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****November Meeting****

Thurs., Nov. 2, 2017 6:30 pm

Moe's Original Bar B Que
701 Springhill Ave.
Mobile, AL 36602

6:30 pm = Vernon Humphrey
7:00 pm = Captain Richard Rutland

President's Message:

Wow it's already in November. This will be our last regular meeting this year. We have two great speakers lined up, Vernon Humphreys and Captain Richard Rutland. You certainly don't want to miss these presentations.

This meeting will also feature board member elections. If you are interested in a board position, please contact John Howard. Lastly, John Erwin will be giving out details on our Christmas banquet that will be held on Friday, December 1, at Moe's Bar-B-Que downtown. We are working on live music for this year's banquet. More to come.

See you at the meeting.
John Howard

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Upcoming Dates:

- ⇒ Nov. 4 = Marsh Madness Tournament
- ⇒ Nov. 5 = Daylight Savings Time
- ⇒ Nov. 7 = Election Day
- ⇒ Nov. 11 = Dog River Clearwater Tournament

November Meeting

Thursday, Nov. 2, 2017 6:30 pm

Please join us for the last regular meeting of 2017—December’s meeting will be the end-of-the-year banquet! We have two speakers lined up for November’s meeting. The first speaker will be Mr. Vernon Humphrey, owner of Fox Trolling Motors. He will discuss all of the latest trolling motors and features that will be available for 2018. He will also talk about some of the current issues with today’s models. Then we will have Captain Richard Rutland, from Cold Blooded Fishing,. Richard will talk about fall and winter Speckled Trout fishing in the Delta.

November’s meeting will also feature elections for the 2018 ACFA Board! Even though the official call was at October’s meeting, you can still run for a board position. The vote will take place during the November meeting.

Lastly, please RSVP for the December banquet on Friday, December 1, 2017 at Moe’s Bar-B-Que downtown. All 2017 paid members, his or her spouse, and children are welcome. Guests are welcome but must pay \$20/person. We need everyone to sign-up so we do not over/under order food and to make sure we have adequate seating.

2017 ACFA Calendar

Month	Meeting	Tournament
November	2	no tournament
December	1	Fri. Banquet

November’s Raffle: Barry Scott Fundraiser

Scott's Landing on the Causeway, run by brothers Barry & Larry Scott, has been a long-time supporter and sponsor of the ACFA. Recently, "LIVE BAIT"



shrimper, Barry Scott, had part of his lower leg amputated due to loss of blood flow in that foot. He is still determined to return to shrimping as soon as his health allows. Meanwhile, a friend of Barry's started a 'Go Fund Me' account page <https://www.gofundme.com/barry-scott-lost-his-leg> with a goal to raise \$5000 to help "change Barry's life for the better".

Since then, some of his friends, acquaintances and just ordinary fishing folks like us have contributed to the fund to help accomplish that! In a show of support for Barry and his family, the ACFA will donate the proceeds of our November raffle items (four Tri-Mountain "Coca-Cola" jackets) to the fund. Each jacket will come with an additional prize donation from 'Tackle This, Shoot That' (Shimano spinning reel, gift card, etc.) making the prize packages worth between \$60-\$100 each. The ACFA will match the first \$300 raised from these raffle tickets!

If you can not make the meeting and would like to donate, you can still make a personal donation on the 'Go Fund Me' page.

ACFA Members in Other

Tournaments:

Though they didn't win overall, ACFA members Bobby Abruscatto and Bernie White (with their partners) finished 2nd and 3rd, respectively in the IFA Redfish Tour Championship for some big payouts!



October 2017 Meeting Re-Cap

By David Thornton

Over 75 members and guests attended the meeting. Plaques were distributed from the September tournament. If you did not pick up your plaque, check with Josh Tidmore.

Greg Smith spoke on behalf of The Guy T. Smith #883 Masonic Lodge Annual Speckled Trout Tournament held Saturday, October 14 at C&S Marina, off Deer River Road. No results were reported from the tournament.

Michael Nicholas spoke on behalf of the Alabama Power Company fishing tournament to be held at C&S Marina on Saturday November 4th. Contact Michael for details.

John Burke then gave an in-depth Power Point presentation on 'reel maintenance', concentrating on the care, upkeep and upgrades of popular spinning reels. He went into detail about obtaining the schematics for reels and a proper procedure for their disassembly, cleaning and reassembly. John listed some popular lubricants and protectorates to help keep our reels spinning smoothly for years to come. This was followed by a lively Q&A session, including a personal testimony and recommendation by ACFA President John Howard. John Burke 'does his daddy proud', and continues in the Burke tradition of contributing to the ACFA!



After the break, we were treated to an intimate Power Point briefing of the Theodore Industrial Canal (TIC) by Kim "Sarge" Griffin. After serving our nation in Iraq (where he was severely wounded), "Sarge" retired and took up fishing. Soon, saltwater fishing became a passion as he endeavored to learn the intricacies of successfully fishing this unique corner of the bay. Its plentiful natural bait supply along with lots of structure, sandy 'nooks & crannies' and nearby deep water access makes the TIC an ideal habitat for Speckled Trout and other inshore saltwater species, which Sarge detailed for us. Additionally, he issued a challenge of sorts for anglers to move out of their 'comfort zones' and learn new fishing spots, both in the canal and in other locales around the bay. In so many ways, Sarge exemplifies the great American spirit of our military men and women, and what they stand and fight for. We thank you for your service to our country and for sharing your experiences and fishing knowledge with us!

To end the meeting, John Howard recapped the 'volunteer 5 point' incentive for members who devote their day (and fishing time) to make our tournaments so successful. We hope this will generate more interest from our membership to step up and keep this the best local inshore fishing club!

~ 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](#).

The Big Fish Contest continues until 12:00 am November 14, 2017!

October 2017 "Causeway Classic" Tournament Recap

By David Thornton

Anglers had pretty decent mild weather for the tournament day; however, the wind picked up a bit from the east by mid-morning. Some impressive catches were still brought to the scales at the Café Del Rio from 1 til 3 pm. Several nice redfish, flounder and sheepshead were added to the Big Fish Contest, and a couple more redfish were just a little over the 'slot' limit (26").

The heaviest fish of the day was Vicki Foster's 7.85 lb sheepshead, which dwarfed Mike Foster's 6.07 lb second place fish. Mike gets the Net man points ;-)



places at or well over 5 pounds. In fact John Howard brought in two redfish over 7 pounds! And hot on his heels was Bill Graves' 6.82 lb red. These are outstanding fish that will be contestants on the Big Fish Board.

Another impressive 'catch-of-the-day' was Jake Swearingen's 4.87 lb flounder caught from the seawall across the highway from the weigh-in location. Not far behind though was Jennifer (Hines) Minto with a 4.32 lb 'fatty flattie'. You know how proud her husband Lee is about that! Dale Pierce's fine 3.68 lb flounder was the first fish weighed in, and it was on the Big Fish Board until these other two flounder muscled their way in.



John Howard asked John Burke to fish with him for this tournament (named in honor of his dad's contributions to the ACFA). So it seemed only fitting when John caught the heaviest speckled trout landed on artificial to receive that coveted plaque. Michelle Nall would have barely edged him out of first place in that category, but she and her husband Henry were fishing live shrimp. Other anglers reported 'fair' to 'good' catches of specks, but those over 20" long were scarcer than live shrimp at the bait shops after 7 am. The bite should only get better with the cooler weather forecast in the coming weeks.



Several Junior anglers brought in specks, with Caleb Gates edging out Miles Jackson for second place. But it was 5 year old Cooper Garmeson who came out with the heaviest speckled trout at 2.46 lb. He also had a 3.87 lb sheepshead to take that junior angler category as well. That's two first place plaques for Cooper! His dad, Pat, and mom, April, are very proud of him.

The food and staff at Café Del Rio were excellent and the venue is just fantastic, especially considering they were flooded (from "Nate") just two weeks before our tournament. We hope they will consider the ACFA presence as a 'win-win' for both them and us next year;-)

Well that wraps up our tournament season for 2017. Congratulations to the winners and all those who have participated in making this the biggest and most successful inshore fishing club in the region.

The Big Fish Contest continues until Tuesday November 14th. So there's still plenty of great fish to be caught in the coming weeks.

CAUSEWAY CLASSIC, OCTOBER TOURNAMENT

Pl.	Speckled Trout	WT	Net Man	Pl.	Redfish	WT	Net Man
1	Michelle Nall (L)	3.49	Henry Nall	1	John Howard	7.41	John Burke
2	John Howard (A)	3.45	John Burke	2	Bill Graves	6.82	Kyle Eckhoff
3	Vicki Foster (L)	2.75	Mike Foster	3	David Skoglund	6.31	David Skoglund
4	Barry Keith	2.65	Trey Holladay	4	Trey Holladay	5.44	Barry Keith
5	Kyle Eckhoff	2.55	Bill Graves	5	Barry Keith	4.80	Trey Holladay
Pl.	Flounder	WT	Net Man	Pl.	Sheepshead	WT	Net Man
1	Jake Swearingen (N)	4.87	Jake Swearingen (N)	1	Vicki Foster (L)	7.85	Mike Foster
2	Jennifer Hines (L)	4.32	Lee Minto	2	Mike Foster	6.07	Vicki Foster (L)
3	Dale Pierce	3.68	Tim Pierce	3	Michelle Nall (L)	3.90	Henry Nall
4	Michelle Nall (L)	3.01	Henry Nall	4	Cooper Garmeson (J)	3.87	Pat Garmeson
5	David Skoglund	2.75	David Skoglund	5			
Pl.		WT	Net Man	Pl.	Junior Angler	WT	Species
1				1	Cooper Garmeson	2.46	Speckled Trout
2				2	Caleb Gates	1.35	Speckled Trout
3				3	Mile Jackson	1.34	Speckled Trout
4				4			
5				5	Cooper Garmeson	3.97	SheepsHead

BIG FISH CONTEST & CPR

Big Fish Contest

October 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 Brad McDonald	26.00
2	Ed Greer	24.50	2 Jake Swearingen	4.87	2 David Thornton	1.89	2 Bob Ward	7.44	2 Mike Foster	24.75
3	Lynda Capps (L)	23.00	3 Patric Garmeson	4.86	3 Michelle Nall (L)	1.50	3 John Howard	7.41	3 John Howard	24.50
4	Victoria Tourne' (J)	22.87	4 Donald Garrettson	4.67	4 Trey Holladay	1.05	4 Jay O'Brien	6.98	4 Vicki Foster	24.25
5	Rick Tourne'	22.71	5 Bob Ward	4.60	5 Bubba Williams	1.00	5 Bill Graves	6.82	5 Frank Foley	24.00
6	Michelle Nall	22.54	6 Keith Chalk	4.34	6 Tyler Hanks	1.00	6 Michelle Nall	6.72	6 Josh Tidmore	24.00
7	Frank Foley	21.00	7 Jennifer Hines	4.32	7 Tyler Hanks	0.95	7 Frank Foley	6.59	7 John Howard	24.00
8	Michelle Nall	19.44	8 Jonathon Byrd	4.13	8 Josh Tidmore	0.90	8 Grady LeBlanc	6.56	8 Mike Nicholas	23.75
9	Cecil Capps	19.18	9 Bob Ward	4.10	9 David Hare	0.85	9 Vicki Foster (L)	6.56	9 Josh Tidmore	23.75
10	Lynda Capps (L)	17.10	10 Phillip Ward	3.76	10 Norman Lewellen	0.84	10 Vicki Foster (L)	6.51	10 Jeb Mann	23.25
	Sheepshead 5#min	WT	Spanish Mackerel 2#min	WT	Speckled Trout 4#min	WT	White Trout 0.5#min	WT	Point Leaders	Pts.
1	Sandy Tillery	9.95	1 Mark McPherson	4.94	1 Bill Graves	7.20	1 Lynda Capps	2.20	1 Michelle Nall	48
2	Jay O'Brien	9.85	2 Michelle Nall	4.68	2 Brad McDonald	6.78	2 Cooper Garmeson	2.05	2 John Howard	35
3	Jay O'Brien	9.55	3 Mark McPherson	4.24	3 Josh Burroughs	6.12	3 John Howard	2.01	3 Jay O'Brien	33
4	Rick Tourne'	9.28	4 Michelle Nall	4.16	4 Kim Griffin	6.10	4 John Howard	1.79	4 Rick Tourne'	23
5	James Wilson	9.20	5 Norman Lewellen	3.89	5 Jay O'Brien	6.08	5 Michelle Nall	1.50	5 Brad McDonald	20
6	Tyler Dixon	8.45	6 Dale Pierce	3.59	6 Michael Nicholas	6.04	6 Michelle Nall	1.36	6 Mark McPherson	20
7	Vicki Foster	7.85	7 Josh Tidmore	3.35	7 Victoria Tourne' (J)	5.88	7 Tim Pierce	1.27	7 Mike Foster	20
8	Vicki Foster	7.30	8 Lucas Barber (J)	3.32	8 Jay O'Brien	5.84	8 Tyler Dixon	1.25	8 David Thornton	19
9	Tom Littlepage	6.90	9 Trey Holladay	3.02	9 Mark McPherson	5.82	9 Vicki Foster	1.09	9 Lynda Capps	19
10	Mike Foster	6.75	10 Brad McDonald	3.00	10 Justin Gaut	5.82	10 Caleb Gates	1.06	10 Vicki Foster	19

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

ACFA 2017 TOURNAMENT POINTS

Angler	Pts	Angler	Pts	Angler	Pts	Angler	Pts
John Howard	53	Craig Hall	8	Wells Smith (J)	4	Jeff Pritchard	1
Vicki Foster (L)	48	David Garetson	8	Braden Hoffman (J)	3	Jessica Owens (L)	1
Sandy Tillery	40	Justin Gaut	8	Bradley Pierce	3	Joe Sirmon	1
Erik Nelson	37	Patrick Hughes	8	Chris Covas	3	Keith Hudson	1
Michelle Nall (L)	37	Bill Graves	7	Gary Gabel	3	Kevin Owens	1
James Wilson	35	Charlie Bishop	7	Kerisa Covas (L)	3	Leigh Pierce (L)	1
Mike Foster	35	Jennifer Hines (L)	7	Kevin Nezat	3	Paul Coletta	1
Trey Holladay	34	Joey Gates	7	Lee Minto	3	Richard Hoffman	1
Barry Keith	31	Kevin Chalk	7	Loretta Dixon (L)	3	Ron Weaver	1
David Thornton	31	Lindsey Hawkins (J)	7	Mickey Davison	3	Seth Smith	1
Tyler Dixon	28	Patric Garmeson	7	Amy Dean (L)	2	Sharon Markow	1
Michael Nicholas	25	Robert Thornton	7	Bill Perry	2	Sheila Lee	1
David Hare	23	Sean Gibbs	7	Dane Tomberlin	2		
Lynda Capps (L)	22	Stephen Bishop	7	Darren Barrett	2		
Tyler Hanks	21	Brantley Erwin (J)	6	Gavin Tourne'	2		
Bob Ward	20	Cliff Bailey	6	Gerald Markow	2		
Kyle Eckhoff	20	Drew Allen	6	Grady LeBlanc	2		
Jonathan Byrd	19	Jay O'Brien	6	Jimmy Snow	2		
Dale Pierce	18	Rick Tourne'	6	John Erwin	2		
Cecil Capps	16	Shon Pipkin	6	Josh Burroughs	2		
David McDonald	16	Victoria Tourne' (J)	6	Lori Tourne' (L)	2		
Kim Griffin	16	Bill Butler	5	Lucas Chalk (J)	2		
Tom Brooks	16	Cody Allen	5	Mike Thompson	2		
Henry Nall	15	Daniel May	5	Norman Lewellen	2		
Brad McDonald	14	John C Erwin (J)	5	Orrin Morise	2		
Jake Swearingen	14	Pat Troup	5	Summer Tidmore (L)	2		
Dane Swearingen	13	Ron Padgett	5	Tom Littlepage	2		
Jeb Mann	13	Ronnie Dyson	5	Tucker Tidmore (J)	2		
Tim Pierce	13	Ted Lawson	5	Wendy Troup (L)	2		
Austin Lee	12	Terry Covas	5	Westin Tidmore (J)	2		
Bubba Williams	11	Wayne Sanders	5	Adam Manning	1		
Caleb Gates (J)	11	Alvin Bell	4	Brad Snow	1		
Donnie Vinson	11	Andrew Allen	4	Cadie Gaut (L)	1		
Kyle Mitternacht	11	Brad Pierce	4	Cameron Busby	1		
Mike Lee	11	Bruce Howle	4	Chad Summers	1		
Perry Stokley	11	Cooper Garmeson (J)	4	Cheyenne Owens (L)	1		
Ashley Gruich (L)	10	Gavin Kelly	4	Clay Dean	1		
David Skoglund	10	Gus Riley	4	Dianne Gray	1		
Noah Gates (J)	10	Jackson Hughes	4	Elizabeth Howell (L)	1		
Vince Hawkins	10	Josh Tidmore	4	Frank Gray	1		
John Burke	9	Mark McPherson	4	James Harrell	1		
Richard Hoffman Jr.	9						

ACFA 2017 NETMAN POINTS

Netman	Pts
Tyler Dixon	40
Mike Foster	31
David Thornton	19
Henry Nall	19
Trey Holladay	19
Barry Keith	18
David Hare	16
Jeb Mann	15
Kim Griffin	15
Vicki Foster	15
Ashley Gruich	14
John Howard	13
Rick Tourne'	13
Sean Gibbs	13
Jake Swearingen	12
Bob Ward	11
Joey Gates	10
Sandy Tillery	10
Tyler Hanks	10
John Burke	9
Lynda Capps	9
Cecil Capps	8
Richard Hoffman Jr.	8
Tim Pierce	8
Eric Nelson	7
Kyle Eckhoff	7
Patric Garmeson	7
Austin Lee	6
Bill Graves	6
Bubba Williams	6
Jonathan Byrd	6
Michelle Nall	6
Cliff Bailey	5
Dane Swearingen	5
David Skoglund	5
Donnie Vinson	5
Kyle Mitternacht	5
Lucas Chalk (J)	5
Vince Hawkins	5
Donald Garrettson	4
Jay O'Brien	4
Lee Minto	4

Netman	Pts
Loretta Dixon	4
Lori Tourne'	4
Tom Brooks	4
Charlie Bishop	3
Cody Allen	3
Justin Gaut	3
Michael Nicholas	3
Perry Stokley	3
Robert Thornton	3
Stephen Bishop	3
Alvin Bell	2
Brad McDonald	2
Dale Pierce	2
Darren Barrett	2
David McDonald	2
Gus Riley	2
James Wilson	2
John Erwin	2
Josh Burroughs	2
Josh Tidmore	2
Kerisa Covas	2
Mark McPherson	2
Ted Lawson	2
Terry Covas	2
Adam Manning	1
Bill Perry	1
Cadie Gaut	1
Clay Dean	1
Craig Hall	1
Dane Tomberlin	1
Daniel May	1
Gary Gabel	1
Gavin Kelly	1
Grady LeBlanc	1
Kevin Chalk	1
Orrin Morise	1
Patrick Hughes	1
Paul Coletta	1
Richard Hoffman	1
Ronnie Dyson	1
Shon Pipkin	1

Netman	Pts
Summer Tidmore	1
Tom Littlepage	1
Victoria Tourne' (J)	1
Westin Tidmore (J)	1

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