



PRESS RELEASE

AYRSTRIKE – BURNS FISHING COMPETITION 2008

Second Individual through to Big Money Final

Magiscroft club member, Stewart Rae (26) from Hamilton, came one step closer to realising his ambition of winning a big competition when he became the second angler to win through to the Ayrstrike Final.

Stewart won the second Ayrstrike Qualifier round on Queensbury Loch at Broom Fisheries, Newbie, Nr Annan on Saturday March 8th. Draw on peg 58 he put together a bag of small carp and barbell on feeder tactics for a weight of 8lb 15oz. Battling horrendous wind and rain Stewart forged ahead with some small carp and barbel on the method feeder using Sensas Crazy Bait Gold groundbait with maggot hook baits. Stewart did not have it all his own way though and was pushed hard throughout the match by Daiwa Consultant and Monklands angler David McAuley (35) from Motherwell, fishing similar tactics on peg 57. By the time the wind died down the fishing had slowed considerably and with very little being caught during the second half of the match no one was able to claw back Stewarts early lead.

Stewart is now the second holder of a coveted ticket for the big money Ayrstrike final which will be held at Spring Water Fisheries, Ayr on Sunday 25th May. Stewart now has a one in 16 chance of claiming the biggest cash prize in Scottish angling history. To join him simply visit www.fishscotland.co.uk, www.sfca.co.uk and follow the Ayrstrike links, or contact SFCA Chairman Gus Brindle at gus@gbmsscotland.fsnet.co.uk.

Other results were:

1st - Stuart Rae - 8lb 15oz
2nd - Dave McAuley - 5lb 15oz
3rd - Kevin Murphy - 4lb 1oz
4th - Tony Murphy - 2lb 12oz
5th - James Woodrow - 2lb 0oz

The next three qualifiers are:

QUALIFIER	QUALIFIER 3	QUALIFIER 4	QUALIFIER 5
DATE	15 th March	22 nd March	29 nd March
VENUE	F & C Canal (Stables) ⁽²⁾	Spring Water	Orchil Fishery, Nr Auchterarder
FEES:			
Peg	£3.00	£6.00	£6.00
Optional Pools ⁽¹⁾	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00
TIMINGS:			
Draw	0830 hrs (Layby)	0930 hrs	0930 hrs
Fish	1000 – 1500 hrs	1100 – 1600 hrs	1100 – 1600 hrs
Results	1630 hrs	1630 hrs	1630 hrs

Notes:

- (1) Pools payouts will be: 1st = 50%, 2nd = 30%, 3rd = 20%
- (2) Match length at Stables will be east of the road bridge (Kirkintilloch side) with the first peg at the end of the trees.
- (3) Bloodworm and Joker will be permitted on the canal.

Note to Editors:

CONTACT INFORMATION

Issued on behalf of the Burns an' a' that! Festival. For further information please contact Jo Spry from Liz Hobbs Group on 08700 702 702 or Gus Brindle from SFCA on 0131 310 4767.

Burns an' a' that! Festival was established in 2002. In 2007 it attracted over 50,000 visitors to the range of events and activities and generated over £1m for the local economy.

The festival is managed by the Burns Festival Company, with the board of directors representing the principle funding partners, South Ayrshire Council, Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire, Visit Scotland and Event Scotland and including the Robert Burns World Federation who sit on the board in an advisory capacity.

Website address: www.burnsfestival.com