



PRESS RELEASE

AYRSTRIKE – BURNS FISHING COMPETITION 2008

Magiscroft regular through to final!

A biting wind and persistent rain could not stop **56 year old Thomas Lauriston from Cumbernauld** becoming the 5th individual to qualify for the big money Ayrstrike Final at Orchil Fisheries near Auchterarder on Saturday 29th March. Tommy, who only started fishing in September 2006, fished a small method feeder loaded with Green Swim Stim groundbait and hair-rigged a single grain of sweetcorn to tempt 9 small carp for 5.370kg from permanent peg 7.

In second place was disabled angler Martin Pearson who fished similar tactics, but with a conventional groundbait feeder, to end the match with better carp and a small tench for 4.960kg. After the match Martin revealed that he had a small bite in the dying minutes of the match but despite willing the tip of the rod to go round the fish had clearly moved on. One more of the better stamp carp he was catching would have seen him through to the final but it was not to be.

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	Thomas Lauriston	5.370kg
2 nd	Martin Pearson	4.960kg

3 rd	Tony Ball	2.960kg
4 th	Stephen Hunter	2.520kg
5 th	Brain Cochrane	900g

The next three qualifiers are:

QUALIFIER	QUALIFIER 6	QUALIFIER 7	QUALIFIER 8
DATE	5 th April	12 th April	13 th April
VENUE	Loch Ken (Boulders)	Barony College Dumfries	Magiscroft (Main Loch)
FEES:			
Peg	£3.00	£5.00	£6.00
Optional Pools ⁽¹⁾	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00
TIMINGS:			
Draw	0900 hrs	0900 hrs	0930 hrs
Fish	1030 – 1530 hrs	1030 – 1530 hrs	1100 – 1600 hrs
Results	1630 hrs	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