

Report from the Fly-Casting Commission 2022-2023.

As we can see the pandemic has not left us yet, I got it on Christmas Eve. There has been a little lack of activity in 2022. When we look at the number of competitors, we still experience that some people are afraid of going abroad to compete, which is understandable.

The World Championship of 2022 was organized in Gautefall, Norway. A fantastic place up in the mountains of Norway, with the most spectacular viewings you can imagine. I believe it will be hard for the next organizer to present surroundings like that, but Sweden is also a wonderful country with many possibilities. They will organize the next Fly-Casting World Championship in 2024.

As a comment from one of the casters, I would like to add it to the report. The introduction of casters exchanging their casting positions on the platform for the distance fly events in Norway was an excellent innovation, well received by casters and officials alike. It was implemented smoothly and efficiently, making it more equitable for each pair of casters on the platform. It also added to both the excitement and spectacle of the event.

It is recommended it be made a permanent feature of future world championships.

Due to the war between Russia and Ukraine, there have been some restrictions set for Russia and Belarus as aggressor countries. They were not allowed to participate in any activity of fly casting, including the World Championship in Norway. Hopefully, the war will end soon, and everything can go back to "NORMAL". It is always difficult to have full activities when the pandemic is on one side and war on the other. All organizers will feel the lack of competitors for their competitions.

The good news is that we have the organizers of the World Championship of 2024 (Sweden) and 2026 (Italy). The interest is good for the future, and I hope for the future, that we can get some organizers in other parts of the world than Europe.

For 2023 there is a new venue for Fly Casting. Italy arranged a tournament in Vicenza, Italy at the 6th of May. I was not there but I have heard good feedback from the tournament.

USA will arrange a US Open at the end of August, where they will have 12 different events, which includes the five first Fly casting events. They will also have some casting events and some of their specific events. Hopefully, this will be a success and a tournament we will see in the future. I guess we will have a report from the tournament at the Congress.

The Nordic Championship in Fly Casting will be held in Sweden this year. Most lightly, it will be placed close to Stockholm. The date for the Championship will be 9-10 of September. Also, here I guess we will have a report at the Congress.

There are, of Course both indoor cup and outdoor cup in Norway, so there is an activity the Whole year.

At the end of the season, we will have a Spey competition, the Norwegian Championship placed in Hemsedal, Norway 16th -17th of September. Norway will also have the last Spey tournament at Burudvann in Bærum, which will be more like Spey-O-Rama in USA. The date is the 30th of September to the 1st of October. I believe we will have a report from these competitions at the Congress.

Nice to see other countries except the Nordic and Estonia will make activities for Fly Casting. As we all know, there is not a World Championship in Fly casting this year. It is a wish to have more international tournaments in more different countries. I know Great Britain is having national tournaments, but I would like them to be in the tournament calendar as international Fly casting tournaments.

This year's General Assembly will have some changes to the rules for Fly casting, so I hope there will be many representatives of Fly casting at the General Assembly this year.

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