



# International *Back to Back* Wool Challenge

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## 2010 Results

Annual Challenge

Promoting Wool World Wide & Fund Raising for Cancer Research

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POSITION	TEAM	2010 Time	Previous Best Time
1.	Toronto Spiders, Toronto, Ontario, Canada <i>Including a 5 min penalty</i>	5hr 52min 48sec	5hr 55min 50sec 2008 <b>NEW CANADIAN RECORD 2010</b>
2.	Team 1, Pelhrimov, Czech Republic	6hr 52min 10sec	7hr 34min 15sec 2009 <b>NEW CZECH REPUBLIC RECORD 2010</b>
3.	Hitsujikouboh Masako, Chibaken, Japan	7hr 14min 04sec	5hr 33min 46sec 2006 <b>JAPANESE RECORD 2006</b>
4.	Spinning Knitwits-Newcastle, Patterson, NSW, Australia	7hr 22min 35sec	5hr 43min 26sec 2004
5.	Kurrajong Handspun Crafts, NSW, Australia	7hr 44min 00sec	6hr 34min 19sec 2007
6.	Team 2, Pelhrimov, Czech Republic	7hr 44min 13sec	8hr 32min 40sec
7.	Bloemfontein Spinners Academy, Republic of South Africa	8hr 13min 40sec	9hr 9min 15sec 2009 <b>NEW SOUTH AFRICAN RECORD 2010</b>
8.	Gumeracha Gumknutters, Lobethal, South Australia	9hr 34min 38sec	7hr 21mins 59sec 2009
9.	Gospereau Valley Team, Nova Scotia, Canada	9hr 59min 10sec	11hr 15min 00sec 2007
10.	Cotswold Woolgatherers, Stroud, Gloucestershire, UK	10hr 10min 00sec	9hr 40min 13sec 2009
11.	Thunder Bay Weavers & Spinners, Ontario, Canada	14hr 25min 12sec	17hr 46min 20sec 2008
12.	The Unspun Heroes, George River, Cape Brenton Island, Nova Scotia Canada	7hr 37min 00sec 15hr 09min 00sec <i>Including a 5 minute penalty</i>	New Team
13.	Spinthrift Scotsville Cape Brenton Island, Nova Scotia Canada	15hr 30min 00sec	New Team

### Guinness WORLD RECORD

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

#### 2010 Awards:-

**Scottish Wool Centre** - The winning team world wide.

Toronto Spiders, Toronto, Ontario, Canada 5hr 52min 48sec  
Including a 5 min penalty **NEW CANADIAN RECORD 2010**

**City of Geelong** -

Winning Australian team.

**Spinning Knitwits-Newcastle, Patterson, NSW, 7hr 22min 35sec**

**Shipway Trophy** -

For the winning New South Wales, Australia, team.

**Spinning Knitwits-Newcastle, Patterson, NSW, 7hr 22min 35sec**

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

Toronto Spiders, Toronto, Ontario, Canada 5hr 52min 48sec  
Including a 5 min penalty **NEW CANADIAN RECORD 2010**

**Brigadoon Trophy**-

The team with the greatest donation to charity.

**Results to be announced when all the results are in.**

## Media Release

### Toronto Spiders Spin a Winning Woolly Web

The **Toronto Spiders** team competing at Black Creek Village in Toronto, Ontario, handspun and knitted a jumper from sheep's back to theirs in *just under six hours* to win this years *International Back to Back Wool Challenge*.

Winning a whole hour ahead of the second place getter, The Czech Republic team, their time was not enough to break the Guinness world record time of **4 hours 51 minutes and 14 seconds**, held by the **Merriwa Jumbucks**

**Thirteen** teams of blade shearers, handspinners and knitters entered at **twelve different venues** around the world in the *sixteenth* Challenge, completed on Sunday 20th June 2010.

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**.

The teams were from six different countries, two teams competing on Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia, Canada for the very first time.

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 :-	Toronto Spiders, Toronto, Ontario, Canada NEW CANADIAN RECORD	5 hours 52 minutes 48 seconds. Including a 5 min penalty.
Second:-	Team 1, Pelhrimov, Czech Republic NEW THE CZECH REPUBLIC RECORD	6 hours 52 minutes 10 seconds.
Third:-	Hitsujikouboh Masako, Chibaken, Japan	7 hours 14minutes 04seconds