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## Memorial Scholarship to Honor Alan Kowaleski

*College-Level Fisheries Management or Fisheries Biology Majors Eligible*

Bartlesville OK—ACS Tournaments has established a book scholarship in honor of the late Alan “Al” Kowaleski. A longtime carp fisherman and carp angling historian, Kowaleski succumbed to cancer at his home in Birdsboro, Pennsylvania last December.

Known across the United States for his verve and dedication to the sport, Kowaleski was active on the tournament circuit with the Carp Anglers Group and the American Carp Society. He served as head marshal for the 2005 World Carp Championship and as grand marshal for the St. Lawrence International Junior Carp Tournament.

“Al’s knowledge of carp angling and its history in America was undisputed in carp angling circles,” said David Moore, director of ACS Tournaments. “His kind heart always shined, but he was at his best when helping kids learn the sport of carp angling.”

“Whether fishing side-by-side, competing or coordinating tournaments, Al was the consummate sportsman and jovial volunteer, and it is befitting that we pay homage to him in a way that would benefit future generations of sportsman and conservationists. We will award two two-hundred-fifty dollar book scholarships each year to college level students majoring in fisheries management or fisheries biology.”

ACS Tournaments, LLC will set aside a portion of tournament entry fees to establish the annual book scholarships. The scholarships will be determined by a panel of administrators including Moore and Kathleen Kelly-Ori, publicist for ACS Tournaments along with carp anglers Bob Bernowski, Mark Metzger and Mike Malone.

Details about the scholarship and how to apply can be located on the ACS Tournaments website—[www.acstournaments.com](http://www.acstournaments.com).

*ACS Tournaments, LLC is based in Bartlesville, Oklahoma and is under the direction of David Moore. Moore is considered a carp angling visionary in North America and the foremost authority on carp angling in the United States. He is a world-class carp angler – competing around the globe – and a founding director of the American Carp Society. ACS Tournaments is dedicated to catch-and-release carp angling through the promotion of tournaments which exemplify good sportsmanship, sound environmentalism, stewardship of our lands and waters as well as education of the sport.*

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