



PRESS RELEASE

AYRSTRIKE – BURNS FISHING COMPETITION 2008

Team JB Angling man through to final on another difficult day!

On Sunday 27th April Team JB Angling's Frank Smith **(47) from Condorrat** became the 10th angler to qualify for the big money Ayrstrike Final which will take place at Spring Water Fisheries, Near Ayr on Sunday 25th May. The match at Dormont Lake near Lockerbie was another very difficult affair, with gin clear water and bright sunshine resulting in very few fish feeding. Indeed on three anglers both the scalesman with Frank Smith coming out on top with 6 small roach and a minnow for 4 oz. Having caught a minnow very early on Frank had to wait until the last hour for the roach to begin to feed. In second place was Peter O'Neil with 1 oz and in third place was Mairi Dick who also weighed 1 oz. Peter O'Neil was awarded second place as the scales were not sensitive enough to separate the two on weight but his fish was visibly bigger than Mairi's.

Frank now claims his place in the big money final and a 1 in 16 chance of walking away with the largest cash prize in Scottish angling history. For your chance to qualify for the big money final, which will be held at Spring Water Fisheries, Ayr on Sun 25th May, simply visit www.fishscotland.co.uk, or www.sfca.co.uk and follow the Ayrstrike links, or contact SFCA Chairman Gus Brindle at gus@gbmsscotland.fsnet.co.uk.

Other results were:

1 st	Frank Smith	4 oz
2 nd	Peter O'Neil	1 oz
3 rd	Mairi Dick	1 oz

There are still tickets available for all of the next three qualifiers which are shown below. Please note the new qualifier at Magiscroft Fisheries on the evening on Thu 8 May. This will be a three hour evening match on the Main Loch.

QUALIFIER	QUALIFIER 11/12	QUALIFIER 13	QUALIFIER 14
DATE	3 rd May	8 rd May	10 th May
VENUE	Magiscroft (Main Loch)	Magiscroft (Main Loch)	Dormont
FEES:			
Peg	£6.00	£6.00	£5.00
Optional Pools ⁽¹⁾	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00
TIMINGS:			
Draw	0930hrs	1715 hrs	0930 hrs
Fish	1100 – 1600 hrs	1800 – 2100 hrs	1100 – 1600 hrs
Results	1630 hrs	2130 hrs	1630 hrs

Notes:

(1) Pools payouts will be: 1st = 50%, 2nd = 30%, 3rd = 20%

Note to Editors:

CONTACT INFORMATION

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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