
JAMMY AWARDS 2013



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TOURNAMENT OF THE YEAR

Every year it should go to Paganello or FPA Worlds it seems. Lui and Skippy threw their hearts and soul into making these events the one-of-a-kind magic that they are. Frisbee Mama and Skippy are legends in our sport and these tournaments are an extension of their importance. Without them, our sport is weakened considerably. They are essentially our backbone. Thanks to both of you.

On top of these two monsters, there were a large number of tournaments nominated which says something special about our sport. From the Berlin Hat Tournaments to The Jammers (17 years freestyle only) to Karlsruhe Butch Cassidy to Virginia States and Lazlo's Weenie World to Lazzaroni to FuZion to Frisbeer to Beachstylers, each had something unique to offer.



This year the Tournament of the Year goes to **Potlatch**. What Ryan Young has put together brought virtually all elements of what makes our sport great. A built in audience of knowledgeable fans from the attached ultimate tournament to the unique judging format causing even the most savvy jammers to reflect deeply on values, and included the use of tablets! And how about the Open Hat Flower Judging System? What a great concept!! All this on a great playing field with epic conditions and homemade food made Potlatch the Tournament of the Year.

MOST FIRED UP

Emma, Daniel, Mike Galloupe, PK, Johnny Trevino, Fabio Sanna are all names that made the list. Each for completely different reasons. Some on the field, some perhaps more off the field. Each gave of themselves in some way to inspire others with their energy.

This year, however, there is a tie for the most fired up male! Both **Andrea Pecchiari** and **Phil Krüger** aka German PK deserve this award. Their inspired on-field energy has gotten the notice of some great players. Much like the Rookie of the Year, these gentlemen are from completely different regions.

For the Women, it has to go to **Bianca Strunz**. Bibi travels the world to ignite every jam she enters. Always running and interacting with a great smile, everyone wants to be in her jam!



ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

There are a couple newcomers that are going to make a name for themselves quickly. One thinks of Dario from Rome, Dominik Raci Raclavský and Edelstein Ben. These guys commitment to the sport is palpable. Great skills ready for the next level. Already developing a unique style and jamming personality and fully committed to reach the next level. And from 3 different regions of Europe!

While it seems the male and female winner of this award exposed themselves more in 2014 internationally perhaps, it is clearly because of major development of their game in 2013. The female Rookie of the Year is **Anna Bragagnolo**! Big gumby moves and a bigger smile have quickly turned her into a force to be reckoned with. She will be on the podium for years to come.



The men's Rookie of the Year goes to **Fabio Nizzo**! Fabio seems to have no conscience, playing with a reckless abandon while under complete control. Athletic and technical, Fabio can flat out shred!



SPIRIT OF THE JAM

This could go the direction of commitment to the sport or how folks inspire within a jam. There is James and Ryan's Spread the Jam initiative, Fabio, Ele and El Nino's Varanasi Project, There is Randy, Sascha Höhne, Amy, Ryan and Jake firing up each jam they enter.

This year the Spirit of the Jam goes to the Karlsruhe gang: **Freestyle Frisbee Karlsruhe**, for the thousands of Spread the Jam activities they did in that year and also for their fundraising event for Varanasi Project. What a great way to connect our family together by helping each other out in ways that makes everyone better and spread the love and the jam simultaneously. There is a higher calling here and it is amazing what wonderful people are in our sport.



MOVE OF THE YEAR

Daniel's Sabbatical is worthy. Anticipation building, a full commitment to the face plant that goes with it builds up an anxiety in the audience. As Doug Simon suggests, if it was not that then something else Daniel did last week! There are probably 37269 moves by Tommy on the beach that were worthy. His recent highlight video is insane. 37269 contorted convoluted "things" Matt does wherever he is, whether jamming or competing. Jake gets fewer props in this category than he deserves because of his elegant delivery but it is that elegance that adds to the beauty of his moves. Even PK has a quad spinning double disc gitis lurking out there. We have a lot of great moves and to pick one is too bad given that variety...but we must.

This award is noteworthy because it was caught on video, which we may make a requirement from here on in. This award goes to **Arthur Coddington's** quad crow pull. A unique move caught on video that may or may not have been done before. That he finished the move makes it more compelling.



Commitment to the Sport

Another category with numerous well deserved candidates. This is one where every one of the candidates deserves a thank you for what they do for all of us. These are the drivers of our sport. From TD's to documenters, administrators and other lovers of the sport who inspire others we are lucky to have these folks in our midst. One thinks about Cheryl and Pauline Kenny. Pauline has inspired The Jammers for all 17 years of its existence. She was always the first to harass Tommy about results while her son was at Paga, Frisbeer, AmsterJam or wherever. She is the First Mom of Freestyle (As opposed to Lui who is Mama Frisbee ☺)!! Without Cheryl, her husband never engages the sport, bottom line. That she now MAKES him go all over the world to events is a reflection on the people of the sport that she so loves to connect with.

What about Ted and Chrissie? As the title sponsors of the A*T Guest Initiative, these great people have allowed a number of inspiring up-and-comers to engage the Big Apple and its Krazy Kast of Karacters!! Oh ...and the Margs ☺. Roger and Trish deserve mention as happily hosting the defacto second home for these travelers.

Jan Sorensen has taken our sport by driving the Discswirls vehicle to many parts of the world that have seen nothing like this sport of ours. How about SPIN COLLECTIF Paris? After 10 years on the scene, this great crew is finally tying their great sensibilities and expressions into the



greater jam community. They are fully embraced by helping to nudge our sport with a more urban vibe. The videos that come from them are the stuff of legend and have resulted in a whole new vehicle for expressing what it is we do!

How about Flo for moving the German sports scene to its greatest heights? Tommy is always posting videos, results and reviews. He is the eyes and ears for many events for all of us. Lori for her thankless tenure as FPA Executive Director? And the rest of the Board? How often do we think about their efforts and how it allows us to do what we do? How about Skippy? The dude puts on the FPA Worlds with his great family all with a torn Achilles. That we have Skippy as a spinal column for our sport means we can explore ways of getting more meat on our bones (going to Colombia is an example)!! What about James Wiseman and Ryan Young!! Think about the Spread The Jam initiative that has inspired cool videos by great professionals. Everyone anticipates the next video. These videos are often taken way too early in the morning or way late at night.

The winner this year goes to... Fabio and Ele with El Nino transforming a region (India) and a generation with their selfless journeys. The **Varanasi Teaching Project** outreach is very powerful and went well beyond freestyle. It showed us freestyle could be used as a tool for change and helped transform those of us in the sport as well. Very inspiring!

MENS PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Have we ever had as many candidates? Mördi has just exploded on the scene the last few years, bringing a highly technical and physical game exuding unbridled joy! He has ridiculous moves, is a podium maker, a surprise finalist at FPA Worlds and most of the votes for him are from his stiffest competition for this coveted award!

Matt Gauthier is certainly from another planet. It is not that he is creative, his inventive moves are otherworldly elegant and difficult – a rare combination. His results speak for themselves



as he is always high on the podium including 2 1sts and a 2nd at FPA Worlds. He does not make a large number of events but always dominates when he does. Murf made a nice comeback to FPA Worlds with a 1st, and 2 3rds. James Wiseman reached the pinnacle of rankings this year as the #1 player in the World. Amazing for a guy so early in his career. That he does so many things behind the scenes from all over the world as his life's journey moves him around is astounding. Jake Gauthier deserves major props. Winning pairs and a 2nd in coop at FPA Worlds. Always at the top of the podium and at the top of the list of players EVERYONE wants to jam and compete with, Jake is perhaps the posterboy for our sport.

This year however we must acknowledge the maestro, **Arthur Coddington** as Men's Player of the Year!! Winning the 2 hardest pools in our sport by taking the pairs and coop FPA World titles just sets him apart from the others. That he did it at a young 48 years old tells us there is time for all of us to step it up. His routines are always solid and appropriate musically. That he does not know how to drop certainly helps. Congrats Arthur!

WOMENS PLAYER OF THE YEAR

One of the great elements of our sport is how many really great female jammers are out there. Many receiving recognition from many folks. These women compete on equal footing and are just as likely to succeed in an open division. One thinks of Ilka Simon and her monster game. Irena has some deep pockets that are subtly displayed with elegance. But there were 2 that stood out from the rest. There is a lot of love out there for Bianca Strunz. There is a reason for that! She fires up a jam like no one else. She competes with anyone and makes her partner a better player. She is always smiling, inspiring others to relax and play their best. That is a great skill. Let alone that her own game is as profound and nuanced as anyone. Lisa Hunrichs is the other one. Her ability to run tournaments, judging and all the sideline beehive of activity and then go out and competitively crush may only be met by Jake. In mobops she is always exhorting others to go for it and has a great give and go sensibility developed in with the Great Northwest sensibility.

It is now easy decision, but due to the reason that she is also active behind the scenes as Competition Supervisor and especially in the FPA Board, and wins 2 World Titles the Jammy Award goes to **Lisa Hunrichs!**



MOST TURBO

This one was all over the map! From Wu to James to Cindy to Mike G. to Freddy to Toddy to Lusti to Freddy, so many jammers embody the all-out spirit of freewheeling freestyle. Also here Bianca is in the scope!

Winning the Most Turbo Award, due to his powerful skill incensement and never-ending Jampower, multiple Spinning and Catching like the Number 1: Mr. FPA Competition Director **Freddy Finner!**



DOCUMENTARIAN OF THE YEAR

Woah, is this a tough one. There are so many folks that contribute so much and our sport would be less exciting without it. Tommy posting cool videos with cool edits of the Italian beach jams and Sasha Höhne's timely event reviews make us all connected to the gatherings they attend. Especially for the German Scene it is so important. His style of writing is like his style of playing_ Excellent! For everybody who didn't see it visit <http://freestylefrisbeeverein.de>.

Stephan Stoll has upped the sophistication with his videos and brought a new subculture and new family members to our sport. And what about the Spread the Jam project by James Wiseman and Ryan Young? These guys are out early in the morning and late at night to get the right conditions and scene to make their videos click. Lurking in the background, as always, is Mr. Steady, Arthur Coddington and shrednow.com. This is the best repository for all things freestyle every year and is a magnificent reference point for any goings on that may have occurred – results, videos, stories – it is all there.



This year though, with all these deserving folks, the Documentarian of the Year goes to **Jake Gauthier** (with a nod to Ryan Young) for the live video streaming of multiple events including FPA Worlds. Jake spent numerous hours before, during and after events to allow the rest of the world to connect together simultaneously. He does this with a humility and gentle spirit. That he then goes out and can dominate these events on the jam field is nothing short of amazing. No slight on any of the others, we are a better sport and all of you bring us closer together. Thank you all!!

CRUSTMASTER SUPREME

Some interesting names came out of the woodwork this year. From Donnie Rhodes to Jens Valesquez. From the Beastly stalwart to perhaps the most intense jammer in the world, Jonathan Willet ☺. Sneaking around in NYC is the ageless (74) Trevor Brown as well. Then there are Jason and Adrien. After a long drought, these two have come back to compete and at a very high level. The most compelling nomination came from Doug "Fresh goat" Simon. For his nominee, Doug posted an incredible curriculum vitae of tournaments for this Crusty legend. With over 2,845,469 or so results dating back to the seventies, this year's Crustmaster Supreme is **Rob Fried!!**

Rob was around during the Rose Bowl years and continues to amaze with a game that has kept up with the times. He is a treasure trove of nuanced information regarding the history of the sport as well.



ROUTINE OF THE YEAR

Interesting that a number of routines that did not even win got some nods – for example, Randy/Larry/Bill and Paul/Jake/Jeff at FPA Worlds. Certain names popping up consistently (Christian Lamred for his routines with Heiko Vogt at the German Championships, with Florian Hess and Dominique Weißenberger at Paganello, with Balu Major also at Paganello...well you get the point!).

This year one routine stood above the rest in the Open division – that would be **Arthur Coddington** and **Jake Gauthier** at FPA Worlds. They laid down the gauntlet early in finals playing 2nd up out of 8 (if memory is correct) and crushed a 1 drop routine to set the bar. With one of the deepest pairs finals in recent memory, there was still time for others to step up. A number of teams did, from Matt and James to Paul and Murf let alone Tommy and Randoman surprisingly not making the podium – all were in the hunt. In the end, the cleanliness, sweet moves and timing of Arthur and Jake stood above the rest! On the women's side of the ledger, the routine of the year was Lisa Hunrichs and Matt Gauthier in mixed at FPA Worlds. Again with as deep a mixed field as has been seen recently at Worlds including previous World Championship teams Dave/Amy and Paul/Cindy, power teams of Randy/Irena, Cega/Emma and Murf/Lori it took a great performance to win.



PARTY OF THE YEAR

A number of events could qualify. Many tournaments revolve and are inspired around the social element. These include Beachstylers, The Jammers, the Berlin Hat Tournaments, the Italian jams...and who can forget Frisbeer (it is in the name!). This year, however the Party of the Year goes to **Spiritcamp**! It was a simple receipt: Bring all Frisbeer Players of the different Disciplines together in to a lonely village, put a disc in the middle, some beer around and turn on the music and just let it go! What happened is a totally flipped out party with all facilities:

There was a Fireplace with acrostic Guitar singers, every day a big free BBQ, a highlighted Discgolf Basket with Freestylers and Discgolfers who did a Trickshot Freestyle Contest, a Dancefloor with funny Jingle Dingle Dance Games of the Ultimate Players, an in official Spinjammers Freestyle Superpro Contest for all non Freestylers, a hard Guts Competition with bleeding fingers, intellectual discussions about Sprit of the Game in the different Disciplines, Putting Workshops with 2,5 %, Capture the flag games, beer race around the lake, 30m soap bubbles slide downhill and of course the improvised Freestyle Battle about the person who can delay/tipp/hold as long and as often as possible in different positions! And finally the Award ceremony with flying balloons in the endless sky! No wonder that it is hard to top this! The honor goes to the Organizer **Matthias Koch** who make all this possible! <http://spiritcamp.de>



BEHIND THE SCENES

Arthur year after year does the unappreciated task of the ranking system. Make no mistake, all jammers care deeply about these numbers. His input on many elements of the sport brings great insight as well.

Flo has many layers. From the Varanesi fundraising to coordinating the Karlsruhe gang, getting ready to put on the FPA Worlds in 2015 and a big force behind these Jammers, he is everywhere.

Lui always comes to mind. Her heart and soul are worn for everyone to see- the award could be named after her. The FPA Board has itself done a great job of subtly moving the sport forward is only because of Cheryl Kenny that The Jammers continue to be the longest running freestyle event held in one place in the World. She voices her opinion on The Jammy awards and is the leader of the freestyle subculture of "significant others".

This year however, the Behind the Scenes Award goes to **Philip Lenarz!!** Philip has been quietly behind the scenes moving the new judging system forward. Definitely an unappreciated task, Philip has nonetheless diligently moved this to implementation. That it has been accomplished without controversy is a testament to his humble, thorough and caring process.



COMEBACK

A category necessary because of the crust that has been missing. From Donnie to Jens to Adrien our history is intertwined with their experiences. It is with special pleasure to welcome back **Jason Salkey** as the comeback player! Jason recently has been competing more, integrating with the younger generation, hosting jammers and doing it with his unique British flair. More tea vicar?

