Slovácký GeoVerbuňk 2023

About contest

The caches from Slovácko that were created in the previous year are nominated to the Slovácko GeoVerbuňk. The selection of caches consists of basic nominations, wild cards of the GeoSlovácko organizing team and your additional nominations. After that, the selected caches are voted for by secret ballot. And at the mega event GeoSlovácko 2023 we will announce the winner! And we'll award more than just the first place, who will take the frog statue with them for one year. The winner can thus be proud of it at various events, as the frog has the TB code with itself.

A little bit of history:

The poll for the best regional cache has been announced at the traditional event "Slovácký verbuňk" since 2010, and the competition area was set by the founder of the Miti Team competition to the area between Hodonín and Zlín, Trenčín and Buchlovské hory. The winner of the vote received a one-year travelling statue of Signal the Frog, on whose base will be placed a brass plate with the name of the owner and the name of the winning cache. The purpose of the contest was to draw attention to quality caches in the region and to recognize owners who take the effort to establish them.

And now to the present:

The team of organizers of the GeoSlovácko event suggested that it would be good if the best regional cache would be announced during the GeoSlovácko 2023 event, which this year can boast a mega icon. After the last winner has been agreed upon, the care of this traditional competition will now be taken over by the Geoslovácko team. The main motivation for this change is to spread awareness of this competition and to unify the rules for future editions.

Rules

The 3 best caches will be awarded, the winner will receive a travelling statue of Signal the Frog, on whose base will be placed another brass plate with the name of the cache, and the nickname of the owner.
It can be any type of cache except "event".

Voting area

Since this year, the area for nominating caches has been clarified. This is to avoid any disputes about what is and is not Slovácko. The basis for determining the area is the cartoweb mapy.cz, where the area of Slovácko is defined quite clearly. In a given area there must be "at least" an icon of a given cache.

Basic nominations

In order to suppress subjectivity, the server www.project-gc.com was used to create the base nomination of caches. The 25 highest-rated caches in the competition area that were published in the last year (2022), that have received a rating of 50% FP or more and at least 10 FP as of 1 June 2023 were nominated. At the same time, up to 5 wild cards (i.e. caches that have somehow appealed to the organizers) can be put into the basic nomination. In total, the basic nomination can contain up to 30 caches.

The list of nominated caches will be published and possibly supplemented by additional nominations, see below.

Additional nomination

If you haven't found a cache in the list of nominated caches that you think deserve it, there is nothing easier than nominating it yourself. It doesn't matter if it's a traditional, a multi, or any other kind, it just can't be an event. You can nominate additional caches from the announcement of the start of the contest under the GeoSlovácko 2023 listing until June 30, 2023 at 23:59 CEST, each nick can nominate max. 2 caches. If you nominate a cache, you must include the GC code, and the owner. Nomination does not obligate you to vote for that cache.

Secret ballot

- each nick can vote for up to 5 caches of their choice
- these are not votes of equal value. (note: if I vote for 5 caches, I can split votes worth 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 point, if for example only 3, I split only 3, 2 or 1 point, etc.)
- voting will be done by messages via geoslovácko profile
- after sending the message you will receive a reply about the counting of your votes
- voting is secret and you can only vote once and you cannot change your votes
- participation in the event is not a requirement, anyone who has a registration on geocaching.com can vote
- you can only vote for caches that you have logged both in the field and online
- If you do not have a cache logged in at the time of your vote, your vote for the cache will not be accepted
- THE START OF THE VOTING IS THE SAME AS THE START OF THE NOMINATIONS - AFTER THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE START OF THE CONTEST UNDER THE LISTING GEOSLOVACKO 2023
- VOTING ENDS ON 31 JULY 2023 AT 23:59 CEST

Awareness:

Every owner of the nominated cache as well as the cache finders should know about the nomination. Therefore, a Write Note log with information about the nomination and the opportunity to vote for the cache will be inserted shortly after the start of the contest for each nominated cache.

For owners of nominated caches:

Any cache that meets the conditions listed above can be nominated. If the owner of a nominated cache wants to withdraw from the competition for any reason, just write a message to the Geoslovacko geocaching profile.

Equality of votes

Since there is only one Signal the Frog and the other prizes will also be made in one piece only, we have to determine a clear ranking in case of equality of votes received. In this case, the cache's %FP rating will be decisive, and in the second step the number of FPs received, both at the time the voting closes (data source: www.project-gc.com - note that the data on this server may not match the actual data on www.geocaching.com).