

11-12 MARCH 2017

CALCUTTA &
BRIEFING WILL
BE HELD
ON FRIDAY
EVENING



GAME FISHING

ST HELENS • CLASSIC • 2017

Entry Forms Available from the
Club Secretary by emailing
shgfc11@gmail.com



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WELCOME TO THE 2017 ST HELENS GAME FISHING CLASSIC

This year's event will again be an enjoyable one for the whole family with much happening in the St Helens area over the March long weekend.

This year the hub of the fishing interest will be on the St Helens foreshore weight station with the briefing, calcutta and presentation dinner to be held at the Portland Memorial Hall in the Main Street of St Helens.

We would ask for all your support to make this event as successful as in the past with the focus on good fishing and good company with good friends.

We advise all participants to note the safety procedures and ensure all fishing gear complies with GFAA rules and all boats are MAST compliant.

A huge thank you to all our valued sponsors, especially our naming sponsors for this years event AutoTech West and Yamaha Golf Carts we are privileged to have so much support for the Classic. This tournament relies heavily on sponsors for success so please show your support by utilising their services whenever possible and let them know they are appreciated at every opportunity.

Thank you to St Helens Marine Rescue and Tas Maritime Radio for their assistance and radio coverage for the Tournament and also throughout the year. Their help is invaluable and much appreciated.

The Committee would like to wish all competitors an enjoyable, successful and safe tournament and look forward to seeing old and new competitors at this year's event.

Good Fishing, Stay Safe and Tight Lines.

Greg (Tubby) Quinn

PRESIDENT, ST HELENS
GAME FISHING CLUB
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THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS



PROGRAM

FRIDAY 10 MARCH

6.00pm BBQ @ Portland Memorial Hall, Main Street, St Helens (Licensed)

7.00pm Briefing & Calcutta

At least 1 person from each boat entered must attend the Calcutta & Briefing.

SATURDAY 11 MARCH

7.30am - 3.00pm Fishing times

4.30pm - 6.00pm Weigh in
BBQ available

SUNDAY 12 MARCH

7.30am - 2.00pm Fishing times

3.00pm - 4.30pm Weigh in

6.45pm Presentation Dinner @ Portland Memorial Hall, Main Street, St Helens

NOTE: Anglers dinner tickets & extra dinner tickets as ordered on entry form will be in briefing kit, please present tickets at dinner. Depending on numbers additional tickets may be purchased at the briefing on Friday night.

CATEGORIES

OVERALL

Heaviest Gamefish
Heaviest Broadbill
Heaviest Shark
Highest Point Scoring Angler - Captures
Highest Point Scoring Team - Captures
Highest Point Scoring Angler - T&R
Highest Point Scoring Team - T&R

DAILY

Heaviest Gamefish - Male
Heaviest Gamefish - Female
Heaviest Gamefish - Junior
Heaviest Gamefish - Smallfry
Heaviest Broadbill - Male
Heaviest Broadbill - Female
Heaviest Broadbill - Junior
Heaviest Broadbill - Smallfry
Tag & Release - Male
Tag & Release - Female
Tag & Release - Junior
Tag & Release - Smallfry
Heaviest Shark - Male
Heaviest Shark - Female
Heaviest Shark - Junior
Heaviest Shark - Smallfry

RULES OF CONTEST - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

AUTHORITY

The contest is to be conducted by the St Helens Game Fishing Club Inc.

QUALIFICATIONS

The contest is open for teams of no less than two (2) and not more than six (6) anglers who are at present current financial members of a game fishing club affiliated with the Game Fishing Association of Australia (GFAA).

FISHING RULES

Fishing rules shall be the current rules of the GFAA. Please make the effort to read your rules and the club handbook and ensure all gear complies with GFAA rules. Minimum weights and line classes apply - refer to GFAA rules and/or club handbook.

BOAT RAMPS

All vessels must leave from the following boat ramps/marinas; Burns Bay, Georges Bay, Binalong Bay. Recommended facility is Burns Bay boat ramp at St Helens Point.

TAG AND RELEASE

Only official Tournament Tags are to be used and shark tags must be used for tagging sharks - please collect tags from the Tagmaster on Friday evening at the briefing - \$20 deposit required.

Tag Boards must also be used in all photos for T&R and if you do not have one they will be available for hire or purchase at the briefing - \$10 deposit required or \$10 to purchase.

Points will be allocated as follows:

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|----------|--------|------------|-------|
| BILLFISH | 20,000 | YELLOWFIN | 5,000 |
| BLUEFIN | 5,000 | ALBACORE | 100 |
| SHARKS | 1,000 | BLUE SHARK | 500 |

A photo or video evidence must be produced to the Committee for any fish tagged & released

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POINT SCORE

The point scoring system which will be used is:
Fish Weight x 100 x Fighting Factor / Line Class

WEIGHING OF FISH

All fish are to be weighed at the official weigh station by the weighmasters nominated for the event. It is mandatory that all fish are gilled and gutted (sharks gutted only) before being presented for weighing. All fish must be neat and well presented in buckets or bins. Sharks must not be mutilated. If, in the opinion of an angler a fish is a possible record breaker, the fish may be weighed in whole for record purposes and then gilled and gutted for contest recording. For conservation reasons only two (2) fish per angler, per day may be weighed with a maximum of ten (10) per boat. Minimum line class is 2kg.

DISPOSAL

Any offal disposed of in an unacceptable manner will result in disqualification of the offending team from the competition.

VENUES

St Helens weigh in station will be the hub of all fishing activities throughout the tournament.

BRIEFING

Briefing will be held at the Portland Memorial Hall in the Main Street of St Helens, at 7.00pm Friday 10 March 2017. One (1) member of each boat must attend briefing.

ENTRIES

Entry fee accepted until 5.00pm on Friday 24 February 2017 - a late fee of \$100.00 per boat will apply for entries received after this time with a final closure for receipt of entries of 5.00pm Wednesday 1 March 2017.

FISHING TIMES

Fishing times will be:

Saturday 11 March 2017 7.30am - 3.00pm
Sunday 12 March 2017 7.30am - 2.00pm

NO lines or burley shall be placed in the water before starting times. Any angler playing a fish at the designated finishing time may continue to fight the fish, however, the Committee must be notified immediately via radio or phone contact to any Committee Member or St Helens Marine Rescue.

FISHING BOUNDARIES

All anglers and boats must stay within the boundaries outlined on the grid map supplied in the briefing kit or risk disqualification.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Please refer to Emergency Procedures document contained in the briefing kit package. This is the Radio Procedure and Risk Analysis for Sanctioned Tournaments.

THIS WILL BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO.

RADIO CONTROL

All vessels are to be equipped with either 27mhz or VHF Marine radio capable of contacting St Helens Marine Rescue or a relay vessel at all times.

St Helens Marine Rescue will conduct the skeds and the skipper of the boat **MUST ANSWER ALL SKEDS AND FILE A POSITION ACCORDING TO THE GRID MAP PROVIDED IN THE BRIEFING KIT.**

PLEASE MAKE SURE THE GRID MAP IS ON YOUR BOAT BEFORE DEPARTURE ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY.

PRIZES & TROPHIES

Awarding of prizes and trophies is at the sole discretion of the Committee. Broadbill and Sharks will qualify for prizes and trophies in the heaviest billfish and shark categories only. Juniors and Small Fry will be eligible to win "Overall Prizes".

DISPUTES

The Committee reserves the right to reclassify or refuse entry of any individual angler or team, settle all differences and make decisions or variations relating to the conduct of the contest, in all cases their decision is final and binding.

PROTESTS

Any protests must be made in writing and handed to the Committee by 6.00pm on Saturday and 4.30pm on Sunday.

PROGAMME

Friday 10 March

6.00pm BBQ at Portland Memorial Hall, Main Street, St Helens
7.00pm Briefing and Calcutta (One member from each boat **MUST** be in attendance)

Saturday 11 March

7.30am - 3.00pm Fishing
4.30pm - 6.00pm Weigh In

Sunday 12 March

7.30am - 2.00pm Fishing
3.00pm - 4.30pm Weigh In
6.45pm Dinner & Trophy Presentation at Portland Memorial Hall, Main Street, St Helens

NOTE - THE COMPLETION OF WEIGH IN IS AS ADVERTISED AND NO EXTENSIONS WILL BE GIVEN UNLESS THE COMMITTEE IS CONTACTED AND THE COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE THE DECISION AS TO WHETHER IT WILL BE ACCEPTED.

BYO ALCOHOL AT THE WEIGH INS, BRIEFING AND DINNER IS STRICTLY NOT PERMITTED. WELL STOCKED BAR AVAILABLE.



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**FORMS TO BE RECEIVED BY
5PM FRIDAY/24/FEB/2017**

ENTRY FORM

Please complete the **2 pages** of the Entry Form. This form is to be fully completed and received by 5pm, Friday 24th February 2017. A late fee of \$100.00 per boat will apply to entries received after this date with a final closure for receipt of entries of 5pm on Wednesday 1st March 2017

THE SECRETARY, TREASURER

St Helens Game Fishing Classic
7 Richard Court, Akaroa 7216
P: 0407 046 571 E: shgfc11@gmail.com

1. TEAM MEMBERS ADULT:

| | | | |
|----------|-------|------|--------|
| a) Name: | _____ | | |
| Address: | _____ | | |
| Phone: | Club: | Male | Female |
| _____ | | | |
| b) Name: | _____ | | |
| Address: | _____ | | |
| Phone: | Club: | Male | Female |
| _____ | | | |
| c) Name: | _____ | | |
| Address: | _____ | | |
| Phone: | Club: | Male | Female |
| _____ | | | |
| d) Name: | _____ | | |
| Address: | _____ | | |
| Phone: | Club: | Male | Female |
| _____ | | | |

3. TEAM MEMBERS SMALL FRY OR JUNIOR:

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|----------|-------------------------------|--|
| a) Name: | <input type="checkbox"/> Male | <input type="checkbox"/> Female |
| Address: | _____ | |
| Phone: | Club: | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior <input type="checkbox"/> Small Fry |
| _____ | | |
| b) Name: | <input type="checkbox"/> Male | <input type="checkbox"/> Female |
| Address: | _____ | |
| Phone: | Club: | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior <input type="checkbox"/> Small Fry |
| _____ | | |

4. BOAT DETAILS:

BOATS MUST NOMINATE ONE RADIO FREQUENCY ONLY AND STICK TO THAT FREQUENCY DURING THE ENTIRE COMPETITION

| | | |
|------------|--------|-------------|
| Boat Name: | L.O.A: | Radio Freq: |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |

4. FEES:

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|----------|---------|---------------------------|----|
| ADULTS: | \$70.00 | Incl. Presentation Dinner | \$ |
| 5yo-16yo | \$25.00 | Incl. Presentation Dinner | \$ |

EXTRA TICKETS FOR PRESENTATION DINNER

| | | | |
|--------------|---------|--------------|-----------|
| ADULTS: | \$30.00 | Per Adult | \$ |
| CHILDREN: | \$15.00 | Per 5yo-16yo | \$ |
| TOTAL | | | \$ |

CHEQUES CAN BE MADE OUT TO THE ST HELENS GAME FISHING CLUB AND FORWARDED TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS OR DIRECT DEPOSIT CAN BE MADE TO THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT:

Account Name: St Helens Game Fishing Club Inc
BSB: 067 018
Account No: 1006 1579

INDEMNITY FORM - To be signed by each competitor & crew member personally.

To the Secretary, St Helens Game Fishing Club,

Please accept our entry for the 2017 St Helens Game Fishing Classic. I/We agree to the Rules as published. In consideration of you accepting Me/Us as a competitor/s or Guest, I/We absolve the Competition organiser, tournament Committee, officers & members, their staff, executive, volunteers, assistants & concessionaires, any sponsors, their officers & members, staff, executive, volunteers & concessionaires as such from any liability whatsoever & howsoever arising from my/our involvement (whether on-shore or out at sea & including any liability resulting from the acts or omissions of my/our boat owner/skipper/deckhand or other employees) in the Tournament, and I/We indemnify you and agree to keep you indemnified against all claims, damages, costs & losses that may be claimed or awarded against you or that you may suffer resulting from injury or loss to us or my property of mine/ours invites, or licensees or guests. No nomination form will be accepted until all team participants have signed this indemnity & complete such details on the nomination form. Should any nomination form be accepted prior to such completion and signature, the nomination is subjected to signature of this indemnity & completion of the details on this nomination form as and when requested by the St Helens Game Fishing Club Inc. All teams, by their signatures, declare that they have the appropriate Insurance cover.

I/We give consent to St Helens Game Fishing Club to verify my membership status.

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| Name: | Signature: |
| Name: | Signature: |
| Name: | Signature: |
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| Name: | Signature: |

SECTION B: ENTRY FORM

It is a condition of all game fishing clubs Insurance cover that boats fishing club days & tournaments must be insured. All boats wishing to enter the St Helens Game Fishing Classic, must include details of their current boat insurance cover. Entry will NOT be accepted without the appropriate documentation being provided at the time of entry. Even if you provided the details last year, current details must be forwarded this year.

THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS ALL INFORMATION WILL BE KEPT IN THE STRICTEST OF CONFIDENCE

Members of the St Helens Game Fishing Club Inc. who have already provided this with their membership forms do not have to re-submit their documentation but MUST fill in the details below.

PLEASE COMPLETE PLEASE FIND ATTACHED A COPY OF THE INSURANCE POLICY FOR

Boat: _____
Name: _____ Signature: _____

I HAVE ALREADY PROVIDED A COPY OF MY INSURANCE TO THE SHGFC

Boat: _____
Name: _____ Signature: _____

UNLESS ALL ENTRY FEES ARE RECEIVED AND THE INDEMNITY SIGNED BY EACH COMPETITOR, ENTRY INTO THE ST HELENS GAME FISHING CLASSIC 2017 WILL NOT BE PERMITTED.