



PRESS RELEASE

AYRSTRIKE – BURNS FISHING COMPETITION 2008

The Magiscroft carp continue with their no feeding protest as the 13th qualifier goes through to Ayrstike final.

After a week of warm weather there were high hopes that the evening qualifier on Magiscroft's Mian Loch on Thursday 8th May would finally bring some bumper weights. Unfortunately the carp had other ideas and silver fish again dominated with the best bags coming from the open water at the down wind end of the match length. On permanent peg 39, **Monkland's angler Ian Whitson (46) from Motherwell** showed why he has been included in the Scotland squad for this year's Celtic Cup putting together a good net of silver fish on both long and short pole for 16lb 5oz, almost doubling the next anglers weight. Second place was fought out between the two end pegs with William Stewart on peg 37 weighing 9lb 6oz using similar tactics to Iain while at the other end on peg 47 Mark Lyons managed a few small carp for 7lb 1 oz.

Ian now claims his place in the big money final at Spring Water Fisheries, Ayr on Sun 25th May. For your chance to join him simply contact SFCA Chairman Gus Brindle at gus@gbmsscotland.fsnet.co.uk.

Other results were:

1 st	Iain Whitson	16lb 5oz
2 nd	William Stewart	9lb 6oz
3 rd	Mark Lyons	7lb 1oz
4 th	Derek Brady	5lb 12oz

There are still tickets available for the final two qualifiers which are shown below.

QUALIFIER	QUALIFIER 15	QUALIFIER 16
DATE	17 th May	17 th May
VENUE	Broom	Orchil (Nr Auchterarder)
FEES:		
Peg	£5.00	£7.00
Optional Pools ⁽¹⁾	£10.00	£10.00
TIMINGS:		
Draw	0930 hrs	0930 hrs
Fish	1100–1600	1100 – 1600
Results	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