



# 29<sup>th</sup> FIPS-Mouche World Fly Fishing Championship

Scotland  
2009



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In June the representatives of 27 countries arrived at Drymen to compete in the 2009 World Fly Fishing Championships and enjoyed a superb competition. The successful bid to host this event was presented to FIPS- Mouche by Dr Neil McCarry at the 29<sup>th</sup> CIPS Congress in Prague 2007 and followed on from the very successful European Championships we held on Islay in 2003. No doubt the successful bid to host the 2009 World Championships benefited from the many reports that praised the hosting of the 2003 event. The Scottish team took the silver medal in 2003 and hopes were high that the team of David Chalmers, Calum Crosbie, Simon Cocker, Donald Forbes and James Litster assisted by Dick Logan (captain/reserve) and George Mackenzie (manager) would once again be there at the finish.

### **Opening Ceremony**

The opening ceremony was held on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June and began with the 27 x countries parading behind their national flags through Drymen to the village square where the President of FIPS-Mouche, Paul Vekemans, officially declared the Championships open. The Duke of Montrose, the Patron of the Championship, and Stirling Councillor Colin O'Brien extended a warm welcome to all the competing countries



### **Practice**

Practice days were on the Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday the teams had the opportunity to fish Loch Frandy, Loch Earn and North Third Reservoir, all three of which were similar to the competition lochs they would face on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. On the Sunday the practice was organised for the River Tummel and stretches of the River Tay upstream and downstream of the competition water and prepared the teams for the week ahead.

### **Competition**

The competition waters to be fished from boats each competition day were Loch Awe, Carron Valley Reservoir, Loch Leven and the Lake of Menteith. The river sessions were on the River Tay.

There are two elements to a World Championship. The anglers compete to become the individual World Champion and at the same time each country competes to take the team gold.





One of the nets supplied by Fastnet is put to good use on the Lake of Menteith

Each team consisted of five anglers with an optional reserve who could be used as necessary. The team members were split into five groups (A, B, C, D and E) and they remained with their designated group for the duration of the competition. There were morning and afternoon sessions at each of the five venues on the Monday and Wednesday and a morning session only on the Tuesday. Each session was of three hours duration. The groups started leaving the hotels around 6am each morning and were bussed to their respective morning venues. After the morning session each group was then bussed over to their afternoon venue. Over the three days each angler (or reserve) fished one session at each of the five venues.

The sun shone relentlessly over the three competition days which made the fishing extremely hard but on the upside the competitors were able to see Scotland at its best as they travelled through Argyll, The Trossachs, Central Scotland and Perthshire.

On the Thursday morning the teams and their guests were invited to attend a conservation symposium at which Dr Andy Walker introduced two excellent presentations on Scottish fishery projects with very wide international interest. Chris Horrill from the Association of River Trusts for Scotland described recently upgraded national arrangements for coping with the increasing problem of biosecurity threats to inland fish resources. Then Alastair Thorne from the Marine Scotland Freshwater Laboratory gave a fascinating account of catch and release and tracking the movements of large fish-eating brown trout in Loch Rannoch. Chris, Alastair and Andy all contributed to a very popular question and answer session that showed once again how knowledgeable about and committed are the World teams to fish and wildlife conservation.

### **Closing Ceremony**

The medal presentation and championship closure was held in Drymen Square on the Thursday afternoon with the medals being presented by the Duke of Montrose and Paul Vekermans, FIPS-Mouche President. The Olympics style ceremony saw the representatives and teams of the 27 x countries gather in the village square with their national flags and banners identifying the countries they were from.

National anthems were played as the individual and team medal winners made their way to the podium where they were presented with their medals.

Prior to the championships being brought to a close, the Budstikka, the FIPS-Mouche equivalent of the Olympic torch, was handed to Poland who will host the 2010 World Championship.

### Final Dinner

The events drew to a close with a banquet and presentation of prizes on the Thursday evening. Richard Lochhead MSP presented the prizes and many of the teams took the opportunity to entertain their fellow competitors.



Richard Lochhead MSP presents the World Champion Iain Barr with his trophy



World Champions – England being presented with Glengoyne Malt by Iain Weir of Glengoyne Distilleries

## Acknowledgements

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The following comments are indicative of the many that were received:-

**Richard Lochhead MSP** (Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment):-

I would like to express my thanks and congratulations to you for leading Scotland's contribution in hosting the 29<sup>th</sup> World Fly Fishing Championships this year. In conversation with many of the competitors and their back-up teams I was overwhelmed by their appreciation of the venues selected, the slick organisation and outstanding welcome they experienced. This brought great credit to Scotland.

**Paul Vekemans** (President FIPS-Mouche):-

First of all a sincere thank you for all you did for this Championship. As always we had some minor problems but it was a very nice and good Championship. Every competitor had a fantastic time and many will come back for a fishing holiday in Scotland.

**Ian Greenwood** (Manager of winning English Team):-

I thought the 2003 European Championships on Islay would never be surpassed. Drymen was on a par with Islay. When you have experienced officials you know it's going to be something special and for England it was.

**Iain Barr** (Individual World Champion):-

The venues offered a variety of truly wild fishing for brown trout and excellent stocked rainbow trout. Each venue had scenery only to be expected in the wilderness of Patagonia but the Scottish scenery was truly magnificent.



Iain Barr being congratulated by James Litster and Simon Cocker



## Results Summary

### Day 1: Session 1:

- River Tay:** Artur Trzasko (Poland) took 5 x trout to finish the session 2 x trout ahead of Julien Daguillannes (France). Calum Crosbie (Scotland) did very well to take 6<sup>th</sup> with 2 trout.
- Loch Leven:** Three anglers managed to land 2 x trout with Peter Ellberse (Netherlands) just edging it from Christophe Idre (France). Donald Forbes (Scotland) was clean.
- Carron:** Two anglers took 6 x fish with Sandro Soldarini (Italy) taking 1<sup>st</sup> with Jonothan William (Wales) taking 2<sup>nd</sup>. James Litster came 10<sup>th</sup> with 2 x fish.
- Loch Awe:** Five anglers took 2 x trout with Terry Kelly (Ireland) coming first just ahead of Simon Cocker (Scotland).
- Menteith:** Howard Croston (England) took 1<sup>st</sup> with David Chalmers (Scotland) taking 2<sup>nd</sup>. Both had 6 x fish.



David Chalmers toasts his 2<sup>nd</sup> place on Menteith with Glenfiddich Malt

At the end of the morning session on day 1 the leader was Howard Croston (England) from Sandro Soldarini (Italy). David Chalmers (6<sup>th</sup>); Simon Cocker (10<sup>th</sup>) and Calum Crosbie (28<sup>th</sup>) were the top Scottish rods. In the team event France were leading from Wales with Scotland in 5<sup>th</sup> (15 place points behind the leaders).

### Day 1: Session 2

- River Tay:** The consistency of the French and Polish competitors on the rivers showed through again on session 2 with France (Yannick Riviere) taking 1st with a superb 9 x trout followed by Poland (Piotr Marchewka) with 4 x fish. David Chalmers kept Scotland in contention with 12<sup>th</sup> place.

- Loch Leven:** Calum Crosbie (Scotland) came close with 2 x trout but was just kept out of 1<sup>st</sup> place by Olli Toivonen (Finland) who also had 2 x fish.
- Carron:** Thomas Adam (Czech) took 1<sup>st</sup> from Ian Barr (England). Both had 4 x trout. Donald Forbes (Scotland) was 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Loch Awe:** With only 7 x fish caught it was not as easy session. Lance Egan (USA) with 2 x trout won the session from Laurent Gagneux (France). James Litster (Scotland) was clean.
- Menteith:** France continued with a strong showing with their Yann Caleri taking 1<sup>st</sup> with 11 x fish one ahead of Alesandro Sgrani (Italy). Simon Cocker (Scotland) was 13<sup>th</sup> with 2 x fish.

At the end of day 1 Yann Caleri (France) was leading from Geoffrey Thompson (Wales). Of the Scottish rods, Calum Crosbie had moved up to 7<sup>th</sup>; David Chalmers had dropped to 17<sup>th</sup> and Simon Cocker had dropped to 21<sup>st</sup>. France remained in the lead of the team event with Finland moving into second. The Scottish team had moved up to 4<sup>th</sup> (47 place points behind the leaders)



Dick Logan studies the river

## Day 2: Session 3

- River Tay:** Iain Barr (England) showed the way by taking 5 x trout which was two ahead of Ulrich Schneider (Germany) who was second. Donald Forbes (Scotland) was clean.
- Loch Leven:** Another hard session on Loch Leven with seven competitors catching one trout each. Cameron Anderson (South Africa) won from Simon Robinson (England). Simon Cocker (Scotland) was clean.
- Carron:** Germany again did well with their Gerd Borchert who took 5 x trout beating USA's Mike Sexton into 2<sup>nd</sup> with 4 x fish. Calum Crosbie (Scotland) was 20<sup>th</sup> with one trout.
- Loch Awe:** Tor Grothe (Norway) had a great day to take 3 x trout to win the session from Olivier Jarreton (France) who had 2 x trout. David Chalmers (Scotland) was clean.
- Menteith:** France and Italy were again to the fore with Laurent Gagneux (France) taking first with 8 x fish and Sandro Soldarini (Italy) taking 2<sup>nd</sup> with 6. James Litster (Scotland) was 12<sup>th</sup> with two trout.

At the end of day 2, England's Iain Barr had moved into the lead from Christophe Idre (France). Calum Crosbie dropped to 14<sup>th</sup>; David Chalmers dropped to 34<sup>th</sup> and Simon Cocker dropped to 40<sup>th</sup>. In the team event France were now leading from England by 49 place points with Scotland in 9<sup>th</sup> place (99 place points behind the leader).

### Day 3: Session 4

**River Tay:** Martin Doz (Czech) with 3 x fish won from John Horsey (England) who had 2. Dick Logan (Scotland) was clean.

**Loch Leven:** On one of the hardest sessions on Loch Leven. Scotland's David Chalmers started the Scottish fight back by taking 1<sup>st</sup> with 3 x trout. Donald Thom (Canada) was second with one.

**Carron:** Terry Kelly (Ireland) took a 1<sup>st</sup> for the second time during the week when the quality of his 6 x fish was just that bit better than the 6 caught by Jorgen Hagen (Norway). Simon Cocker (Scotland) was 8<sup>th</sup> with 3 x fish.

**Loch Awe:** When the going gets tough. 9 fish were caught by 7 x anglers. Donald Forbes (Scotland) took first with 2 x fish from Pete Erickson (USA) who also had two.



A pensive Donald Forbes with his bronze medal

**Menteith:** Dave Parker (England) with 6 x fish was 1<sup>st</sup> from Olli Toivonen (Finland) who had five. Calum Crosbie (Scotland) had a good session to take 4<sup>th</sup> with four fish.

At the end of session four Iain Barr (England) was still in the lead and Artur Trzasko (Poland) had moved into second. Scotland's Calum Crosbie had moved up to 10<sup>th</sup>; David Chalmers had moved up to 18<sup>th</sup>; Simon Cocker had moved up to 29<sup>th</sup> and Donald Forbes was 62<sup>nd</sup>. In the team event France was still hanging on to 1<sup>st</sup> by 5 place points from England. Scotland had moved back up to 5<sup>th</sup> (67 place points behind France courtesy of two excellent individual first, a fourth and an eighth).

### Day 3: Final Session

**River Tay:** Devin Olsen (USA) had a good session to take 3 x trout and first place from Yann Caleri (France) who had two. Simon Cocker took an important trout for Scotland to finish in 7<sup>th</sup>.





Simon Cocker concentrates on getting that trout from the River Tay

**Loch Leven:** Another very hard day on Leven with only 5 x fish being taken. Marti Lahteenmaki (Finland) won from Christian Jadouille (Belgium). James Litster (Scotland) was clean.

**Carron:** There were only two clean rods in this session with the top three taking 5 x trout each. Andrea Adreveno (Italy) won from Helder Rodrigues (Portugal). David Chalmers (Scotland) was 12th with three fish.

**Loch Awe:** Luca Papandrea (Italy) had a red letter day to take 1<sup>st</sup> with 5 x trout. Guy Hastedt (Luxemburg) was 2<sup>nd</sup> with 2 x fish. Calum Crosbie kept Scotland in the hunt with one fish to take a 6<sup>th</sup> place.

**Menteith:** Donald Forbes did it again to take his second individual first on the final day. His 5 x fish were just too good for Fabio Manfrin (Italy) who had the same number.

At the end of the final session Iain Barr (England) was the individual winner and the team event was won by England with France second. Following an outstanding final day Scotland finished in third place. Calum Crosbie finished in 5<sup>th</sup> place overall and was the top Scottish rod.

This was a well deserved win by Iain Barr and England. Iain was very consistent over the three days and had individual placings of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Over the week England had three individual firsts (Iain Barr, Howard Croston and Dave Parker) and three x individual seconds (Iain Barr, Simon Robinson and John Horsey).



Competitors view the results on the Daily Record results board

## Resume of Scotland's Performance

The final day saw a superb performance by Scottish anglers led by Donald Forbes who had two individual 1sts; David Chalmers with an individual 1<sup>st</sup> and a 12<sup>th</sup>; Calum Crosbie with an individual 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> and Simon Cocker with a 7<sup>th</sup> and an 8<sup>th</sup>. Over the week Scotland had 3 x individual 1sts (David Chalmers and Donald Forbes [2]) and 3 x individual 2nds (Simon Cocker, David Chalmers and Calum Crosbie) which compared very well with England (3 x 1sts and 3 x 2<sup>nds</sup>) and France (3 x 1<sup>st</sup> and 5 x 2nds).

The session results for the Scottish rods were as follows:-

**5<sup>th</sup> – Calum Crosbie** – 6<sup>th</sup> in session one; 2<sup>nd</sup> in session two; 20<sup>th</sup> in session three; 4<sup>th</sup> in session four and 6<sup>th</sup> in session five.

**14<sup>th</sup> – David Chalmers** - 2<sup>nd</sup> in session one; 12<sup>th</sup> in session two; clean in session three, 1<sup>st</sup> in session four and 12<sup>th</sup> in session five.

**21<sup>st</sup> – Simon Cocker** - 2<sup>nd</sup> in session one; 13<sup>th</sup> in session two; clean in session three; 8<sup>th</sup> in session four and 7<sup>th</sup> in session five.

**41<sup>st</sup> – Donald Forbes** - clean in session one; 15<sup>th</sup> in session two; clean in session three; 1<sup>st</sup> in session four and 1<sup>st</sup> in session five.

**87<sup>th</sup> – James Litster** - 10<sup>th</sup> in session one; clean in session two; 12<sup>th</sup> in session three and clean in session five.

**124<sup>th</sup> – Dick Logan** - clean in session four.



Calum Crosbie  
And  
George Mackenzie  
proudly display their bronze  
medals



Time to go home

## Final Positions (Individual)

1. Iain Barr (England)	45. Mark Busto (Lux)	89. John Donnachy (Australia)
2. Donald Thom (Canada)	46. Guy Hastedt (Lux)	90. Nobuichi Suzuki (Japan)
3. Christian Jadouille (Belg)	47. Stanislav Mankov (Bulgaria)	91. Jim Russell (Ireland)
4. Yann Caleri (France)	48. Pablo Castro (Spain)	92. Franck Fromm (Germany)
5. <b>Calum Crosbie (Scotland)</b>	49. Janne Pirkkalainen (Finland)	93. Tom Murphy (Ireland)
6. Artur Trzasko (Poland)	50. Jens Beyer (Germany)	94. Stanislaw Guzdek (Poland)
7. Martin Droz (Czech)	51. Jaromir Sram (Czech)	95. Yannick Riviere (France)
8. Olli Toivonen (Finland)	52. Jeremy Wadley (Wales)	96. Thomas Adam (Czech)
9. Laurent Gagneux (France)	53. Sandro Soldarini (Italy)	97. Olaf Syversbraten (Norway)
10. John Horsey (England)	54. Andrea Adreveno (Italy)	98. Helder Rodrigues (Portugal)
11. Christophe Idre (France)	55. Jordi Oliveras (Spain)	99. Wolfgang Wagner (Lux)
12. Tor Grothe (Norway)	56. Manuel Pedrosa (Portugal)	100. Iago Urruzuno (Spain)
13. Pete Erickson (USA)	57. Devin Olsen (USA)	101. Antonio Rodrigues (Portugal)
14. <b>David Chalmers (Scotland)</b>	58. Ulrich Schneider (Germany)	102. Ishimura Misako (Japan)
15. Jarkko Suominen (Finland)	59. Siem Grootemat (Neth)	103. Miroslav Zubor (SVK)
16. Peter Ellberse (Netherlands)	60. Claude Strotz (Lux)	104. Jarle Strandberg (Norway)
17. Simon Robinson (England)	61. Boris Dzurek (SVK)	105. Sean Maher (Ireland)
18. Antonin Pesek (Czech)	62. Aitor Urruzuno (Spain)	106. Ton Van Gelder (Neth)
19. Campbell Baird (Ireland)	63. Michal Benatinsky (SVK)	107. Terence Babich (SAF)
20. Dave Parker (England)	64. Robert Stroud (Can)	108. George Daniel (USA)
21. <b>Simon Cocker (Scotland)</b>	65. Juhani Rosenstrom (Finland)	109. Paulo Morais (Portugal)
22. Maxim Verashaka (Australia)	66. Terence Courtorelle (Can)	110. Alfred Thys (Belgium)
23. Jorgen Hagen (Norway)	67. Mark Yelland (SAF)	111. Bert Schmidt (Neth)
24. Mike Sexton (USA)	68. Gary Glen-Young (SAF)	112. Randy Taylor (Can)
25. Joe Riley (Australia)	69. Michal Krebs (SVK)	113. Tim Babich (SAF)
26. Neil Ashman (Wales)	70. Carsten Borchert (Germany)	114. Bosko Barisic (Croatia)
27. Cameron Anderson (SAF)	71. Todd Oishi (Can)	115. Nuno Duarte (Portugal)
28. Luca Papandrea (Italy)	72. Julien Daguiannes (France)	116. Stephen Varga (Malta)
29. Grzegorz Golofit (Poland)	73. Craig Coltman (USA)	117. Ivica Maddic (Croatia)
30. Jonathan William (Wales)	74. Arkaitz Martin (Spain)	118. Takashi Kawahara (Japan)
31. Howard Croston (England)	75. Chris Pfohl (CAN)	119. Inger Svendall (Sweden)
32. Lubos Roza (Czech)	76. Igor Hribik (SVK)	120. Anthony Naraja (USA)
33. Gerd Borchert (Germany)	77. Miroslav Katicic (Croatia)	121. Stefano De Martini (Italy)
34. Fabio Manfrin (Italy)	78. Erlend V. Nilssen (Norway)	122. Jorge Pisco (Portugal)
35. Lance Egan (USA)	79. Frederick Charlier (Belgium)	123. Kasuya Masamitsu (Japan)
36. Marinko Puskaric (Croatia)	80. Rene Koops (Neth)	124. Zsigmon Kovacs (Hungary)
37. Martti Lahteenmaki (Finland)	81. Rene Kleman (Lux)	124. Tom Skyrud (Norway)
38. Geoffrey Thompson (Wales)	82. Seiichiro Otsuka (Japan)	124. Sinisa Hadjin (Croatia)
39. Gareth Williams (Wales)	83. Piotr Konieczny (Poland)	124. Miquel Alarcon (Spain)
40. Olivier Jarreton (France)	84. Koen De Schepper (Belgium)	124. Marek Waczyk (Poland)
41. <b>Donald Forbes (Scotland)</b>	85. Mark Youngman (USA)	124. Johan Crooymans (Neth)
42. Alesandro Sgrani (Italy)	86. Jason Zapoticzny (Belgium)	<b>124. Dick Logan (Scotland)</b>
43. Terry Kelly (Ireland)	87. James Litster (Scotland)	
44. Pat Hoare (Ireland)	88. Piotr Marchewka (Poland)	



### Final Positions (Teams)

Position	Country	Place Points
1	England	230
2	France	241
3	Scotland	292
4	Finland	299
5	Wales	308
6	Czech Republic	313
7	Italy	321
8	USA	332
9	Canada	341
10	Ireland	349
11	Poland	368
12	Australia	372
13	Germany	377
14	Norway	379
15	Luxemburg	392
16	Spain	399
17	Belgium	399
18	Netherlands	417
19	Slovakia	421
20	South Africa	427
21	Portugal	468
22	Croatia	474
23	Japan	496