

Brindle regains Canal title, but it was tough

Gus Brindle has won the Scottish coarse fishing canal championship for the third or fourth time, but he had to work hard to claim the title on this occasion.

The Scottish international outfished nine other competitors in the event held in tricky conditions on the Forth & Clyde Canal at Hags.

Dunfermline-based Brindle hooked into 420g of fish with Mark Llyons second on 305g.

Most of Brindle's catch came in the first 30 minutes of the match, the chairman of the Scottish Federation for Coarse Anglers (SFCA) finding a pocket of roach. He then hung on by adding a few perch.

Darrin Ferguson, president of the Edinburgh and Lothians Coarse Angling Club (ELCAC) was third with just 90g with Andrew Potts fourth on 60g and Brian Wallace fifth on 20g. Rosalind Cassidy, also a member of the ELCAC, was sixth with 10g.

Brindle (pictured) said: "After a night with single figure temperatures and bright sunshine for most of the match, bites were very hard to come by despite the generous pegging."