



## 26<sup>th</sup> Slovenian Open Fly Tying Championship (2013) & 15<sup>th</sup> National Fly Tying Championship

**Aleš Lukmar wins for the second time in a row**

Fly-tying creates a bonding element unifying flyfishermen globally. Namely, the 'fly' as an object of permanent interest and desire for the fly-nuts out there, has reached a long way from its beginning. Although the primacy of the definition "*artificial fly*" as an imitation of riverine insect, has long been surpassed, it serves as an descriptor of "*food-sources*" we try to imitate. Wide spectrum of aquatic and water-related cycles creates a canvas that sets the tiers in front of a number of challenges. Thus some of them have found themselves in more imitative part of the spectrum, others in a more abstract one. On the other hand, some of the tiers swear by the uniqueness of the product, while others express their creativity in mastering the seemingly basic techniques to excellence. Well, for the contest with the tradition, such as the Slovenian Open Fly Tying Championship for the best artificial fly, all this is very important, but a master tier sets him apart by the excellence in all elements.

Slovenian Fishing Association (FAS) this year organized a 26<sup>th</sup> Slovenian Open Fly Tying Championship for the best artificial fly of the 2013 and 15<sup>th</sup> National Fly Tying Championship. We received 62 patterns, sent by tiers of eleven (11) countries: Austria, Canada, England, France, Italy, Kosovo, Germany, Serbia, Sweden, the United States of America and Slovenia. The tiers competed in diverse categories such as: dry flies, nymph/wet flies, streamers and realistic imitations.

The work was done in accordance with the Commission's Rules, by the established methodology based on the following tying elements - the symmetry of elements, quality and technical excellence, the adequacy of materials, general impression and innovation. After completing the evaluation, we recalculated the total number of points for each product and ranked them accordingly. Verification of coded flies and mapping the tiers personal data followed the ranking procedure. On this occasion, the jury consisting of Luka Hojnik (President), Bostjan Podbevšek, Denis Obad and MSc. Saša Erlih, would like to thank all participants for the effort and trust, which is essential for keeping this second oldest fly-tying competition in Europe alive.

The jury is proud of the fact that the Slovenian tiers achieved stunning results in a strong international competition, showing a positive trend in the quality of received flies from Slovenia. First and second place in an overall ranking, were achieved by already established Slovenian tiers, as well as some nice results of other Slovenian competitors. The overall winner of this year's competition (and second time in a row) is Mr. Aleš Lukmar, Slovenia, followed by a close second Vladimir Mikec- Miki, also from Slovenia.



Overall winner and 1<sup>st</sup> place in a category "Realistic flies", Aleš Lukmar's "Laški Luci", Slovenia

We are also pleased by the thickening - growing level of the main field, which further suggests raising level of competition. Enviably quality of the products reappears by tiers from Germany with the winner in the category of larvae, streamers and dry flies as well as second place in the category of dry flies. We are particularly pleased to see a representative of the United States of America, Mr. Mitch Gunner-Svaty being the high second in a category "Nymphs/Wet Flies" and another third place for the tier from neighboring Austria – Mr. Karl Flick, placed third in a category "dry flies".

## Results

"**Laški Luci**", tied by **Aleš Lukmar** in the category "Realistic imitations", won the overall title of this year's Open Championship, achieving 373 out of 400 points, the runner up was also from the category "Realistic flies" with "**Rjavček-The Brownie**", tied by Slovenian fly tying veteran **Vladimir Mikec- Miki** and overall third placed was the imitation "**Summertime**" by **Alfons Scheffold** from Germany in a category "Dry flies".



Overall 2<sup>nd</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> placed in a category "Realistic flies",  
Vladimir Mikec- Miki's "Rjavček", Slovenia



Overall 3<sup>rd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> in a category "Dry flies",  
Alfons Scheffold's "Summertime", Germany

**Alfons Scheffold**, Germany, won the "Dry flies" category with the imitation, named "**Summertime**", reaching 346 points. The second place went to **Herold Holger**, Germany, with a dry fly imitation "**Caenis spent**", and the third place took Austrian **Karl Flick** with an "**Ephemera Danica**" imitation.



Overall 4<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in a category "Dry flies",  
Herold Holger's "Caenis Spent", Germany



Overall 5<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> in a category "Nymphs",  
Herold Holger's "Caddis Pupa", Germany

In "Nymphs/Wet Flies" category **Herold Holger** from Germany took the first place with the imitation "**Caddis pupa**", followed by American **Mitch Gunner- Svaty** with his pattern "**Dragnet**", third place was taken by Slovenian young gun **Simon Urbas** with his "**Angora green nymph**".



Overall 6<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in a category "Nymphs", Mitch Gunner  
Svaty's "Dragnet", United States of America



Overall 7<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> in a category "Streamers", Herold  
Holger's "Tandem Gelenk Pike Streamer", Germany



Overall 8<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in a category "Dry flies", Karl Flick's  
"Ephemera Danica", Austria



4<sup>th</sup> in an Open Champ. and 1<sup>st</sup> in a National Champ. in a  
category "Dry flies", Tina Possnig's "Mating Caddis", Slovenia

In a "Streamers" category **Herold Holger**, Germany, took the first place with his streamer "**Tandem Gelenk Pike Streamer**", with 343 points, followed by **Simon Urbas** from Slovenia with his "**Rižana Steelhead**" and the third placed was Italian **Davide Sacchi** with his creation "**Phantom of Skeena**".



2<sup>nd</sup> in an Open Champ. and 1<sup>st</sup> in a National Champ. in a  
category "Streamers", Simon Urbas's "Rižana Steelhead",  
Slovenia



5<sup>th</sup> in an Open Champ. and 2<sup>nd</sup> in a National Champ. in a  
category "Dry flies", Domen Lavrič's "Sunny-M-Fly", Slovenia



6<sup>th</sup> in an Open Champ. and 3<sup>rd</sup> in a National Champ. in a category "Dry flies", Gregor Novak's "Emerging Mayfly Loop SRM", Slovenia



3<sup>rd</sup> in an Open Champ. and 1<sup>st</sup> in a National Champ. in a category "Nymphs", Gregor Novak's "Angora Green Nymph", Slovenia



4<sup>th</sup> in an Open Champ. and 2<sup>nd</sup> in a National Champ. in a category "Nymphs", Branko Gašparin's "Pupa Srebraš 2013", Slovenia



7<sup>th</sup> in an Open Champ. and 3<sup>rd</sup> in a National Champ. in a category "Nymphs", Rok Košmrlj's "Kimina Bubica", Slovenia



3<sup>rd</sup> placed in an Open Championship in a category "Streamers", Davide Sacchi's "Phantom of Skeena", Italy



4<sup>th</sup> in an Open Champ. and 2<sup>nd</sup> in a National Champ. in a category "Streamers", Branko Gašparin's "Pijanček", Slovenia



6<sup>th</sup> in an Open Champ. and 3<sup>rd</sup> in a National Champ. in a category "Streamers", Martin Šircelj's "Kapelj", Slovenia



3<sup>rd</sup> in an Open Champ. and 3<sup>rd</sup> in a National Champ. in a category "Realistic flies", Matjaž Moder's "Septempunctata", Slovenia

In the National Fly Tying Championship, we would like to congratulate all new and multiple winners, as well as those who remained close to the podium. This year's prize- giving ceremony, opened for all participants, will be held in June near the one of the most beautiful Slovenian rivers. All participants will be informed about their results and about the details of the prize- giving ceremony by a formal letter, sent by post from the Fishing Association of Slovenia office. Billboards with all participating flies will be on display at the premises, where the ceremony will take place. The awarded flies will find their honorable place in special glass cabinets and join the award winning flies of past competitions.

On behalf of the fly tying jury we would like to thank to all participants and congratulate to the winners. We are proudly looking back on the work that has been accomplished during all 26 years and of course we are looking forward for the years to come.

We would also like **to invite you to join the 27th Slovenian Open Fly Tying Championship 2014** – we wish you a warm welcome! And remember- **deadline for sending your flies is 31<sup>st</sup> January 2014.**

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MESTO	MESTO	ŠT. TOČK	IME IN PRIIMEK	država		IME MUHE	
PLACE	PLACE	NUM.OF POINTS	NAME AND SURNAME	state		THE FLY'S NAME	
1.		349	Alfons SCHEFHOLD	Nemčija		SUMMERTIME	
2.		347	Herold HOLGER	Nemčija		CAENIS SPENT	
3.		342	Karl FLICK	Avstrija		EPHEMERA DANICA	
4.	1.	340	Tina POSSNIG	Slovenija		MATING CADDIS	
5.	2.	338	Domen LAVRIČ	Slovenija		SUNNY M-FLY	
6.	3.	328	Gregor NOVAK	Slovenija		EMERGING MAYFLY LOOP SRM	
7.		326	Marko MILAČIČ	Srbija		ŽUTO MASLINASTA JEDNODNEVKA SA JAJAŠIMA	
8.		321	Benoit LEDOYEN	Francija		BAETIS NIGER	
9.	4.	320	Simon URBAS	Slovenija		PEARL WING	
10.	5.	318	Rok KOŠMRLJ	Slovenija		HROŠČEK	
11.	6.	313	Branko GAŠPARIN	Slovenija		MAJSKA SPENT	
12.	7.	312	Dušan DOLINAR	Slovenija		ENODNEVNICA	
13.		309	Piero SISTINO	Italija		DEVAUX LILLA	
14.	8.	307	Vladimir MIKEC	Slovenija		RDV 1	
15.	9.	304	Matjaž MODER	Slovenija		KOMAR	
16.		303	Davide SACCHI	Italija		PERFIDO TRICO	
17.		295	Neville H. WALKER	Anglija		THE MUNTIE	
18.	10.	282	Drago KOCJAN	Slovenija		DOBROVIDNA UPEHANKA	
19.	11.	281	Martin ŠIRCELJ	Slovenija		VEČERNA ZAPELJIVKA	
20.		271	Gabriele ZINGARO	Italija		GZ IGNITA	
21.		266	Dean MYERS	ZDA		BROWN BEACON	
22.	12.	256	Anton KELBL	Slovenija		PINKI	
23.		220	Michel PAGUIN	Kanada		MAY FLY SULPHUR	
24.		218	Jacques DEMERS	Kanada		ROYAL WULFF	
25.		195	Stojan JOSIMOVIĆ	Kosovo		YELLOW SPIDER	
26.	13.	165	Lovro PINTER	Slovenija		GREEN DRAKE	

maksimalno število točk / max. number of points: 400

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PLACE	PLACE	NUM.OF POINTS	NAME AND SURNAME	state		THE FLY'S NAME	
1.		346	Herold HOLGER	Nemčija		CADDIS PUPA	
2.		345	Mitch GUNNER SVATY	ZDA		DRAGNET	
3.	1.	334	Simon URBAS	Slovenija		ANGORA GREEN NYMPH	
4.	2.	319	Branko GAŠPARIN	Slovenija		PUPA SREBRAŠ 2013	
5.		305	Davide SACCHI	Italija		PERFIDA HEPTAGENIDAE	
5.		305	Stojan JOSIMOVIĆ	Kosovo		PUPA POTAMOPHILAX	
7.	3.	292	Rok KOŠMRLJ	Slovenija		KIMINA BUBICA	
8.		287	Benoît LEDOYEN	Francija		PHEASANT TAIL	
9.		286	Jacques DEMERS	Kanada		ARTICULATED HEXAGENIA	
10.	4.	265	Matjaž MODER	Slovenija		ENODNEVNICA	
11.		264	Gabriele ZINGARO	Italija		DINOGAB	
12.		251	Neville H. WALKER	Anglija		NOBODY BUG	
13.	5.	231	Martin ŠIRCELJ	Slovenija		VZPENJAČ	
14.		197	Michel PAGUIN	Kanada		PALARETTA	
15.		175	Robin PETTERSSON	Švedska		BALTAK NYMPH	
16.	6.	125	David BABIČ	Slovenija		ČRNO- RUMENA MREŽNICA	
*		175	Michel PAGUIN	Kanada		GREEN SEDGE NYMPH	

\* diskvalificirani vzorci (vezalec je sodeloval z več kot enim vzorcem v isti kategoriji)

\* disqualified patterns (tier participated with more than one pattern in the same category)

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**KATEGORIJA POTEZANKE**  
**CATEGORY STREAMERS**

MESTO	MESTO	ŠT. TOČK	IME IN PRIIMEK	država		IME MUHE	
PLACE	PLACE	NUM.OF POINTS	NAME AND SURNAME	state		THE FLY'S NAME	
1.		343	Herold HOLGER	Nemčija		TANDEM GELENK PIKE STREAMER	
2.	1.	337	Simon URBAS	Slovenija		RIŽANA STEELHEAD	
3.		320	Davide SACCHI	Italija		PHANTOM OF SKEENA	
4.	2.	311	Branko GAŠPARIN	Slovenija		PIJANČEK	
5.		303	Piero SISTINO	Italija		MAGO MERLO	
6.	3.	293	Martin ŠIRCELJ	Slovenija		KAPELJ	
7.		289	Jacques DEMERS	Kanada		CANADIAN PERCH	
8.	4.	283	Rok KOŠMRLJ	Slovenija		MAVRIČNA RIBICA	
9.	5.	272	Vladimir MIKEC	Slovenija		KOZICA	
10.		271	Dean MYERS	ZDA		SCULPIN	
11.	6.	250	Matjaž MODER	Slovenija		GLAVOČ	
12.		210	Michel PAGUIN	Kanada		DICKEN DICK SPECIAL	

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**KATEGORIJA REALISTIČNI VZORCI**  
**CATEGORY REALISTIC FLIES**

MESTO	MESTO	ŠT. TOČK	IME IN PRIIMEK	država		IME MUHE	
PLACE	PLACE	NUM. OF POINTS	NAME AND SURNAME	state		THE FLY'S NAME	
1.	1.	373	Aleš LUKMAR	Slovenija		LAŠKI LUCI	
2.	2.	351	Vladimir MIKEC	Slovenija		RJAVČEK	
3.	3.	325	Matjaž MODER	Slovenija		SEPTEMPUNCTATA	
4.	4.	307	Simon URBAS	Slovenija		TICK	
5.		296	Stojan JOSIMOVIĆ	Kosovo		EPHEMERA VULGATA NYMPH	
6.		252	Michel PAGUIN	Kanada		ADULT CADDIS	
7.		200	Jacques DEMERS	Kanada		CRAYFISH	

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\* disqualified or non-graded patterns (tyers participated with more than one pattern in the same category or they sent only one fly instead of two of the same pattern, as stated in the rules of the Championship)

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**ČLANI ŽIRIJE**  
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**Saša ERLIH**  
**Denis OBAD**  
**Boštjan PODBEVŠEK**