



PRESS RELEASE

AYRSTRIKE – BURNS FISHING COMPETITION 2008

Crystal clear waters meant seeing the fish at Dormont Lake was easy – catching them was another story!

A slightly overcast day was a god send at Dormont Lake for the 14th Ayrstrike qualifier on Saturday 10th May, as crystal clear water and bright sunshine had been making catching fish almost impossible. Despite the difficult conditions most anglers managed to catch a few small fish and **Peter O'Neill (51) from Carluke** used his experience of canal fishing to good effect to put 10oz of small roach perch and chub on the scales and claim his place in the final. Peter did not have things all his own way however with Matthew Dunn close behind in second place with 9oz of similar fish with Tom Penman in third place with 8oz. Indeed the weights, despite being small, were extremely close with only 4 oz separating the top 4 anglers.

Peter now claims the 14th 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	Peter O'Neill	10oz
2 nd	Matthew Dunn	9oz
3 rd	Tom Penman	8oz
4 th	Mairi Dick	7oz

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

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