



PRESS RELEASE

AYRSTRIKE – BURNS FISHING COMPETITION 2008

3rd Scottish Internationalist through to final after another difficult qualifier!

David McAuley (35) from Motherwell, was the fourth angler to claim his place in big money Ayrstrike Final after another very hard qualifier round at Spring Water Fisheries, Ayr last Saturday. The Daiwa man who has represented Scotland on a number of occasions and won numerous Scottish Titles over the years, used all his experience to put 1lb 10oz on the scales in a match that saw the majority of the field struggle for bites.

The sudden drop in temperature in the days running up to the match meant it was always going to be tough going, and with bright sunshine and a bitter northerly wind the fish were definitely not in a mood to feed. David alternated methods for two small Carp on the feeder using fishmeal groundbait and red maggot hookbaits and added a few small perch on the pole with a larger of the Carp arriving on the very last cast to give him a comfortable win with 1lb 10oz. Scottish Junior Internationalist James Woodrow (21) from Milton, Glasgow worked hard on the pole all day for 1lb of small roach and perch but without a carp could not match David and had to settle for second spot. Fishery owner Wullie Scott said that he had been disappointed with the way that the venue had fished but that the weather had played a significant part in the poor results. The venue had also been due to be restocked recently but a problem with the fish supplier meant that the carp and chub could not be delivered until after the qualifier. With more fish going in before the end of April, and hopefully warmer weather, Wullie said that he was still confident that there would be plenty of fish

caught in the final on 25th May. Event organiser Gus Brindle said, “Coarse fishing in Scotland at this time of year has always been very hard going and I don’t think anyone expected to see double figure bags of fish in these early qualifiers. The fishing has however been very difficult for everyone and has definitely made anglers work hard to try to earn a place in the final”.

For your chance to qualify for the big money final 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	David McAuley	1lb 10oz
2 nd	James Woodrow	1lb
3 rd	Stuart McCowan	10oz
4 th	Wullie Scott	6oz
5 th	George Yardley (Snr)	3oz

The next three qualifiers are:

QUALIFIER	QUALIFIER 5	QUALIFIER 6	QUALIFIER 7
DATE	29 nd March	5 th April	12 th April
VENUE	Orchil Fishery, Nr Auchterarder	Loch Ken (Boulders)	Barony College Dumfries
FEES:			
Peg	£6.00	£3.00	£3.00
Optional Pools ⁽¹⁾	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00
TIMINGS:			
Draw	0930 hrs	0900 hrs	0900 hrs
Fish	1100 – 1600 hrs	1030 – 1530 hrs	1030 – 1530 hrs

Results	1630 hrs	1630 hrs	1630 hrs
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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