

Alabama Coastal Fisherman's Association



October 2010
Next meeting: October 7th
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Speaker: Jeff Dute & Ben Raines from the Press Register
Quick Hits: TBA
Mini-seminar: Capt. Patric Garmeson
Next tournament: October 16th - "Mutt Burke Causeway Classic"

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President's Message

The 2010 tournament season is almost behind us and hopefully the fishing will be on fire for the last tournament. Thanks to Charlie Dowdle, Joe Sirmon and Jerome Parsons for helping with the food for the September tournament. Please remember to sign up for the Christmas Party/Awards banquet - that will be held on December 10th at the Grand Hall (same place as last year). We have a few board positions to fill, so please see me at the meeting if interested in helping the club.



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Club founder **Mike Thompson** shows off a flounder caught on a recent trip.
 (Photo courtesy Mike Thompson)

September “End of Summer”-tournament results

Speckled Trout

1. Bill Midgette	4.50
2. Trenny Woodham	3.55
3. Autumn Lundy	3.30
4. Richard Hoffman, Jr.	2.85
5. Patric Garmeson	2.85

Spanish Mackerel

1. David Thornton	3.80
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Flounder

1. Donnie Fassbender	3.40
2. Donald Garrettson	2.55
3. Henry Nall	2.45
4. Tarrant Lanier	2.35
5. Bill Perry	2.10

White Trout

1. Mike Dorgan	1.65
2. Trenny Woodham	1.45
3. Vicki Foster	0.95*
4. Richard Hoffman, Jr.	0.95
5. Richard Hoffman, Sr.	0.90

Redfish

1. Henry Nall	5.15
2. Rick Tourne	4.20
3. Alvin Bell	4.00
4. Vicki Foster	3.45
5. Bob Maclay	3.15

Junior Flounder

1. Jacob Guy(J)	2.05
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* First to weigh in

October Meeting –October 7th

This month’s meeting falls on Thursday October 7th. Club member and recently licensed Capt. Patric Garmeson will be holding the mini-seminar at 6 p.m. Patric has not nailed down his topic yet. Press Register Outdoor Editor (and former club member) Jeff Dute, and environmental reporter Ben Raines will be the featured speakers. Both are avid anglers and will discuss issues related to the oil spill. Also, be sure to talk to Club President Vince Hawkins, or any of the other board members, about serving as a club officer, if you have any interest in giving back to this fine club by volunteering your time and effort. New officer elections will be held at the November meeting.

October “Mutt Burke Causeway Classic” Tournament-October 16th

This month’s tournament will be the Mutt Burke Causeway Classic on Saturday, October 16th, with the weigh-in on the causeway at Scott’s Landing. The categories are: speckled trout, redfish, flounder, and white trout. The tournament is named in honor of late club member Mutt Burke who was a Causeway fishing legend, both for his knowledge of Causeway fishing and his generosity in sharing that knowledge. For this tournament, everyone must launch somewhere on the Causeway. The start time is also 6 am, instead of 5 am like the other tournaments. Once again, volunteers will be cooking up their own secret recipes of chili and submitting them for tasting and judgment. See Vince for more information.

Outdoor News

100/1000 Project to Restore Coastal Alabama

Local anglers finally received a bit of good news this summer with the announcement of the 100-1000 Project to Restore Coastal Alabama. This project aims to restore 100 miles of oyster reefs and 1000 acres of grassbeds in Alabama inshore waters over the next 5 years. As most of us know, healthy oysters and grassbeds are crucial to the health of our fishery. The project’s partners include: The Alabama Coastal Foundation, Mobile

Baykeeper, The Nature Conservancy, The Ocean Foundation, CCA-Alabama, and Mobile County Wildlife and Conservation Association. The organizers are looking for local knowledge on the best areas to restore grassbeds and oyster reefs where they existed in the past. Don't be shy about offering your advice. There are not many better sources of information than some of the more experienced and "weathered" anglers in this club. For more info go to www.100-1000.org, or call any of the project partner organizations.

Mobile County Wildlife and Conservation Association Tournament-October 2nd

The Mobile County Wildlife and Conservation Association will be holding its 21st Annual Fishing Tournament on Saturday, October 2nd. The weigh-in will be held at Felix's Fish Camp from 3 to 5pm. There is speckled trout lunker division, which costs \$50 per angler, and includes entry in the "lucky division." The "lucky division" anglers need only enter a legal speckled trout, flounder or redfish. There will be a drawing for the prize winner in each category. Entry is \$25 per angler. Finally, there is a youth division for anglers 12 or younger fishing with an adult entered in either division. Heaviest speckled trout, flounder and redfish 1st through 3rd place will be awarded in the youth division. Tickets can be purchased at Shirley's Bait and Tackle or Scott's Landing. More info is available at info@MCWCA.org, or 251-662-6525

Red Cross Causeway Classic-November 13th

The American Red Cross Alabama Gulf Coast Chapter and Verizon Wireless will host the "Red Cross Causeway Classic Trout, Redfish & Flounder Tournament" on November 6, 2010 at The Swamp Room at Felix's Fish Camp. All anglers, young and the young at heart, are encouraged to participate in the Red Cross Causeway Classic. Entry fee for adult anglers will be \$25 each, and youth anglers (18 and under) \$15 each. The Red Cross Causeway Classic will begin at daybreak, anglers may launch from anywhere along Mobile Bay and adjacent waters, and must weigh-in at Felix's Fish Camp from 2:00-4:00 p.m. All fish must be caught in Alabama waters. Awards, food, fun and prizes will begin at 4:15 p.m. for anglers, families and friends. Adult and Youth Anglers will be competing in the categories of 3 fish creel on speckled trout, largest speckled trout, 2 fish creel on flounder, largest flounder, largest redfish and master angler. (Redfish must be within slot limit of 16-26 inches.) Complete rules information can be found by going to the following link <http://www.redcrossalcoast.org/Default.aspx?tabid=147>.

Tickets can be purchased at American Red Cross Alabama Gulf Coast Chapter Offices or Jemisons.

All funds raised from the Red Cross Causeway Classic Trout, Redfish & Flounder Tournament will stay at the local Alabama Gulf Coast Chapter.

CCA-Western Shore Chapter -Bay Blast -Thursday, October 21st

The Western Shore Chapter of CCA-Alabama will be holding its 2nd Annual Bay Blast banquet on Thursday, October 21nd, at the Gates of Fowl River. Tickets include: dinner, beer and wine, live music from "Grits & Pieces", and a one-year membership to CCA. There will also be great raffle items, a silent auction and a live auction. Some real deals can be had in both auctions. Couples tickets are \$75, and single tickets are \$50. When you consider that the price of a CCA membership is \$25, that means your ticket is getting you dinner, drinks and live entertainment for two for \$50. Try that someplace downtown. All funds raised go to conservation geared toward recreational saltwater fishing in Alabama. See Jason Miller, Becky Ludlam, Jimmy Quint, or call the CCA office at 478-FISH for tickets.

ACFA'ers in other tournaments

Louisiana Saltwater Series-Slidell, LA Sept. 11, 2010

Club member Kyle Mitternacht and partner Capt. Paul Smith finished second in the Louisiana Saltwater Series Tournament with a 2 fish bag of 15.90 lb. They were bested by only 0.02 lbs. Bernie White and partner/dad finished third with 15.75 lbs.

2010 Tournament Point Standings

29 pts-Trenny Woodham;
28 pts- Donald Garrettson;
26 pts-George Harrison;
24 pts-Rick Tourne;
23 pts-Henry Nall;
22 pts- Tim Pierce;
21 pts- O.P. Harrison;
18 pts- Alvin Bell, Ed Greer, Theo Koulianos(J);
16 pts- John Fassbender;
15 pts- Patric Garmeson;
14 pts- Bob Ward, Danny Fassbender, David Thornton, Doug Tierce;
13 pts- Trevor Wood;
12 pts- Richard Hoffman, Jr., Vicki Foster (L);
11 pts- Bill Midgette, Bill Perry, Rudy Baugh (N);
10 pts- Bud Barr, Shawn Dixon, Teena Pierce (L);
9 pts- Mark McPherson, Noah Barker (J),
8 pts- Brad McDonald, Carson Tierce (J), Erik Nelson, Jackson Eubanks (J), Tyler Dixon;
7-pts- Barry Keith, Doug Smith, Mike Foster;
6 pts- Bill Graves, Bryan Sullivan (J), Chase Maxwell(J), Danny Finch, Dennis Craig, Jamie Dixon, Jared Kelly, Lee Eubanks, Joseph Hughes (J), Jimbo Miller, Jay O'Brien, Mike Dorgan, Mike Thompson, Phillip Ward, Steve Odell, Vince Hawkins;
5 pts- Adam Barker, Autumn Lundy (L); Chrisitan Howell (J), Daniel Ford, Donna Schantz (L), Jerome Parsons;
4 pts- George Koulianos, Greg Robinson, Frank Mitternacht; Jacob Guy (J), Richard Hoffman (Sr.);Richard Schantz(N), Shane Ford;
3 pts- Bob Maclay, Bruce Howle, (J), Jim Foster, Todd Golomb, Jackson Hughes (J), Patrick Hughes, Ryan Hoffman (J), Tarrant Lanier, Ted Lawson,
2 pts-David Hare, Donny Howell, Donny Hester, Bubba Maxwell, Jason Miller, Larry Watkins, Phillip Guy,
1 pt- Anna Kouilanos (J), Austin Lee, Bill Patterson, Bruce Howle, Chloe Chaffin (J), Doug Houston, Evan Fassbender, Gene Cooper, Jeb Mann, Jerry Torrns, Joe Sirmon, Kaleb Barker (J), Keith Henry, Keith Kenny, Kyle Woodham, Leslie Smith, Lindsey Hawkins(J), Marty Garmeson, Mike Lee, Richard Crist, Ronnie Dyson, Selene Finch, Steve Laurendine, Taylor Guy (J),

2010 Bigfish Standings

	Blackfish	Wt	Flounder	Wt	Ground Mullet	Wt	Redfish	Wt
1 st	Rick Tourne	22.27	Trenny Woodham	5.71	Marty Garmeson*	2.50	Theo Koulianos(J)	7.75
2 nd	Rick Tourne	21.81	Shawn Dixon	5.27	David Thornton	2.30	Theo Koulianos(J)	6.95
3 rd	Kristen Mitternacht(J)(L)	20.71	Alvin Bell	5.15	David Thornton	2.15	Trenni Woodham	6.85
4 th	Donald Garrettson	19.50	Theo Koulianos (J)	4.90	Marty Garmeson	2.15	Dennis Craig	6.60
5 th	Kyle Mitternacht	17.30	Bill Graves	4.86	Bill Midgette	1.58	Donald Garrettson	6.55
6 th	Ed Greer	16.21	Gerald Markow	4.66	Mike Lee	1.10	Jim Foster	6.45
7 th	M. A. Wing	14.97	Sharon Markow (L)	4.62	Shane Ford	1.07	Bob Ward	6.20
8 th	Kyle Mitternacht	14.68	Doug Tierce	4.42	Shane Ford	1.06	Henry Nall	6.05
9 th	George Harrison	13.55	Jamie Dixon	4.31	Tim Pierce	1.00	Patric Garmeson	6.00
10 th	Ed Greer	13.00	Jamie Dixon	4.27			Tyler Dixon(J)	5.65
	Sheephead	Wt	Spanish Mackerel	Wt	White Trout	Wt	Speckled Trout	Wt
1 st	Vicki Foster(L)	9.62	David Thornton	3.80	Mike Dorgan	1.65	Trenny Woodham	7.20
2 nd	Theo Koulianos(J)	9.51	Vicki Foster (L)	3.09	George Harrison	1.48	David Thornton	6.60
3 rd	Patric Garmeson	9.36	Vicki Foster (L)	3.03	Trenny Woodham	1.45	David Thornton	6.56
4 th	Kyle Mitternacht	9.24			Bill Midgette	1.45	George Harrison	6.36
5 th	Ed Greer	7.80			Ed Greer	1.30	Bill Perry	6.20
6 th	Bill Graves	7.70			Jackson Eubanks (J)	1.25	Ed Greer	6.16
7 th	Theo Koulianos(J)	7.50			Doug Tierce	1.23	Donald Garrettson	6.15
8 th	Mike Foster	7.05			George Harrison	1.22	Trenny Woodham	6.05
9 th	Vicki Foster (L)	7.03			Mike Thompson	1.20	O.P. Harrison	6.05
10 th	Will Parker (J)	6.77			Danny Fing	1.20		

*New Club Record

CPR Speckled Trout: 1st -Carson Tierce(J) 27.75", 2nd-Noah Barker 25.50", 3rd-George Harrison-25.00", 4th-Patric Garmeson-25.00" 5th -Jim Foster 24.75 6th-Adam Barker 24.25, 7th -George Harrison 23.75", 8th- Doug Tierce 23.50", 9th-Chloe Chaffin (J)-22.00"

Reminders

All monthly meetings are held at American Legion Post 88 on Halls Mill Road, at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month

2010 Big Fish Contest is now running until Nov 14, 2010. Our Statistician MUST receive cards within 30 days of catch.

Fill out and send Bigfish cards to: Adam Barker 1682 Heartland Circle Robertsedale, AL 36567(947-2579)

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

Please buy your drinks for meetings and weigh-ins from the American Legion. Outside alcohol is not allowed.

And 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.

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