



PRESS RELEASE

AYRSTRIKE – BURNS FISHING COMPETITION 2008

Silver fish dominate as the 11th and 12th individuals go through to final!

Saturday 3rd May saw the Main Loch at Magiscroft host the 11th and 12th Ayrstrike qualifiers on opposite banks. The now obligatory Ayrstrike wind change occurred on Friday evening and, as the wind moved into the east, the carp did a disappearing act. At the draw the general feeling was that carp would still put in an appearance later on and that the match could be won in the last hour. Unfortunately the carp had different ideas and those who had set their stalls out to catch silver fish reaped the rewards.

On the café bank **Scottish Internationalist James Woodrow (21) from Milton**, showed why he is probably the most consistent 'up in the water' angler on the venue by winning the qualifier with 5.950kg of Ide, Skimmers and Roach.. Woody used long pole and loose fed maggot alternating the depths from just 1 foot to 6 feet to stay in touch with the fish and win the bank with over 3kg to spare. Three pegs away Monklands Angler Darren Ferguson worked hard for 2.900kg using similar tactics for second spot.

On the opposite bank **Magiscroft Angler Colin Hart (35) from Motherwell** took full advantage of his end peg draw, and fishing similar tactics to James Woodrow weighed 4.540kg of Skimmers, Ide and Roach for a comfortable win. In second place on the far bank was PAA(S) coach Jim Hillhouse with 1.760kg.

With James Woodrow and Collin Hart now joining the other 10 qualifiers hoping to win the largest cash prize in Scottish angling history, **only 4 qualifiers remain**. 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:

Qualifier 11:

1 st	James Woodrow	5.950kg
2 nd	Darren Ferguson	2.900kg
3 rd =	Chris Hughes	920g
3 rd =	Kevin Murphy	920g

Qualifier 12:

1 st	Colin Hart	4.540kg
2 nd	Jim Hillhouse	1.760kg
3 rd	William Stewart	1.650kg
4 th	Mark Lyons	1.180kg

There are still tickets available for all of the remaining 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 13	QUALIFIER 14	QUALIFIER 15	QUALIFIER 16
DATE	8 rd May	10 th May	17 th May	17 th May
VENUE	Magiscroft (Main Loch)	Dormont	Broom	Orchil (Nr Auchterarder)
FEES:				
Peg	£6.00	£5.00	£5.00	£7.00
Optional Pools ⁽¹⁾	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00
TIMINGS:				
Draw	1715 hrs	0930 hrs	0930 hrs	0930 hrs
Fish	1800–2100	1100–1600	1100–1600	1100 – 1600
Results	2130 hrs	1630 hrs	1630 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

