

A whole new pipe smoking experience

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10-11 October 2009, my first participation in the Pipe Smoking World cup held at the Grand Hotel in Debrecen, Hungary. A weekend to remember!

It was a great opportunity to participate in the World cup on behalf of The Pipe Club of Lebanon along with Paul, Marc and Richard raising Lebanon's name amongst pipe smokers from all around the world.

The experience was amazing, a warm and brotherly atmosphere where different civilizations were homogenously bonded by the magic of the briar. Everyone was happy; we all shared pipe smoking experiences, knowledge and interesting stories.

As for the competition, I have to admit that I was a bit surprised to see that most smokers were not actually smoking but were just letting the tobacco burn by keeping a sparkle lit in the bowl, adjusting it with the temper and puffing just occasionally so they can make a better score. As a lover of pipe smoking, and I mean actually smoking the pipe, I smoked my pipe in the traditional normal way and enjoyed it to the end.

Overall, my trip was excellent; it fulfilled my expectations of such a great event. I encourage every pipe smoker to participate in the World cup for the love of pipes and pipe smoking and to expand the brotherhood of the pipe by making new friends from the entire world regardless of the competition by itself.