



27th Slovenian Open fly tying contest (2014) & 16th National fly tying Championship

The finest award goes to Christopher Krysciak, Canada

I stop on the lookout, immersed into greenish-blue of a river and its murmur drenching my restless thoughts. The indescribable peace is forcing me to fully surrender, leaving my this-worldly concerns behind, drawing me into a world where all is still well. Even so, the restless look cannot peel from the water surface. The emptiness of time and liberty of the moment does not allow for reflection where, how and where too. It seems, as if today am the first to step in, penetrate the fluidity of the flow with my full weight. For a moment, I stop in the greenery surrounding the river valley, and wait. With a look that would have charged me indifferent, watching - the time flies by. The eyes are slowly adapting, and despite the fact that sun rays have not yet broken through the morning fog, there appear magical reflection that would by an ignorant go by for unusual indentations in the riverbed morphology or remain unseen. A moment later some shadows become more defiant than others and not a long while later, fixed to the riverbed. It appears, as if I already had my share of luck for the day. Preliminary reflections are beginning to occupy the prominent places depending on size and caution level. Gradually, the greater shadows occur in places that most fly fishermen "just walk over". "Beginning of a hatch!" you could read my mind. Remaining calm, I've done my winter homework and fly boxes are full. What bothers me is the first beep, followed by string of followers. "Oh no," I recall, "not again!" Detached from a pleasant slumber in the dark, step to turn on the light, calling me to a new working weekend. You could find me on the way to Ljubljana, already looking forward to meet the imitations skillfully mastered by authors of fly tying contest.

Slovenian Fishing Association (FAS) organized a 27th Slovenian Open for the best artificial fly and 16th National Championship in tying artificial flies. This year fly tiers of ten (10) countries submitted 64 samples - Austria, Canada, France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Serbia, Sweden, United States and Slovenia. The tiers competed in diverse categories such as: dry flies, nymph/wet flies, streamers and realistic imitations.

The work was implemented in accordance with the Commission's rules, Commission comprising of Luka Hojnik (President), Bostjan Podbevsek, Denis Obad and Sasa Erlih, under the established methodology scoring the individual tying elements - the symmetry/relationship between the 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. Following was the verification of coded flies with the tiers data.

Each year brings something new and we are getting spoiled of seeing new facets worth exploring. Alongside the participation of countries not been regulars to competition, they set strong mark and rise the overall level of the contest. Even so, it's a reason to joy that we are seeing abundance of artificial flies by Slovenian fly tiers with the quality level, that puts them side by side with imitations from other countries. Besides, we are proud our goals for the future are indicating a positive growth rate and we look forward for the years to come. We need to highlight the remarkable progress in the category streamers. Apparently the trend of fly-fishing has overreached the trendy alpine and chalk rivers to other aquatic ecosystems - lakes, oceans, etc. Which is particularly encouraging in relation to the pressure some of our water bodies are exposed to and the evolution of fly-fishing skills as a consequence of the broadening horizons.

A developing fly tying star Ledoyen Benoit from France has mastered products of superior quality. With top-notch works stepping on the podium of categories "Dry flies" and "Nymphs", but falling just behind another extraordinary fly in the category of streamers. We also look forward to the new name in the contest, the winner of absolute competition and streamers category, young Christopher Krysciak from Canada taking all the honors. Not wanting to overlook all other great fly tiers that set the mark in last years. Among them Davide Sacchi of Italy, who in previous seasons focused mostly on streamers, but this year broadened the focus to other categories and reached the podium in most of them and our neighbors from Austria, who also proved their worth. The jury would like to thank all participants for the effort and for the trust, which is essential for making this second oldest fly-tying competition in Europe alive.

Results:

The Open Championship overall title won the fly "The Yeti" in category "Streamers" tied by Christopher Krysciak, Canada, achieving 368 points of 400, the runner up was from the category "Dry flies" "The Blue" and third placed "Husky Shrimp" again from the category "Streamers", both tied by Ledoyen Benoit from France.



»The Yeti«, tyer: Christopher Krysciak, Canada



»The Blue«, tyer: Ledoyen Benoit, France



»Husky Shrimp«, tyer: Ledoyen Benoit, France

In the category of "Nymphs/Wet flies" won an imitation of "Green nymph" by Ledoyen Benoit, France (reaching 359 points), the second place went to Serbia, to Marko Milacic with an imitation of "Majska nimfa", and the third place took Davide Sacchi, Italy with an artificial fly "Old Mill pupa".



»Green Nymph«, tyer: Ledoyen Benoit, France



»Majska nimfa«, tyer: Marko Milačić, Serbia



»Old Mill Pupa«, tyer: Davide Sacchi, Italy

In the category "Dry flies" took the podium Mr. Ledoyen Benoit, France, with his imitation "The Blue", 366 points, followed by Mr. Karl Flick from Austria with his "Mistbiene" and the third place imitation of "Baetis rhodani" by Branko Gasparin - Slovenia.



»Mistbiene«, tyer: Karl Flick, Austria



»Baetis Rhodani«, tyer: Branko Gašparin, Slovenia

In the category of "Streamers" Mr. Christopher Krysciak took the first place with his streamer "The Yeti", followed by Mr. Ledoyen Benoit with his "Husky Shrimp" and the third place imitation of "The Blue Spirit of Soca" by Mr. Davide Sacchi from Italy.



»The Blue Spirit of Soča«, tyer: Davide Sacchi, Italy

Among the realistic imitations reached Mrs. Regine Maghuna of Germany a first place with the imitation "Steinfliege Nympe bekannt", scoring 342 points, followed by another Frenchman Mr. Louis Lagurgue with "Fuscias lover", third place was taken by native flytier Mr. Dušan Dolinar with his "Dezevnik."



»Steinfliegen Nympe Bekannt«, tyer: Regine Maguhna, Germany



»Fuscias lover«, tyer: Louis Lagurgue, France



»Dezevnik«, tyer: Dušan Dolinar, Slovenia

National Championship



»Elektrogena«, 1st »nymphs«, tyer: Simon Urbas, Slovenia



»C&E Gammarus«, 2nd »nymphs«, tyer: Matej Delak, Slovenia



»Dvobarvna enodnevnica«, 3rd »nymphs« tyer: Drago Kocjan, Slovenia



»Big Brown«, 2nd »dries«, tyer: Simon Urbas, Slovenia



»Skokec«, 3rd »dries«, tyer: Vladimir Mikec- Miki, Slovenia



»C&E Saltwater Shrimp«, 1st »streamers«, tyer: Matej Delak, Slovenia



»Morilka«, 2nd »streamers«, tyer: Gregor Novak, Slovenia



»Kapelj«, 3rd »streamers«, tyer: Branko Gašparin, Slovenia



»Listna stenica«, 2nd »realism«, tyer: Matjaž Moder, Slovenia



»Majska lepota«, 3rd »realism«, avtor: Martin Šircelj, Slovenija

Billboards with all participating flies will be on display at club's premises, with the awarded flies in the honorable place in cabinets, joining the award-winning flies of past competitions.

In conclusion, on behalf of the fly tying jury we would like to thank all participants and congratulate the winners. Sincerely and proudly we are looking back on the work that has been accomplished and looking forward to your participation at the 28th Slovenian Open Fly-tying Championship 2015 – a warm welcome!

MSc. Saša Erlih
Member of Fly-tying jury of FAS

This year's awards ceremony, open for all participants and broader, will be held on Saturday 26th of April 2014 at premises of fishery club Mozirje, in Mozirje starting at 10 AM. The winners of both competitions will be informed on the details of event and following leisure fishing on fishery club Mozirje waters – beautiful Savinja River and a smaller Dreta - due time.

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


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ZA NAJBOLJŠO UMETNO MUHO 2014

FOR THE BEST ARTIFICIAL FLY OF 2014

KATEGORIJA SUHE MUHE

CATEGORY DRY 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.		366	Ledoyen BENOÎT	Francija		THE BLUE	
2.		360	Karl FLICK	Avstrija		MISTBIENE DUNG BEE	
3.	1.	337	Branko GAŠPARIN	Slovenija		BAETIS RHODANI	
4.		336	Thomas LORENZ	Avstrija		BIOT FLIEGE	
5.		335	Gabriele ZINGARO	Italija		GRAMATICA ITALIANA	
6.		331	Marko MILAČIČ	Srbija		MAJSKA - SUVA	
7.		330	Regine MAGUHNA	Nemčija		MAIFLIEGE.BEKANNT	
8.	2.	328	Simon URBAS	Slovenija		BIG BROWN	
9.	3.	324	Vladimir MIKEC	Slovenija		SKOKEC	
10.		315	Thierry FROSSARD	Francija		TRANS-MIDGE	
11.		313	Mitch GUNNER SVATY	ZDA		GUNNER'S GUINEA DAMSEL	
12.		310	Herold HOLGER	Nemčija		SMALL SPUR WING SUBIMAGO	
12.		310	Michel PAGUIN	Kanada		MAY FLY	
14.		309	Alfons SCHEFHOLD	Nemčija		LUCKY	
14.		309	Davide SACCHI	Italija		SACRED MAY FLY	
16.	4.	297	Matjaž MODER	Slovenija		BWO	
17.		295	Neville H. WALKER	Anglija		MY FAVORITE	
18.	5.	292	Dušan DOLINAR	Slovenija		MAJEVKA	
19.	6.	282	Martin ŠIRCELJ	Slovenija		MRAVLJA RJAVKA	
20.		281	Louis LAGURGUE	Francija		GIANT GOLDEN	
21.	7.	276	David BABIČ	Slovenija		BUNKICA	

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

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KATEGORIJA LIČINKE IN MOKRE MUHE

CATEGORY NYMPHS AND WET 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.		359	Ledoyen BENOÎT	Francija		GREEN NYMPH	
2.		350	Marko MILAČIČ	Srbija		MAJSKA - NIMFA	
3.		342	Davide SACCHI	Italija		OLD MILL PUPA	
4.		334	Robin PETTERSSON	Švedska		GREEN CADDIS LARVA	
5.	1.	327	Simon URBAS	Slovenija		ELEKTROGENA	
6.	2.	326	Matej DELAK	Slovenija		C&E GAMMARUS	
7.		323	Herold HOLGER	Nemčija		GRAUE CDC STEINFLEGEN NYMPHE	
8.	3.	320	Drago KOCJAN	Slovenija		DVOBARVNA ENODNEVNICA	
9.		315	Louis LAGURGUE	Francija		SMALL COOPER	
10.		309	Gabriele ZINGARO	Italija		SNO-DINO	
11.	4.	305	Martin ŠIRCELJ	Slovenija		KAMENJARKA	
12.		304	Johann ENGERTSBERGER	Avstrija		BACHFLOHKREBS	
13.	5.	303	Branko GAŠPARIN	Slovenija		RIHTROGENA SEMICOLORATA	
14.		302	Neville H. WALKER	Anglija		THE SCRUFF	
15.		299	Thierry FROSSARD	Francija		TENKARA GOLD SCUD	
16.	6.	298	Matjaž MODER	Slovenija		HYDROPSYCHE	
17.		295	Mitch GUNNER SVATY	ZDA		DUKE OF DAMSELS	
18.	7.	277	Lovro PINTER	Slovenija		WOOVEN DRAGONFLY NYMPH	
19.		268	Thomas LORENZ	Avstrija		DIE SOCA	

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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.		368	Christopher KRYSCIAK	Kanada		THE YETI	
2.		364	Ledoyen BENOÎT	Francija		HUSKY SHRIMP	
3.		361	Davide SACCHI	Italija		THE BLUE SPIRIT OF SOČA	
4.		350	Herold HOLGER	Nemčija		TANDEM-KALMAR	
4.	1.	350	Matej DELAK	Slovenija		C&E SALTWATER SHRIMP	
6.		348	Mitch GUNNER SVATY	ZDA		T-BOW	
7.		342	Alfons SCHEFHOLD	Nemčija		BLACK JACK (PIKE)	
8.		341	Neville H. WALKER	Anglija		THE SHOSHAN POSTMAN VARIANT	
9.		329	Michel PAGUIN	Kanada		YELLOW FLAME	
10.	2.	322	Gregor NOVAK	Slovenija		MORILKA	
11.	3.	321	Branko GAŠPARIN	Slovenija		KAPELJ	
12.	4.	318	Dušan DOLINAR	Slovenija		KAPELJ	
13.	5.	311	Aleksandra METELKO SLOBOD	Slovenija		BELENKAJA	
13.		311	Karl FLICK	Avstrija		WOOLY BUGGER WITH 6 COLORS	
15.	6.	308	Matjaž MODER	Slovenija		RIBICA	
16.		305	Louis LAGURGUE	Francija		CARPS FLY 5.0	
17.	7.	301	Simon URBAS	Slovenija		MR. FROG	
18.	8.	283	Martin ŠIRCELJ	Slovenija		PAGLAVEC	
DNF		320	Regine MAGUHNA	Nemčija		REGIS DOPPELZONKER.NET	

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DNF- diskvalificiran vzorec, saj je vezalec poslal le enega in ne dveh identičnih vzorcev, kot je bilo zahtevano v pravilih natečaja / disqualified pattern, tyer sent only one, instead of two identical patterns as requested

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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.*		335	Regine MAGUHNA	Nemčija		STEINFLIEGENNYMPHE. BEKANNT	
2.		291	Louis LAGURGUE	Francija		FUCSIA LOVER	
3.	1.	290	Dušan DOLINAR	Slovenija		DEŽEVNIK	
4.	2.	274	Matjaž MODER	Slovenija		LISTNA STENICA	
5.	3.	264	Martin ŠIRCELJ	Slovenija		MAJSKA LEPOTICA	

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*- vzorec prestavljen iz kategorije ličink, v kategorijo realističnih vzorcev / pattern moved from the nymphs category to the realistic patterns category



ČLANI ŽIRIJE MEMBERS OF THE JURY

Luka HOJNIK, predsednik (Head of the jury)

Saša ERLIH

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