



Alabama Coastal Fisherman's Association

October 2017

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****October Meeting****

Thurs., Oct. 5, 2017 6:30 pm

Moe's Original Bar B Que

701 Springhill Ave.

Mobile, AL 36602

6:30 pm = John Burke

7:00 pm = Kim "Sarge" Griffin

President's Message:

It's almost October now and hopefully we're getting some cooler weather to get our Fall off to a good start. At our October meeting, we have two exciting speakers lined up: John Burke and Kim "Sarge" Griffin. Make sure not to miss their exciting presentations. We will also be taking nominations for Board member positions. If you can help out for 2018 please consider throwing your name in the hat. The election will be held at our November meeting.

We have had a number of requests to have a tournament with a location where you can also weigh-in by boat. So for the next tournament held on Saturday, October 21st, the weigh-in will be at Café del Rio on the causeway. Remember, you must launch on the causeway for this tournament.

See you at the meeting,

John Howard

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Upcoming Dates:

- ⇒ October 9 = Columbus Day
- ⇒ October 14 = Masonic Lodge Speckled Trout Tournament at C & S Marina
- ⇒ October 21 = ACFA Tournament

October Meeting

Thursday, Oct. 5, 2017 6:30 pm

Our first speaker for the evening will be John Burke, "The Reel Man", who will be discussing maintenance of fishing reels. John will also bring us up to speed on some of the latest news in the rod & reel world.

Our second speaker will be Kim "Sarge" Griffin. He will discuss tips on catching Specks and Reds in the Theodore Industrial Canal (TIC). Sarge has been fishing the TIC for a number of years, but his techniques are transferrable to other deep water areas.

During the October meeting, we will also call for board position nominations for the 2018 year, and the vote will take place at the November meeting. Start thinking about taking a more active role in ACFA; we'd love all the help we can get! As the club is continuing to grow, we welcome new and old members alike to volunteer for board positions. If you have any questions about board positions, please don't hesitate to ask a current board member.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the October meeting. November will be the last regular meeting and December will be the banquet, before taking a break for a couple months.

October's Raffle Items will
be:

SURPRISES!!!

*Mutt Burke & Bill
Midgette Causeway Classic
Saturday, October 21, 2017*

**Speckled Trout, Redfish, Flounder,
Sheepshead**

Weigh-In: Café del Rio, on Causeway

*****You must launch your boat from the
causeway in order to weigh-in at this
tournament*****

Time: 1—3 pm

Food: Provided by Café del Rio

*There will also be a plaque awarded for the largest Speckled Trout caught on artificial bait.

LIVE fish accepted at any tournament weigh-in.

Don't forget to sign-in for participation points

2017 ACFA Calendar

Month	Meeting	Tournament
October	5	21* (Café del Rio)
November	2	no tournament
December	1	Fri. Banquet

~ ACFA RULES ~

As a reminder, all current ACFA rules are always available on the ACFA website, www.acfafish.com

Please [click here for Tournament Rules](#) and [here for Big Fish Contest Rules](#).

September 2017 Meeting Re-Cap

By David Thornton

Donated drawings were for a Daiwa BG reel and Tackle This, Shoot That gift certificate.

First order of business was the presentation of plaques from the August tournament, plus some leftovers from other tournaments. Please pick up your plaques ASAP, as they will not be kept for very long!

ACFA Statistician, Craig Hall, then clarified recent inquiries about the Big Fish Contest:

- Qualifying members (and their family members) may have up to two fish per each species category, but you may 'upgrade' those weights by entering a larger fish in the same category.
- Entries MUST be delivered to Craig within 30 days of the date of catch to be entered.
- Additionally Craig stated we will accept angler-member-submitted photographic entries from other tournament weigh-ins without a signature from their weigh-master. *Example:* a picture of the board at the ADSFR with the angler's name, species and weight. But the angler-member still has to submit that to Craig within 30 days of the date of catch in order to be entered into the ACFA Big Fish Contest.
- It is not Craig's job to scour the internet looking for your fish weights, it's YOURS!
- The full scope of Big Fish Contest rules can be found on the ACFA website, under the "Resources" tab ([Click Here](#))

Veronica Stewart (a non-member) was invited to the September meeting in hopes of securing a ride to fish for blackfish (a species she had never caught). At least two members stepped up to offer this lady her dream fishing trip, so we thank them for doing that. Hopefully we will soon hear some results! Later in the meeting, Veronica won a door prize so she may be hooked for sure now ;-)

Our first speaker, Greg Jones of Delta Shores Marina, extended his apologies to the ACFA for not being able to make the meeting, but has been invited back in the spring of 2018 to discuss proper care and maintenance of outboard motors, especially as it pertains to saltwater environments.

After the break, Captain Joey Gates (owner of No-Slack Tackle and ACFA VP) gave the near capacity audience an in-depth rundown on fishing in the lower Mobile River Delta with aid of a Google Map display on the large screen. He even highlighted areas (near Austal on the Mobile River) where boating access is restricted in varying degrees, and offered personal observations about how to avoid issues there as well as other spots across the Delta. Some great fall delta fishing may well be in store beginning in October when the weather gets "cold", so many new members may be able to take advantage of this timely briefing by the October tournament.

This club is so blessed to have such members willing to share their expertise and give tips to all present and it is much appreciated!

September 2017 "End of Summer" Tournament Recap

By David Thornton

Our weather was nice and dry for this Saturday with a major hurricane moving toward south Florida. That made things a bit breezy across the southern parts of the bay, sound and especially Gulf waters. But even that didn't deter a sizable contingent of ACFA members from scouring all across the state waters in pursuit of Speckled Trout, Redfish, Flounder, White Trout and Spanish Mackerel.

The last of those species was caught not just from different counties, but differing conditions and methods. Trey Holladay caught his three pounder in Grand Bay while Trout fishing with live bait and enduring several cut-offs. Meanwhile, I had a relatively easy time catching seven smallish Spanish Mackerel from the Gulf State Park Pier (once the sharks got full) using jigs, until the wind picked up to 20-25 knots. Never could find the larger mackerel, but a nice flounder and redfish made up for it!

In between, members had a great time catching Specks all the way north into the Mobile River, but struggled to break the four pound mark. Still, that category was highly competitive with several fish threatening, but never overtaking, Erik Nelson's 4.05 # fish. The redfish category was just as contentious, but the top two places were over 6 pounds, topped by Kevin Chalk, with a couple of oversized fish that came to the scales as well.

And speaking of scales, it was great to have Pat Hughes back as our weighmaster for this event! Shirley's on the Causeway was a great venue to watch the weigh-in, enjoy the wonderful food and friends in the nice breeze, and be out of the traffic snafu occurring on the I-10 Bayway.

The lead changed a few times in the Flounder category, with Barry Keith (Trey Holladay's partner) finishing on top with a fine flounder over three pounds. Two 1st place, 3 pound fish from the same boat! Even the White Trout category saw a tight race with only one-hundredth of a pound separating first and second and third and fourth places. It pays off to take good care when icing your fish!

In the Junior Angler division Tucker Tidmore had the only Redfish and Lucas Chalk the only Speckled Trout. Thanks to everyone who helped put things together (and take them apart) for such a fine afternoon

together. Another wonderful aspect of the greatest inshore fishing club in the region!



Food Advisor Corner

By Kyle Eckhoff

That was a great fish fry! Thanks to all the great help that showed up. The fish fryers were top quality, headed by Wayne Sanders, Ron Padgett, Bill Butler and Mike Lee. Vickie Foster made some excellent baked beans. Mike Thompson brought banana pudding and Lynda Capps made her awesome brownies. Tom and I added French fries, jalapeño poppers and cheese bites. Wayne also brought some red fish fillets that were delicious. We were blessed with lots of help setting up, cleaning up and filling the trailer. Thanks to everyone! This ends another successful year of food and fellowship for ACFA. If you want to get involved next year, please contact me. God bless.



ACFA STATISTICS

END OF SUMMER, SEPTEMBER TOURNAMENT

Pl.	Speckled Trout	WT		Net Man	Pl.	Redfish	WT	Net Man
1	Erik Nelson	4.05		Sean Gibbs	1	Kevin Chalk (N)	6.11	Lucas Chalk (J)
2	Mike Nicholas	3.70		Jeb Mann	2	Vicki Foster (L)	6.03	Mike Foster
3	Rick Tourne'	3.41		Donald Garrettson	3	Bob Ward	4.91	Bob Ward
4	Mike Foster	3.39		Vicki Foster (L)	4	Sean Gibbs	4.46	Erik Nelson
5	Donald Garrettson	3.02		Rick Tourne'	5	Bradley Pierce	4.27	Gavin Kelly (N)
Pl.	Flounder	WT		Net Man	Pl.	Spanish Mackerel	WT	Net Man
1	Barry Keith	3.13		Trey Holladay	1	Trey Holladay	3.02	Barry Keith
2	Mike Nicholas	2.62		Jeb Mann	2	David Thornton	1.18	David Thornton
3	Erik Nelson	2.36		Sean Gibbs	3			
4	David Thornton	2.23		David Thornton	4			
5	Jake Swearingen	1.95		Jake Swearingen	5			
Pl.	White Trout	WT		Net Man	Pl.	Junior Angler	WT	Species
1	James Wilson	0.71			1	Tucker Tidmore	2.58	Redfish
2	Sandy Tillery	0.70			2	Lucas Chalk	2.19	Speckled Trout
3	Michelle Nall (L)	0.58			3			
4	Tyler Dixon	0.57			4			
5					5			

BIG FISH CONTEST & CPR

Big Fish Contest

September 22, 2017

	Blackfish 7#min	WT		Flounder 2#min	WT		Ground Mullet/Whiting 0.5#min	WT		Redfish 5#min Slot only	WT		CPR 23" min	Lgth
1	Rick Tourne'	25.58	1	Lucas Chalk (J)	5.44	1	David Thornton	2.23	1	Mike Foster	7.61	1	Mike Foster	24.75
2	Lynda Capps (L)	23.00	2	Patric Garmeson	4.68	2	David Thornton	1.89	2	Bob Ward	7.44	2	John Howard	24.50
3	Victoria Tourne' (J)	22.87	3	Donald Garrettson	4.67	3	Michelle Nall (L)	1.50	3	Jay O'Brien	6.98	3	Vicki Foster (L)	24.25
4	Rick Tourne'	22.71	4	Bob Ward	4.60	4	Trey Holladay	1.05	4	Michelle Nall	6.72	4	Frank Foley	24.00
5	Michelle Nall	19.44	5	Keith Chalk	4.34	5	Bubba Williams	1.00	5	Grady LeBlanc	6.56	5	Josh Tidmore	24.00
6	Lynda Capps (L)	17.10	6	Jonathon Byrd	4.13	6	Tyler Hanks	1.00	6	Vicki Foster (L)	6.56	6	John Howard	24.00
7	Cecil Capps	16.61	7	Phillip Ward	3.76	7	Tyler Hanks	0.95	7	Vicki Foster (L)	6.51	7	Mike Nicholas	23.75
8	Michelle Nall	15.06	8	Bob Ward	3.74	8	Josh Tidmore	0.90	8	Kevin Chalk (N)	6.11	8	Josh Tidmore	23.75
9	Frank Foley	13.74	9	Michael Nicholas	3.70	9	David Hare	0.85	9	Mike Foster	6.11	9	Jeb Mann	23.25
10	Cecil Capps	11.23	10	Sheila Lee	3.55	10	Norman Lewellen	0.84	10	Michelle Nall	6.10	10	Vicki Foster (L)	23.25
	Sheepshead 5#min	WT		Spanish Mackerel 2#min	WT		Speckled Trout 4#min	WT		White Trout 0.5#m	WT		Point Leaders	Pts.
1	Sandy Tillery	9.95	1	Mark McPherson	4.94	1	Bill Graves	7.20	1	Lynda Capps (L)	2.20	1	Michelle Nall	47
2	Jay O'Brien	9.85	2	Michelle Nall	4.68	2	Brad McDonald	6.78	2	Cooper Garmeson (J)	2.05	2	Jay O'Brien	34
3	Jay O'Brien	9.55	3	Mark McPherson	4.24	3	Josh Burroughs	6.12	3	John Howard	2.01	3	John Howard	29
4	Rick Tourne'	9.28	4	Michelle Nall	4.16	4	Kim Griffin	6.10	4	John Howard	1.79	4	Vicki Foster	25
5	James Wilson	9.20	5	Norman Lewellen	3.89	5	Jay O'Brien	6.08	5	Michelle Nall (L)	1.50	5	Lynda Capps	24
6	Tyler Dixon	8.45	6	Dale Pierce	3.59	6	Michael Nicholas	6.04	6	Tim Pierce	1.27	6	Mike Foster	24
7	Vicki Foster (L)	7.30	7	Josh Tidmore	3.35	7	Victoria Tourne' (J)	5.88	7	Tyler Dixon	1.25	7	Rick Tourne'	24
8	Tom Littlepage	6.90	8	Lucas Barber (J)	3.32	8	Jay O'Brien	5.84	8	Vicki Foster (L)	1.09	8	Mark McPherson	20
9	Mike Foster	6.75	9	Trey Holladay	3.02	9	Mark McPherson	5.82	9	Caleb Gates (J)	1.06	9	Bob Ward	19
10	Austin Lee	6.75	10	Brad McDonald	3.00	10	Justin Gaut	5.82	10	Cecil Capps	1.05	10	David Thornton	19

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

ACFA TOURNAMENT POINTS

Angler	Points				
John Howard	42	Patrick Hughes	8	Gary Gabel	3
Sandy Tillery	40	Charlie Bishop	7	Kerisa Covas (L)	3
Vicki Foster (L)	38	Jake Swearingen	7	Kevin Nezat	3
Erik Nelson	37	Joey Gates	7	Loretta Dixon (L)	3
James Wilson	35	John Burke	7	Mickey Davison	3
David Thornton	31	Kevin Chalk	7	Amy Dean (L)	2
Trey Holladay	30	Lindsey Hawkins (J)	7	Bill Perry	2
Mike Foster	29	Patric Garmeson	7	Dane Tomberlin	2
Tyler Dixon	28	Robert Thornton	7	Darren Barrett	2
Barry Keith	26	Sean Gibbs	7	Gavin Tourne'	2
Michael Nicholas	25	Stephen Bishop	7	Gerald Markow	2
Michelle Nall (L)	25	Brantley Erwin (J)	6	Grady LeBlanc	2
David Hare	23	Cliff Bailey	6	Jimmy Snow	2
Lynda Capps (L)	22	Drew Allen	6	John Erwin	2
Tyler Hanks	21	Jay O'Brien	6	Josh Burroughs	2
Bob Ward	20	Rick Tourne'	6	Lori Tourne' (L)	2
Jonathan Byrd	19	Shon Pipkin	6	Lucas Chalk (J)	2
Cecil Capps	16	Victoria Tourne' (J)	6	Mike Thompson	2
David McDonald	16	Bill Butler	5	Norman Lewellen	2
Kim Griffin	16	Cody Allen	5	Orrin Morise	2
Tom Brooks	16	Daniel May	5	Summer Tidmore (L)	2
Brad McDonald	14	John C Erwin (J)	5	Tom Littlepage	2
Dale Pierce	13	Pat Troup	5	Tucker Tidmore (J)	2
Dane Swearingen	13	Ron Padgett	5	Wendy Troup (L)	2
Henry Nall	13	Ronnie Dyson	5	Westin Tidmore (J)	2
Jeb Mann	13	Ted Lawson	5	Adam Manning	1
Austin Lee	12	Terry Covas	5	Bill Graves	1
Kyle Eckhoff	12	Wayne Sanders	5	Brad Snow	1
Bubba Williams	11	Alvin Bell	4	Cadie Gaut (L)	1
Caleb Gates (J)	11	Andrew Allen	4	Cameron Busby	1
Donnie Vinson	11	Brad Pierce	4	Chad Summers	1
Kyle Mitternacht	11	Bruce Howle	4	Cheyenne Owens (L)	1
Mike Lee	11	David Skoglund	4	Clay Dean	1
Perry Stokley	11	Gavin Kelly	4	Dianne Gray	1
Tim Pierce	11	Gus Riley	4	Elizabeth Howell (L)	1
Ashley Gruich (L)	10	Jackson Hughes	4	Frank Gray	1
Noah Gates (J)	10	Josh Tidmore	4	James Harrell	1
Vince Hawkins	10	Mark McPherson	4	Jeff Pritchard	1
Richard Hoffman Jr.	9	Wells Smith (J)	4	Jennifer Hines (L)	1
Craig Hall	8	Braden Hoffman (J)	3	Jessica Owens (L)	1
David Garrettson	8	Bradley Pierce	3	Joe Sirmon	1
Justin Gaut	8	Chris Covas	3	Keith Hudson	1

***These members received 5 volunteer points towards their tournament totals for working an ACFA event for the full schedule time this year. (Awarded once per calendar year).

David McDonald
Vince Hawkins
Wayne Sanders
Ron Padgett
Bill Butler
Mike Lee
Pat Hughes
Craig Hall
Jeb Mann
Michael Nicholas
Joey Gates
John Howard
John Burke
Tom Brooks
Kyle Eckhoff

"Last chance to receive 5 point this year will be at the October weigh in. Anyone interested in earning those 5 point MUST email josh Tidmore at josh.tidmore@yahoo.com and work our ACFA weigh-in at Cafe Del Rio from 12:30 - 3pm. No exceptions."

ACFA NETMAN POINTS

Netman	Total Points		
Tyler Dixon	40	Cody Allen	3
Mike Foster	23	Justin Gaut	3
David Thornton	19	Kyle Eckhoff	3
Barry Keith	16	Michael Nicholas	3
David Hare	16	Perry Stokley	3
Trey Holladay	16	Robert Thornton	3
Jeb Mann	15	Stephen Bishop	3
Kim Griffin	15	Alvin Bell	2
Ashley Gruich	14	Brad McDonald	2
John Howard	13	Dale Pierce	2
Rick Tourne'	13	Darren Barrett	2
Sean Gibbs	13	David McDonald	2
Bob Ward	11	Gus Riley	2
Vicki Foster	11	James Wilson	2
Joey Gates	10	John Erwin	2
Sandy Tillery	10	Josh Burroughs	2
Tyler Hanks	10	Josh Tidmore	2
Henry Nall	9	Kerisa Covas	2
Lynda Capps	9	Mark McPherson	2
Cecil Capps	8	Ted Lawson	2
Richard Hoffman Jr.	8	Terry Covas	2
Eric Nelson	7	Adam Manning	1
Jake Swearingen	7	Bill Perry	1
Austin Lee	6	Cadie Gaut	1
Bubba Williams	6	Clay Dean	1
Jonathan Byrd	6	Craig Hall	1
Michelle Nall	6	Dane Tomberlin	1
Bill Graves	5	Daniel May	1
Cliff Bailey	5	David Skoglund	1
Dane Swearingen	5	Gary Gabel	1
Donnie Vinson	5	Gavin Kelly	1
Kyle Mitternacht	5	Grady LeBlanc	1
Lucas Chalk (J)	5	Kevin Chalk	1
Patric Garmeson	5	Orrin Morise	1
Tim Pierce	5	Patrick Hughes	1
Vince Hawkins	5	Paul Coletta	1
Donald Garrettson	4	Richard Hoffman	1
Jay O'Brien	4	Ronnie Dyson	1
Loretta Dixon	4	Shon Pipkin	1
Lori Tourne'	4	Summer Tidmore	1
Tom Brooks	4	Tom Littlepage	1
Charlie Bishop	3	Victoria Tourne' (J)	1
		Westin Tidmore (J)	1

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