



International *Back to Back* Wool Challenge

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2009 Results

Annual Challenge

Promoting Wool World Wide & Fund Raising for Cancer Research

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POSITION	TEAM	2009 Time	Previous Best Time
1.	Spinning Knitwits-Newcastle, Patterson, NSW, Australia	6hr 3min 20sec	5hr 43min 26sec 2004
2.	Toronto Spiders, Toronto, Ontario, Canada Including a 5 minute penalty.	6hr 8min 25sec	5hr 55min 50sec 2008 CANADIAN RECORD 2008
3.	Kurrajong Handspun Crafts, NSW, Australia	7hr 6min 55sec	6hr 34min 19sec 2007
4.	Gumeracha Gumknitters, Lobethal, South Australia	7hr 21mins 59sec	7hr 55min 48sec 2007
5.	Hitsujikouboh Masako, Chibaken, Japan	7hr 28min 08sec	5hr 33min 46sec 2006 JAPANESE RECORD 2006
6.	Team 1, Pelhrimov, Czech Republic	7hr 34min 15sec	8hr 48min 29sec NEW CZECH REPUBLIC RECORD
7.	Wonder Woollies, Carleton Place, Ont, Canada	7hr 37min 00sec	10hr 00min 00sec
8.	Team 2, Pelhrimov, Czech Republic	8hr 32min 40sec	9hr 43min 42sec
9.	Senekal Spinners Academy, Bloemfontein, South Africa	9hr 9min 15sec	New Team New SOUTH AFRICAN RECORD
10.	Cotswold Woolgatherers, Stroud, Gloucestershire, UK	9hr 40min 13sec	New Team
11.	W F Friends, Stirling, Ontario, Canada	10hr 41min 00sec	13hr 26min 15sec 2008
12.	Poly Wester's, Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada	10hr 50min 00sec	11hr 45min 00sec 2006
13.	Gospereau Valley Team, Nova Scotia, Canada	11hr 50min 5sec	11hr 15min 00sec 2007
14.	Rhodes Runners, Kurrajong, NSW Australia	Unfinished	Unfinished

Guinness WORLD RECORD

Pembroke Merriwa Jumbucks, NSW, Australia 4hr 51min 14sec ~ 2004

2008 Awards:-

Scottish Wool Centre - The winning team world wide.

**Spinning Knitwits (Newcastle), Patterson, NSW, Australia
6hr 3min 20sec**

City of Geelong - Winning Australian team.

Spinning Knitwits (Newcastle), Patterson, NSW, Australia

Shipway Trophy - For the winning New South Wales, Australia, team.

Spinning Knitwits (Newcastle), Patterson, NSW, Australia

Canadian Cooperative Wool Growers Ltd Trophy for the winning Canadian team.

**Toronto Spiders, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
6hr 8min 25sec**

Brigadoon Trophy- The team with the greatest donation to charity.

Results to be announced when all the results are in.

Media Release

Australia wins back the Back to Back Trophy

The **Spinning Knitwits** team competing at Tocal Agricultural College, Paterson, NSW handspun and knitted a jumper from sheep's back to theirs in *just over six hours* to win this years *International Back to Back Wool Challenge*.

Only Five minutes and Five Seconds separated them from the **Toronto Spiders** competing in Canada but not enough to break the Guinness world record time of **4 hours, 51 minutes and 14 seconds**, held by the **Merriwa Jumbucks** Toronto had a five minute penalty so in reality, the margin was just **five seconds**.

Fourteen teams of blade shearers, handspINNers and knitters entered at **twelve different venues** around the world in the *fifteenth* Challenge, completed on Saturday 13th June 2009.

Each team consisted of a **blade shearer**, a country of origin **sheep** and **seven handspINNers** (with spinning wheels) and **knitters** who follow the identical Challenge rules and pattern to knit **the adult size jumper**.

A team from Free State, South Africa competed for the first time at Bloemfontein. Fourteen teams from six different countries competed in this years Challenge.

Each team not only promoted wool world wide but raised substantial funds for Cancer Research.

Countries competing this year included **Australia, Canada, Japan, UK, South Africa and the Czech Republic**.

Results:-

First :-	Newcastle Spinning Knitwits, Tocal, NSW	6 hours 3 minutes 20 seconds.
Second:-	Toronto Spiders, Toronto, Ontario, Canada	6 hours 8 minutes 25 seconds.
Third:-	Kurrajong Handspun Crafts, NSW, Australia	7 hours 6minutes 55seconds