



## **2008 FIPS-Mouche World Fly Fishing Championships Rotorua 22<sup>nd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> March 2008**

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Dear Martin

I would like to take this opportunity of writing to thank you most sincerely for the enormous amount of work that the Events Rotorua team put in on behalf of our event. The support of the Rotorua District Council was a major factor in the great success of the event. At all stages the Events Rotorua team operated above and beyond the call of duty and we really appreciated the support they provided.

In particular, the sub-committee responsible for the opening and closing ceremonies could not have succeeded so memorably without your support. We were absolutely delighted to be allowed to put on our customary parades. More than 110 fishermen plus supporters from 23 countries paraded through the streets of Rotorua at these Opening and Closing Ceremonies and were very appreciative of the support of the members of the local community. Your organizing the local school children to carry the flags and placards with the name of each of the countries taking part was a lovely touch and much appreciated by the competitors. It was clear that many of the children were also delighted to take part and to meet people from the many countries they had only read about in school.

The organization of road closures and traffic control during these two events was superb and our thanks must go to the police and local traffic control staff. It meant that locals and visitors alike could line the route and watch the parades.

The participants were particularly excited to see the street flags announcing the event flying in the main streets of Rotorua and there were many attempts to souvenir these. In the end, your kind donation of some of them to be auctioned off at the end of the event was a tremendous bonus for us in balancing the books and much appreciated by the winning bidders.

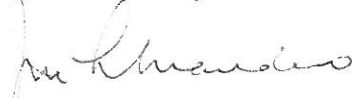
Martin, from the many congratulatory comments I received after the World Championship I can assure you that it was seen by the competitors and supporters alike as the best such event ever held. It was particularly gratifying to receive such comments from the winning captain of the Czech team who has attended all of the previous 14 World Championships ( and so

was perfectly placed to give an honest evaluation of the relative merits of this event). Not only did he and his team win the Gold Medals in this, his last competition as Captain, but they really appreciated the hospitality they were shown and the welcome they received from the local community. They promise they will be back to fish in NZ again. The consensus amongst the majority of the participant was that they would be happy if it was held in Rotorua every year - if we could just move Rotorua closer to their home countries!

Without the vital support of the Rotorua District Council, our organization of the event would have been a lot harder. On behalf of all the team organising the WFFC, thank you once again for all your support.

With many thanks and best wishes

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Jill Mandeno', written in dark ink.

Jill Mandeno  
President  
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