6			6			6			6			
7			7			7			7			
8			8			8			8			
9			9			9			9			
10			10			10			10			
	Sheepshead	WT		Spanish Mackerel	WT		Speckled Trout	WT		White Trout	WT	
1	Tyler Vanthoff (N)	8.60	1			1	Jonathon Byrd	6.60	1	Trenny Woodham	2.79	
2	Grant Tillman	8.35	2			2	Bill Graves	6.20	2	Michael Nicholas	2.55	
3	Mike Vickery	6.21	3			3			3	Brian Mygrant	2.48	
4	Mike Vickery	6.04	4			4			4	Brian Mygrant	1.70	
5			5			5			5	Marty Garmeson	1.69	
6			6			6			6	John Howard	1.47	
7			7			7			7	Michael Nicholas	1.45	
8			8			8			8			
9			9			9			9			
10			10			10			10			
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Tournament Points Totals		Net Man Points Totals		PL	CPR Speckled Trout (in)	
Henry Nall	14	Trenny Woodham	11	1	Brad McDonald	27.00
Trenny Woodham	11	O.P. Harrison	10	2	Jay O'Brien	24.75
Mike Foster	9	Richard Hoffman Jr	10	3		
Rick Tourne'	9	Rick Tourne'	9	4		
Brian Mygrant	8	Vicki Foster (L)	9	5		
Jeb Mann	8	Mike Foster	8	6		
Vicki Foster (L)	8	David Thornton	6	7		
David Thornton	6	Grant Tillman	6	8		
George Harrison	6	Henry Nall	6	9		
Joe Hughes (J)	6	Pat Hughes	6	10		
Michael Nicholas	6	Grant Tillman	5			
Sam Alston (N)	6	Jonathan Byrd	5			
Tyler Vanthoff (N)	6	Michael Nicholas	5			
Grant Tillman	5	Joe Hughes (J)	4			
Michealla Cain (L)	5	Brad McDonald	3			
O.P. Harrison	5	Brian Mygrant	3			
Pat Hughes	4	David McDonald	2			
David McDonald	3	Jay O'Brien	2			
Brad McDonald	2	Kyle Eckhoff	2			
Jay O'Brien	2	Michealla Cain (L)	2			
Jonathan Byrd	2	Tom Brooks	2			
Kyle Eckhoff	2					
Tom Brooks	2					

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