

## 2014 MAREK 35TH ANNUAL FISHING FOOLS AND BBQ COOK-OFF

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On April 4th and 5th Marek held its 35th annual Fishing Fools and BBQ cook-off at Thousand Trails Resort on Lake Conroe. With 14 fishing teams and 13 cooking teams it was a great turn out this year. Thank goodness the weather held up for us (rain was predicted all day in the forecast).

Friday evening, we started the BBQ cook-off, with our jack pot turn in's (Fajita's and Open). And as always, our Friday night washer tournament had its usual exciting finish with Joey Watson and Jay Lee taking home the first place prize money.

Saturday started off early with the fishing tournament rules session at 5:30am. Boats were in the water ready to go at daylight, and the fishing tournament started. Most teams began cooking Friday night. Brisket, ribs, and chicken were smoking with turn in times of 11:00 for chickens, 12:00 for ribs, and 1:00 for brisket. The Fishermen were weighing in at 1:00pm to see who had the best day on the lake. Once all the weigh-in's were done and judging for the BBQ completed, it was time to announce the winners and feast on a catfish dinner.

Joey Watson and Steve Cook from Harvey Builders took 1st place in the heavy stringer at 14.8 lbs., and also landed the "Big Bass" at 4.6 lbs. Our BBQ cook-off had some new winners and old ones. Pete Recine (Texas Star Cookers) took overall Grand Champion, with Dennis Hudgens (Want to be Cookers) taking Reserve Grand Champion. All and all, it turned out to be great weekend. With just a small amount of catfish left over, we began the process of planning next year's 36th annual Marek Family

picnic.

I hope everyone that didn't make it out this year will have the opportunity next year, and let's not forget about our planning committee for all their hard work and dedication to this year's event.

