



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **AYRSTRIKE – BURNS FISHING COMPETITION 2008**

#### ***Eric goes the distance to win a place in the final!***

**Monklands club member Eric Morris (55) from Wigan** proved that longer is better, on Loch Ken at least, putting together 10lb 10oz of skimmer bream at distance to become the 6<sup>th</sup> individual to qualify for the big money Ayrstrike Final on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April. Eric fished a groundbait feeder at 80mtrs with bunches of red maggot, switching to straight lead in the last hour of the match to land 22 skimmers, 2 roach and a few perch/tommy ruff and beat off a late challenge from local Loch ken legend and Scottish Internationalist Ewan Weed. Ewan had to again settle for second place after weighing 9lb 7oz of skimmers using similar tactics.

For your chance to qualify for the big money final, which will be held at Spring Water Fisheries, Ayr on Sun 25<sup>th</sup> May, simply visit [www.fishscotland.co.uk](http://www.fishscotland.co.uk), or [www.sfca.co.uk](http://www.sfca.co.uk) and follow the Ayrstrike links, or contact SFCA Chairman Gus Brindle at [gus@gbmsscotland.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:gus@gbmsscotland.fsnet.co.uk).

Other results were:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Eric Morris	10lb 10oz
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ewan Weed	9lb 7oz
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Michael Shaw	8lb 6oz
4 <sup>th</sup>	Gary Taylor	7lb 0oz

There are still tickets available for all of the next three qualifiers which are shown below. Individuals are reminded that the qualifier at broom on Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Apr is a double header and that the Federation Cup is due to be held on the venue on Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Apr.

QUALIFIER	QUALIFIER 7	QUALIFIER 8	QUALIFIER 9/10
DATE	12 <sup>th</sup> April	13 <sup>th</sup> April	19 <sup>th</sup> April
VENUE	Barony College Dumfries	Magiscroft (Main Loch)	Broom (F1 Pond & Canal)
FEES:			
Peg	£5.00	£6.00	£5.00
Optional Pools <sup>(1)</sup>	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00
TIMINGS:			
Draw	0900 hrs	0930 hrs	0930 hrs
Fish	1030 – 1530 hrs	1100 – 1600 hrs	1100 – 1600 hrs
Results	1630 hrs	1630 hrs	1630 hrs

Notes:

(1) Pools payouts will be: 1<sup>st</sup> = 50%, 2<sup>nd</sup> = 30%, 3<sup>rd</sup> = 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](http://www.burnsfestival.com)