



## 23rd Slovenian Open fly tying contest for the year 2010 and 12th National fly tying contest

### The highest award goes to Georg Christel, Germany

Flyfishing section of the Slovenian Fishing Association (SFA or in Slovene RZS- Ribiska Zveza Slovenije) traditionally organized 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Slovenian open fly tying competition, serving also as 12<sup>th</sup> National fly tying competition. We are glad to announce that we received 83 samples for this year's fly-tying contest, submitted by tiers from 11 countries. We rejoice that the number of artificial flies received from year to year is growing, and most importantly, the numbers of tiers and the quality of international competition raises.



Jury members B. Podbevšek and D. Obad at work (photo: L. Hojnik)



Jury members S. Erlih and B. Podbevšek at work (photo: L. Hojnik)

On the other hand, the falling numbers of Slovenian tiers participating in the contest that constituted the majority of tiers for years is something we should strive to improve upon. The primacy of international tiers from our neighboring and more distant countries has been taken over, with patterns of foreign tiers representing major share of the contest. However, we can be proud of the fact that Slovenian tiers in such fierce competition succeeded and demonstrated their knowledge, also ranked high in classification. Slovenian tiers took the first and second place in one of the categories and two third places at the Open Championship of Slovenia with a number of classifications just below the summit. Envious quality of their artificial flies was presented by tiers from Germany, as they took overall win of the Slovenian Open and also earning the title by winning in category of realistic patterns. German tiers have taken another first place in category of artificial nymphs & wets (larvae). Great patterns represented the group of already known and established tiers from area of our former common state (Yugoslavia), with some of them deserving all praises at all standards. It seems appropriate to mention all countries whose representatives participated in this year's contest, in alphabetical order they are: **Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, Croatia, France, Germany, Italy, Kosovo, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain and the United States.** In years to come, we will strive to make a step forward in promoting our fly-tying competition in the countries of Nordic that in the world of fly fishing represent a huge potential in the making of artificial flies and fly fishing - in this context a warm welcome to all tiers from Nordic for next year's competition.

The jury members are taking this opportunity to thank all participants for all the efforts and trust shown, which is essential for maintaining high level of competition and to praise the Slovenian fly-tying tradition.



President of the Jury L. Hojnik takes care for the compliance with the contest procedure manual (photo: D. Obad)



Absolute winner of the contest "Maifliege"- Georg Christel, Germany (photo: T. Šebenik)

We are pleased that the contest is reaching international level, which is probably due to opening our community in web space, basically blurring the boundaries between people of similar interests. I guess we all, as fly fishers, agree that real life communication takes place in a pleasant chat at the water. If friendship is true, this 'communication' which is taking places without a word blend in intersection between air and water. It's this border, which may be as sharp as a razor or just broken as only water can be where fish is the only judge of our deeds. Our work as the jury is no less demanding, but criteria for assessment are of a different nature.



Second place in realistic patterns category "Tipule's coupling" of Hugues Silvain, France (photo: T. Šebenik)



Third place in realistic patterns category "Blanka" of Vladimir Mikec -Miki, Slovenia (foto: T. Šebenik)

This year has seen changes in our jury, as new members from all parts of Slovenia have gathered on the initiative of their friend, president of the fly tying section Luka Hojnik: Bostjan Podbevsek, Denis Obad and Sash Erlih. Thanks go to the previous jury: Tomaz Modic, Dusan Stih, Ivo Kajznik and Andrej Ferlan, who's good work is a good companion for the beginning of our mandate. Work was conducted as pre-agreed, with numerically labeled envelopes at the premises of the Fishing

Federation of Slovenia in Ljubljana. After completing the evaluation, we recalculated the total number of points for each pattern and ranked them. After a few days we have obtained formal results when numerical codes were associated with personal data of tiers. Following the decision of the newly formed jury, all authors of the competition deserve that all products should be well archived and published in the magazines internationally.



Second place in the National Championship and fourth in the Open contest in the category of realistic patterns- "Ephemerella Subvaria" by Uros Mahne from Ilirska Bistrica, Slovenia (photo: T. Šebenik)



Third place in the National Championship and fifth in the Open contest in the category of realistic patterns- "Pikapolonica" by Matjaz Moder from Dol pri Ljubljani (foto: L. Hojnik)

In the overall rankings won, with 374 points of 400, the pattern in the category of realistic flies, named 'Maifliege' (in translation Mayfly) authors Georg Christel from Germany before the second ranked pattern with the name 'Tipule's Coupling' (Daddy Longlegs in Act) from Hugues Silvain France in the same category, and the third-placed Dragonfly (dragonfly larvae, Odonata) by Alfons Schefhold, also from Germany.

The jury at this point recalls the repeated irregularities in submitted flies - please note two flies should be sent for the contest and is a major reason behind unrated flies (5 artificial flies). Following by the pre-categorization and thus avoiding duplication of products from the same author in each category, so we were forced to disqualify the lower rated pattern.



First place in the nymphs category- "Dragonfly Oliv" by Alfons Schefhold from Germany (photo: T. Šebenik)



Second place in the nymphs category- "Bobo" by Vladimir Mikec- Miki (photo: L. Hojnik)

In ranks of National Championships we want to congratulate all new and multiple winners, as well as those who have remained close to the podium. In the category of streamers as well as in the Slovenian Open championship a young fly tier Simon Urbas from Logatec, Slovenia succeed to take the win, with his "Mystic Muddler". We sincerely congratulate him for that achievement.



Third place in the nymphs category- "Ephemera Nymph" by Hugues Silvain from France (photo: T. Šebenik)



Second place in the Nationals in the nymphs category and seventh place in Open contest- "Damsselfly" by Ales Lukmar from Lasko, Slovenia (photo: L. Hojnik)



Second place in the Nationals in the nymphs category and eleventh place in Open contest- "Psyho Hydraopsychidale" by Adrijana Šustar from Dolenji Zemono, Slovenia (photo: T. Šebenik)

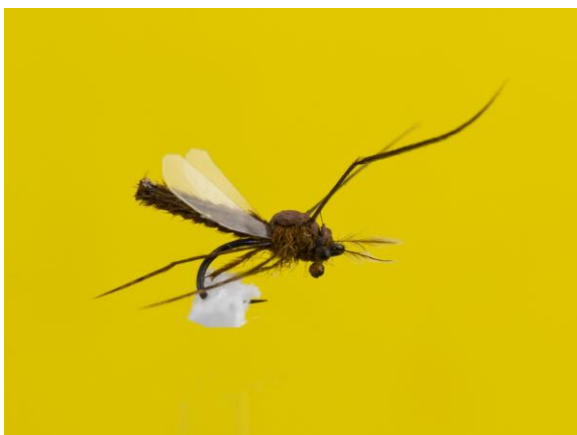
Congratulations also go to master fly tier Vladimir Mikec- Miki from Vrhnika, Slovenia, for the second and third place in the Open Championship of Slovenia, which at the level of national competition produced highest place in two categories (nymphs and realistic flies). This year Tina Possnig, proved her skills again, by taking first place in the national championship in category of dry flies, which sufficed for final third in scoring of the Open Championship.



First place in the dry fly category- "Ephemera Danica" by Sasa Bencun- Roka from Serbia (photo: T. Šebenik)



Second place in the dry fly category- "Kadis" by Mile Kerkez from Bosnia and Herzegovina (photo: T. Šebenik)



Third place in Open and first place in Nationals in the dry fly category- "Chironomus" by Tina Possnig from Kranj, Slovenia (photo: T. Šebenik)



Second in Nationals and eight in Open contest in the dry fly category- "Bodi Betis" by Gregor Novak from Cerklje na Gori, Slovenia (photo: T. Šebenik)



Third in the Nationals and thirteen in the Open contest in the dry fly category- "Little Yellow Girl" by Uros Mahne from Ilirska Bistrica (photo: L. Hojnik)

This year's awards ceremony and prizes for participants at the end of the competition will be held on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at hotel 'Zlata ribica' in Idrija ob Baci ( <http://www.ribica.si> ) at 10 am. The winners of both competitions will be informed of the event and following fishing in waters of the Tolmin fishing Club in time. The opportunity to fish on such rivers as Soča, Bača, Trebuščica and Idrijca raises the pulse of each fly fishing addict, so we sincerely hope you to respond to invitation for the award ceremony and wish you all a pleasant stay.





First place in Open contest and in National Championship in the streamers category- "Mystic Muddler" by Simon Urbas from Logatec, Slovenia (photo: T. Šebenik)



Second place in Open contest in the streamers category- "Sculpatuka" by Dustin Driscoll from USA (photo: T. Šebenik)



Third place in Open contest in the streamers category- "Luccio Pike" by Eros Tomassi from Italy (photo: T. Šebenik)

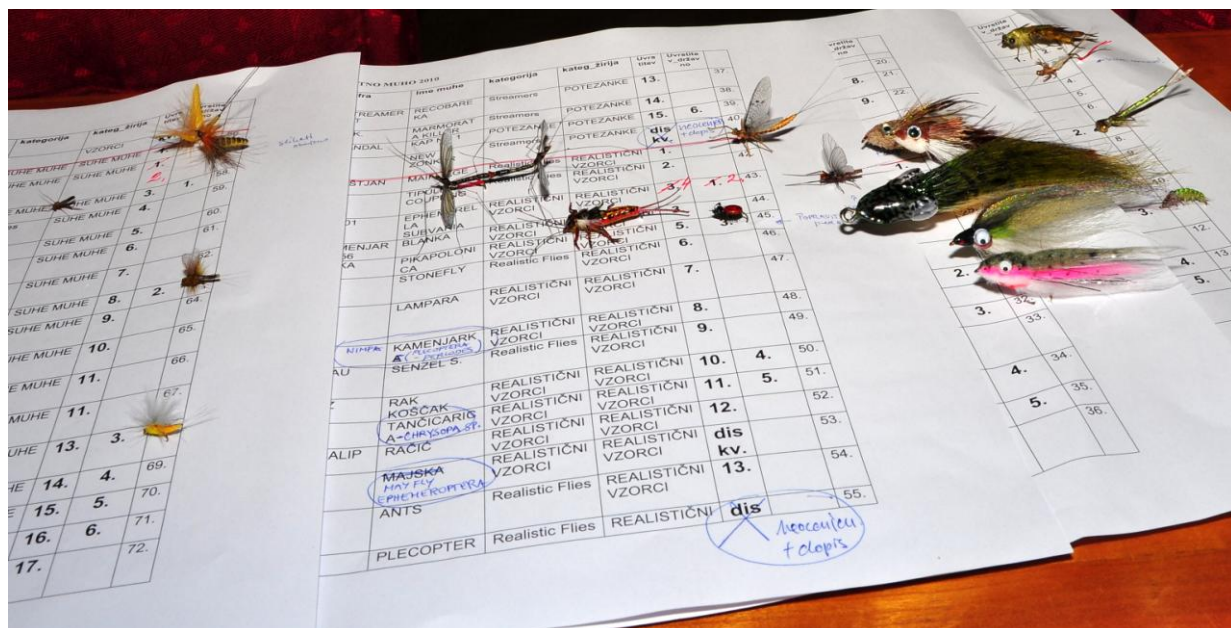


Second place in Nationals and sixth in Open Championship in the streamers category - "Plavalec" // "Swimmer" by Uros Mahne from Ilirska Bistrica (photo: T. Šebenik)



Third place in Nationals and eighth in Open Championship in the streamers category - "Mavricna" // "Rainbow" by Matjaz Moder from Dol pri Ljubljani (photo: T. Šebenik)

Presentation boards with flies of all participants will be on display at the premises of the hotel with award-winning flies finding their special place in cabinets where they will join the winning flies of past competitions.



With all respect we approach the work from the past. It's on us, to forward ours knowledge so it won't get lost and transfer it to generations of fly-tiers of the future. We look forward to meet you and hope for your participation at the 24<sup>th</sup> Slovenian Open Championship 2010.

Sasa Erlih

Flyfishing/tying section member of FSA (RZS)

**23. ODPRTO PRVENSTVO SLOVENIJE**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> SLOVENIAN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP**

**12. DRŽAVNO PRVENSTVO SLOVENIJE**  
**12<sup>th</sup> SLOVENIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

**ZA NAJBOLJŠO UMETNO MUHO 2010**  
**FOR THE BEST ARTIFICIAL FLY OF 2010**

**KATEGORIJA SUHE MUHE / CATEGORY DRY FLIES**

<b>MESTO PLACE</b>	<b>MESTO PLACE</b>	<b>ŠT. TOČK NUM. OF POINTS</b>	<b>IME IN PRIIMEK (država) NAME AND SURNAME (state)</b>	<b>IME MUHE THE FLY'S NAME</b>
1.		356	Saša BENCUN-ROKA (Serbia)	EPHEMERA DANICA
2.		355	Mile KERKEZ (Bosnia and Herzegovina)	HYDROPSYCHE KADIS
3.	1.	352	Tina POSSNIG (Slovenia)	CHIRONOMUS
4.		350	Michel PAGUIN (Canada)	MAY FLY
5.		346	Georg CHRISTEL (Germany)	DADDY LONG LEGS
6.		343	Hartmut GLOWA (Germany)	PALE DUN MALE USD
7.		340	Davide SACCHI (Italy)	RECOBAUNICA
8.	2.	334	Gregor NOVAK (Slovenia)	BODI BETIS
9.		333	Mikel ELEXPURU (Spain)	EMERGING CHIRONOMID
10.		332	Andrea GASPARINI (Italy)	MAY FLY
11.		322	Herold HOLGER (Germany)	EMERGER VARIANTE
11.		322	Eros TOMMASI (Italy)	PLECOTTERO
13.	3.	301	Uroš MAHNE (Slovenia)	LITTLE YELLOW GIRL
14.	4.	298	Simon URBAS (Slovenia)	IDRIJCA SPECIAL
15.	5.	285	Matej POGAČNIK (Slovenia)	IDRIJCA FLY
16.	6.	279	Aleš LUKMAR (Slovenia)	MAYFLY EMERGER
17.		274	Dustin DRISCOLL (USA)	POLY-WING EXTENDED BODY MAYFLY
18.	7.	268	Martin ŠIRCELJ (Slovenia)	GRAHASTI SAŠ
19.		264	Vincenzo LA GUZZA (Italy)	BAETIS ALPINUS
20.	8.	240	Matjaž MODER (Slovenia)	EMERGER
21.		233	Slaviša DJORDJEVIĆ (Serbia)	BWO-BLUE WINGED OLIVE
22.		229	Sandro MANDRINI (Italy)	MAGIC EMERGER
23.		211	Paolo NARDON (Italy)	PPP MAYFLY
24.	9.	197	David BABIČ (Slovenia)	ZELENA DB ČUPKA
*	*	255	Simon URBAS (Slovenia)	BRIGHT INVASION
*	*	223	Matjaž MODER (Slovenia)	OLIVKA
		0	Luka JEZOVSŠEK (Slovenia)	RDEČEPREJKA
		0	Riccardo PASSERA (Italy)	OLIVE DUN SPENT

maksimalno število točk / max. number of points: 400



# KATEGORIJA LIČINKE IN MOKRE MUHE / CATEGORY NYMPHS AND WET FLIES

MESTO PLACE	MESTO PLACE	ŠT. TOČK NUM. OF POINTS	IME IN PRIIMEK (država) NAME AND SURNAME (state)	IME MUHE THE FLY'S NAME
1.		357	Alfons SCHEFHOLD (Germany)	DRAGONFLY OLIV
2.	1.	347	Vladimir MIKEC – MIKI (Slovenia)	BOBO
3.		324	Hugues SILVAIN (France)	EPHEMERA NYMPH
4.		322	Saša BENCUN-ROKA (Serbia)	WRIGGLE CADDIS
5.		315	Mikel ELEXPURU (Spain)	CADDIS PUPA
6.		309	Davide SACCHI (Italy)	RECOBASAVA
7.	2.	308	Aleš LUKMAR (Slovenia)	DAMSEFLY
8.		301	Georg CHRISTEL (Germany)	LIBELLEN NYMPHE
9.		286	Hartmut GLOWA (Germany)	CADDIS-PUPA, TUNGSTEN HEAD
10.		283	Herold HOLGER (Germany)	MAYFLY NYMPHE
11.	3.	269	Adrijana ŠUŠTAR (Slovenia)	PSYHO HYDROPSYCHIDAE
12.		256	Sandro MANDRINI (Italy)	GREEN CADDIS PUPA
13.	4.	251	Matej POGAČNIK (Slovenia)	GAMMARUS UNICA
14.	5.	248	Rok KOŠMRLJ (Slovenia)	RIBNIČANKA
15.		246	Dustin DRISCOLL (USA)	GREEN ROCKWORM
16.		239	Eros TOMMASI (Italy)	TRICOTTERO
17.	6.	236	Gregor NOVAK (Slovenia)	HIDRO P.
18..	7.	229	Simon URBAS (Slovenia)	TIGER NYMPH
19.		227	Paolo NARDON (Italy)	PPP NYMPH
20.		221	Stojan JOSIMOVIĆ (Kosovo)	RHYACOPHILA
21.	8.	220	Kristian ŠTRAVS (Slovenia)	SAŠ PUPA
22	9.	176	Martin ŠIRCELJ (Slovenia)	MALI MIDŽ
23.		148	Michel PAGUIN (Canada)	LA PERLE
		0	Christophe DE PASTORS (France)	CADDIS NYMPH EMERG

maksimalno število točk / max. number of points: 400

## KATEGORIJA POTEZANKE / CATEGORY STREAMERS

<b>MESTO PLACE</b>	<b>MESTO PLACE</b>	<b>ŠT. TOČK NUM. OF POINTS</b>	<b>IME IN PRIIMEK (država) NAME AND SURNAME (state)</b>	<b>IME MUHE THE FLY'S NAME</b>
1.	1.	302.	Simon URBAS (Slovenia)	MYSTIC MUDDLER
2.		295	Dustin DRISCOLL (USA)	SCULPATUKA
3.		294	Eros TOMMASI (Italy)	LUCCIO PIKE
4.		291	Herold HOLGER (Germany)	RUBBER BUG MAKRELE
5.		283	Georg CHRISTEL (Germany)	KÖFI FORELLENS TREAMER
6.	2.	282	Uroš MAHNE (Slovenia)	PLAVALEC
7.		273	Tomislav RANČIĆ (Serbia )	GOLDY
8.	3.	248	Matjaž MODER (Slovenia)	MAVRIČNA
9.		246	Mile KERKEZ (Bosnia and Herzegovina)	EPOKSI RIBICA
10.	4.	244	Martin ŠIRCELJ (Slovenia)	BOHINJSKI GRAŠEVEC
11.		243	Jošt STERGARŠEK (Slovenia)	DUHEC
12.		241	Hartmut GLOWA (Germany)	SLOVENIA FAVORITE COPPER & ORANGE
13.		232	Davide SACCHI (Italy)	RECOBAREKA
14.		223	Sandro MANDRINI (Italy)	MARMORATA KILLER
15.	5.	222	Vladimir MIKEC – MIKI (Slovenia)	KAP NO 1
		0	Christophe DE PASTORS (France)	NEW ZONKER

maksimalno število točk / max. number of points: 400

## KATEGORIJA REALISTIČNI VZORCI / CATEGORY REALISTIC FLIES

MESTO PLACE	MESTO PLACE	ŠT. TOČK NUM. OF POINTS	IME IN PRIIMEK (država) NAME AND SURNAME (state)	IME MUHE THE FLY'S NAME
1.		374	Georg CHRISTEL (Germany)	MAIFLIEGE
2.		361	Hugues SILVAIN (France)	TIPULE 'S COUPLING
3.	1.	355	Vladimir MIKEC – MIKI (Slovenia)	BLANKA
4.	2.	354	Uroš MAHNE (Slovenia)	EPHEMERELLA SUBVARIA
5.	3.	346	Matjaž MODER (Slovenia)	PIKAPOLONICA
6.		344	Hartmut GLOWA (Germany)	STONEFLY
7.		342	Mile KERKEZ (Bosnia and Herzegovina)	LAMPARA
8.		339	Stojan JOSIMOVIC (Kosovo)	NIMFA KAMENJARKE- PLECOPTERA PERLODES
9.		337	Alfons SCHEFHOLD (Germany)	SENZEL S.
10.	4.	325	Tina POSSNIG (Slovenia)	RAK KOŠČAK
11.	5.	318	Dušan DOLINAR (Slovenia)	TANČICARICA-CHRYSOPE SP.
12.		294	Marinko PUŠKARIĆ (Croatia)	RAČIĆ
13.		275	Michel PAGUIN (Canada)	ANTS
*		290	Stojan JOSIMOVIC (Kosovo)	MAY FLY EPHEMEROPTERA
		0	Christophe DE PASTORS (France)	PLECOPTERIX

\* diskvalificirani vzorci (vezalci so sodelovali z več kot enim vzorcem v isti kategoriji)

\* disqualified samples (the tiers participated with more than one pattern in the same category)

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### ČLANI ŽIRIJE MEMBERS OF THE JURY

1. Luka HOJNIK, predsednik (Head of the jury)
2. Saša ERLIH
3. Denis OBAD
4. Boštjan PODBEVŠEK