



Invited Guests:

FINS is back and we are celebrating five years of a job well done thanks to all of you! Our tournament is set for June 11th and 12th and we would once again love for you to join us.

What began as a way to bring friends and family together and do a little fishing has turned into something quite spectacular. Started by Rene and Lala Karam in 2005, the first year was a huge success. The tournament has raised over \$60,000 since it's inception with all the proceeds going to fund leukemia research through the Ryan Gibson Foundation.

Ryan Gibson was a friend and fraternity brother who passed away at the age of 25 from complications brought on by leukemia. Since the Ryan Gibson Foundation was formed in January of 2001, friends and family members have raised over \$1.1 million dollars from local efforts such as our fishing tournament.

With the passing of Rene Karam in 2007, friends and family have once again picked up the torch and started where Rene left off. Our most successful years have come after his passing. We are celebrating our fifth year in our fight to find a cure for leukemia, and today, our tournament committee shares the same passion to cure this disease as Rene once did.

For those of you who have never participated in FINS, you are in for a treat! Inspired by the genius of Jimmy Buffett, our tournament aims to have the same kind of fun found in his music. Two days of fun in sun, registration begins at 7pm behind the Sunset Condominium complex. Come and listen to some music and enjoy the local flavors of Lone Star bar-b-que. Saturday starts with a shotgun start from Jim's Pier. Come early and get a good spot as the day begins and ends from here. Prizes will then be awarded following the weigh-in next door at Steamers. In the meantime, you will be treated to some cheeseburgers, margaritas and of course, the biggest fishing tales of the day!

I hope that you can find time to enjoy with your friends and our family of tournament participants this year. I can't think of a better way to pay tribute to our fallen father and friend, Rene Karam, than fishing, eating, drinking, and listening to music by the waters of the Laguna Madre!

Cheers,

Homer Martinez  
Co-Chair

Dr. Robert D. Martinez  
Co-Chair

Lala M. Karam  
Co-Chair

**Homer Martinez**  
Tournament Co-Chair

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**Pablo Garza**

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# Sponsorship Levels



Dear Sponsor:

Underwriting is the most crucial part to making any philanthropic event a success. In our four years of existence, we have raised over \$60,000 that went directly towards leukemia research. Much of our 'net profits' came from those donors who simply made cash donations. We think these levels should accommodate all your needs. In order to make the most of your donation, I encourage you to send us your company logo so that we may include it on as many print items as possible. Remember, time is of the essence since we have to go to 'print' on many of our items at least three weeks in advance. To discuss specific opportunities, please feel free to call. Otherwise, please send your logo, preferably in Adobe Illustrator format, to [homer@jjspartyhouse.com](mailto:homer@jjspartyhouse.com). For more information on our foundation and leukemia research, we encourage you to visit [www.trgf.org](http://www.trgf.org).

Thank you for your support,  
FINS...fishing for the cure committee!

## **Title Sponsor: \$10,000**

Includes trophy sponsorship, prominent signage at all events, 3 boat entries (4 anglers per boat), plus an additional 12 tickets for the registration dinner and awards event plus name and logo recognition on all advertisements.

## **Red Fish: \$2,500**

Includes 2 boat entries (4 anglers per boat), 10 tickets for the registration dinner and 10 tickets for the awards event, plus name and logo recognition on all advertisements.

## **Speckled Trout: \$1,000**

Includes 1 boat entry (4 anglers per boat), an additional 4 tickets for the registration dinner, 4 tickets to the awards event, plus name and logo recognition on all advertisements.

## **Speckled Trout (Non-fishing): \$500**

Includes 4 tickets for the registration dinner and 4 tickets for the awards event, plus name and logo recognition on all advertisements.

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# Boat Registration



Dear Boat Registrant:

Thank you for your participation in this years fishing tournament. Our primary goal is to have fun! Having said that, we also want to have a competitive and successful catch. In order to keep a level playing field, no professional fisherman will be allowed to participate in the tournament as an entrant. You will be allowed, however, to fish with a professional guide at your own expense. To be eligible for the prizes below, including the Calcutta, all fish must be of legal size. The Grand Champion will be chosen from the entire field. All boats must launch from Jim's Pier at 7:00am the morning of the tournament and return for the weigh-in by 4:00pm....NO EXCEPTIONS! Please refer to the tournament rules for complete information. *Late registration (after May 21<sup>st</sup>) may result in incomplete or possibly no tournament goodie bags.*

Good Luck,  
FINS...fishing for the cure committee

\_\_\_\_\_ **4 Person Boat Division** \_\_\_\_\_ *With Junior Entrant(s)*

## **4 PERSON BOAT**

June 11<sup>th</sup>

**7:00am - 4:00pm**

Jim's Pier – South Padre Island

Name

Shirt Size

Email

1) _____	_____	_____
2) _____	_____	_____
3) _____	_____	_____
4) _____	_____	_____

## **4 PERSON BOAT**

- ◆ \$500 per boat
- ◆ 4 Person Max (including junior entrants)
- ◆ Prizes include
  - \$1000 for 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$500 for 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Red Drum
  - \$1000 for 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$500 for 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Speckled Trout
  - \$500 Bonus Grand Champion (Cumulative weight for Red, Trout, and Flounder)

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# DONATION FORM

**Silent Auction:** June 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>

@ the Sunset Condominiums

**Fishing:** June 12<sup>th</sup> @ Jim's Pier



*\*The Ryan Gibson Foundation is a Private 501c3 Non-Profit Foundation supporting Leukemia research*

Name/Company for Donation Credit \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Item / Service / \$ Amount Donated: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Description \_\_\_\_\_

Value \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Item Valid Until \_\_\_\_\_

Restrictions on Donations \_\_\_\_\_

Signed-Donor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Donation receipts to be mailed upon receipt of item

**Please mail item to:**

J.J.'s Party House  
c/o FINS...fishing for the cure  
PO Box 1958  
McAllen, TX 78505  
956.686.6461

**Or call to schedule pick up or delivery:**

Homer Martinez  
956.686.6461

**\*\*\*Please note:** In order for us to properly recognize your company's participation, please email your logo to [homer@jjspartyhouse.com](mailto:homer@jjspartyhouse.com) as soon as possible. We will advertise and promote your company according to your donation level you choose to fund. For more information about our foundation and leukemia research, we encourage you to please visit [www.trgf.org](http://www.trgf.org).

**RG FOUNDATION CONTACT:** \_\_\_\_\_

# Volunteer Sign-Up



Dear Sponsor/Supporter:

With such an undertaking as a fishing tournament, we inevitably are in need of some able and willing volunteers to help run the events over these two days. Please feel free to solicit colleagues, friends and family (over the age of 18 years). For their efforts, all volunteers that are called upon will be given a tournament goodie bag plus food and beverage at the events.

Thank you in advance,  
The Ryan Gibson Foundation

**REGISTRATION** - June 11<sup>th</sup>  
**6:30pm - 9:30pm**  
Sunset Condominiums

Name                      Telephone #:

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_  
2) \_\_\_\_\_  
3) \_\_\_\_\_

**BOAT CHECK-IN** - June 12<sup>th</sup>  
**6:00am - 7:30am**

Jim's Pier – South Padre Island

Name                      Telephone #:

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_  
2) \_\_\_\_\_  
3) \_\_\_\_\_

**SILENT AUCTION** - June 11<sup>th</sup>  
**6:00pm - 9:00pm**  
Sunset Condominiums

Name                      Telephone #:

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_  
2) \_\_\_\_\_  
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**WEIGH-IN** - June 12<sup>th</sup>  
**1:30pm - 4:00pm**

Jim's Pier – South Padre Island

Name                      Telephone #:

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_  
2) \_\_\_\_\_  
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**GIFT BAGS** - June 11<sup>th</sup>  
**5:00pm - 8:00pm**  
Sunset Condominiums

Name                      Telephone #:

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_  
2) \_\_\_\_\_  
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**CHEESE BURGERS IN PARADISE / AWARDS**

June 12<sup>th</sup> - **3:00pm - 6:00pm**  
Steamers (next to Jim's Pier)

Name                      Telephone #:

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_  
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# The 2010 FINS...Fishing for the cure



## Tournament Rules

The Fins...fishing for the cure committee, its volunteers and especially the organizers of this event are very excited about your participation! It is our intention to provide everyone with a fun weekend. Having said that, we need to establish some rules to keep all of you honest. There is big money on the line and you must adhere to these rules!

1. Have fun! NO EXCEPTIONS!
2. All vessels must be registered prior to fishing.
3. The FINS...fishing for the cure Tournament has an entry fee of \$500 per boat. All tournament winners will be paid by check.  
Cash prizes consist of \$1,000 for 1<sup>st</sup> Place and \$500 for 2<sup>nd</sup> place (Red and Trout categories only). Grand Champion receives an additional \$500 (combined weight of 1 red, 1 trout, and 1 flounder). 1<sup>st</sup> Place Flounder will receive \$500.
4. The 1st and 2nd place winners will be awarded on the Steamers stage (across the boat ramp from Jim's Pier) at approximately 5pm on the day of the event. Prizes will not be awarded prior to the ceremony. If you are a winner and do not plan on attending the award ceremony, please let a member of the staff know.
5. The tournament will begin at 7:00am and end at 4pm. Fishermen are on the Honor System.
6. All fish entered for prize consideration must comply with the Texas State and Federal Regulations.
7. Fish must be in good condition and properly iced. Fish must be properly landed. Fish, which appear to have been frozen, harpooned, mutilated, shot, cast or gill netted will be refused. The decision of the Weigh Master is final.
8. All contestants will, in every respect, catch any fish offered for prize consideration in a sportsmanship manner, obeying all rules and regulations of the tournament.
9. All species must comply with Texas State Parks and Wildlife rules and regulations.
10. There may only be four (4) fishermen on the boat.
12. The fish turned in become the property of Fins...fishing for the cure tournament.
12. Scales close for this tournament at 4pm. Registered fishermen waiting in line when the scales close, will be considered "on time".
13. Weigh-in is at Jim's Pier.
14. All decisions of the Weigh Master and the FINS...fishing for the cure committee will be final.
15. Participants enter at their own risk. Neither the tournament, nor any person connected with the tournament, shall be liable for any loss, damage, negligence, harm or injury to anyone for any reason.
16. The Calcutta is based per boat, two categories of Red fish and Speckled Trout, with a first place bet of \$75, a second place bet of \$50, and a third place bet of \$25 per species. (An "all through" bet is a total of \$300).

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**DISCLAIMER:** The entire responsibility for valid participant status and correctness of this entry form rests solely on the entrant.

**RELEASE, HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNITY:** IN CONSIDERATION OF BEING ALLOWED TO ENTER FINS...fishing for the cure TOURNAMENT, EACH PERSON AGREES AND CONTRACTS TO **RELEASE, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS** THE RYAN GIBSON FOUNDATION, ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, REPRESENTATIVES, TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR, ALL COMMITTEE PERSONS, TOURNAMENT SPONSORS AND WEIGH-IN STATION OWNERS AND THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS OR DAMAGES ARISING OUT OF OR IN ANY MANNER WHATSOEVER CONNECTED WITH THE TOURNAMENT INCLUDING ITS PLANNING, OPERATION OR CONDUCT AND INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO CLAIMS FOR PERSONAL INJURY, WRONGFUL DEATH, SURVIVAL DAMAGES, ECONOMIC LOSS, PROPERTY DAMAGES OR CLAIMS RELATING IN ANY WAY TO THE AWARDING OF PRIZES IN THE TOURNAMENT. IT IS THE EXPRESS INTENTION OF THIS AGREEMENT THAT EACH ENTRANT IS INDEMNIFYING EACH OF THE FOREGOING RELEASED AND INDEMNIFIED PARTIES FROM THE CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR OWN NEGLIGENT CONDUCT, WHETHER SOLE NEGLIGENCE OR CONTRIBUTING NEGLIGENCE, GROSS NEGLIGENCE, OUTRAGEOUS MISCONDUCT, STRICT LIABILITY, COMMISSION OF TORT, BREACH OF CONTRACT, AND BREACH OF WARRANTY. THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF ANY MINOR ENTERING IN, REGISTERING FOR OR FISHING IN THE TOURNAMENT DOES FURTHER CONTRACT AND AGREE THAT THIS **RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT** SHALL BE BINDING UPON ANY MINOR ENTERING THE TOURNAMENT. WINNER WILL BE REQUIRED TO EXECUTE AN ADDITIONAL RELEASE, INDEMNITY AND HOLD HARMLESS UPON RECEIPT OF PRIZE. **ANY CONTROVERSY OR CLAIM ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THE TOURNAMENT SHALL BE SETTLED BY BINDING ARBITRATION CONDUCTED IN MCALLEN, HIDALGO COUNTY, TX, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION RULES OF THE AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION AND JUDGMENT UPON THE AWARD RENDERED MAY BE ENTERED IN ANY COURT**

HAVING JURISDICTION THEREOF. SHOULD LITIGATION OR ARBITRATION RESULT BETWEEN A PARTICIPANT AND CCA TX, IT IS AGREED THAT THE PREVAILING PARTY IN SUCH LITIGATION OR ARBITRATION SHALL BE ENTITLED TO RECOVER REASONABLE ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS.

**Our efforts this weekend are based on having fun! The moment we stop having fun is the moment we will stop doing what we are doing. The moment we lost our beloved friends, Ryan Gibson at the age of 25 and the heart and soul of this fishing tournament, Rene Karam, we realized that life was too short! Let us not lose sight that we are here to honor their legacies of fair sportsmanship and one hell of a good time!!!**

**All fishing tournament participants must sign this form acknowledging that they have read, understand, and agree to participate by our rules. Failure to sign below will invalidate any participation or entry into the tournament.**

Team Captain: \_\_\_\_\_ Boat Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name

Date

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

4) \_\_\_\_\_