

Award of the 5th YCCC – Section C

The most popular YCCC Section created a puzzle for the organizing team. How to rank 39 entries from different genres (#2, #3, #n, h#, endgames and 1 proof game), with very different contents? Luckily, not less than 10 experienced composers, experts in different genres, gladly accepted to mark top entries on the 1-10 scale. Besides, they all contributed to the search for anticipations, and commented some of the best entries (the comments given with their initials). We do hope that such a big number of judges brings average marks closer to more objective ranking:

The panel of judges: Michel Caillaud (MC), OferComay (OC), VlaicuCrisan (VC), Paz Einat (PE), Hans Gruber (HG), MarjanKovačević (MK), Michael McDowell (MMD), Steffen Slumstrup Nielsen (SSN), Andrey Selivanov (AS), and Tadashi Wakashima (TW).

Two entries had to be excluded. One endgame (Kd8/Ke6) had unintended solution after 10.Kd6, and h#3 (Kb6/Kd4) has already been published by the same author. All remaining 37 problems are in the award.

The full award with diagrams/comments coming by November, 7th. The placements:

- 1st Place - Toshimasa Fujiwara (Japan)
- 2nd Place - Benjamin Defromont (France)
- 3rd Place - Itay Richardson (Israel)
- 4th Place - Ben Smolkin (Canada)
- 5th Place - Nikita Ushakov (Russia)
- 6th Place - Anirudh Daga (India)
- 7th Place - Ilija Serafimović (Serbia)
- 8th Place - Andrii Sergiienko (Ukraine)
- 9th Place - Aleksei Abramenko (Russia)
- 10th Place - Mikhail Efremov (Russia)
- 11th Place - Ural Khasanov (Russia)
- 12th Place - Samir Almammadov (Azerbaijan)
- 13th Place - James Malcom (USA)
- 14th Place - Marko Ložajić (Serbia)
- 15th Place - Bnaya Sharabi (Israel)
- 16th Place - Anastasia Chekina (Russia)
- 17th Place - Daniyar Farzaleev (Russia)
- 18th Place - Yana Lazareva (Russia)
- 19th-20th Place - Ratmir Nabiullin (Russia), Kira Vyshinskaya (Russia)
- 21st Place - Vera Gladtsinova (Russia)
- 22nd Place - Ivan Shcherbakov (Russia)
- 23rd Place - Daria Motuz (Russia)
- 24th Place - Sergey Onufrienko (Russia)
- 25th Place - Vladislav Surikov (Russia)
- 26th Place - Anastasiya Bazhan (Russia)
- 27th Place - Egor Azarov (Russia)
- 28th Place - Timofey Omelchenko (Russia)
- 29th Place - Daniil Filyushin (Russia)
- 30th Place - Diana Utarova (Russia)
- 31st-34th Place - Vera Fomina (Russia), Bogdan Muliukin (Russia), Arina Shtang (Russia), Nikita Matveev (Russia)
- 35th-37th Place - Anton Nasyrov (Russia), Alana Utarova (Russia), Vyacheslav Tolpinsky (Russia)

Thank you for your creative work! – WFCC Youth committee