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Thanks All!

We had an absolute blast...I guess that was the main goal but after that we just didn't want to get last place. Being our first comp we had quite a few lessons along the way. Every session had some very adverse moments...like starting the first session thinking we had time to set up our rods etc and having to start right away. Shane had a rod ready and I was stringing 3 rods that had bird nest leaders...20 mins in Shane calls for a switch and I'm still MIA. Second session started out really hot. We got to five quick and had even let a smaller fish go...to everything shutting down all of sudden and somehow pulling a couple fish in the final moments...3rd session was worst beat on a cold morning. Pounding the crap out of a shallow pocket run was exhausting and highly unproductive...and it was our 2 fly. Final round were on our 4th fish and I needed to get my second...ended up dropping 2 hogs that I swore took out of taking it...
There's a lot of luck of the draw involved but you have to capitalize on the chances you get and I'm glad we were able to do that for the most part.
I was hoping to meet some real pro guys and bunking with Mark Hanes (MHanes) and Dave Woody took care of that. They are real class acts and all around good dudes.
We got to see how things work behind the scenes and there is a lot of work that goes into this event...this played out for an amazing time for all the participants.
A special thanks to Todd and Ryan Harman, and the entire staff at Harmans (and also Big Riggs catering) They pulled out all the stops to make this thing work out so well.
And of course a huge thank you to Dave, Maurice and all of Paflyfish for providing this opportunity...without your contributions to this site, we would have probably only have seen this on TV
Oh and how can I forget...thank you Curtis and and FRC staff. It's pretty amazing all efforts they go through to help Vets, disabled, anyone in need etc...it has evolved into a tight knit community of friends, volunteers etc that is one big family

I'm sure there's others that I forgot and many more details on this event that seemed like a long journey from start to finish...I will follow up with anyone I missed and I think there will more in the official write up

Thanks again everyone!!