COLLECTION OF MEDALS, BADGES AND PINS FOR MARKSMANSHIP FROM THE COLLECTION OF JANKO PL. BURGSTALLER IN THE HOLDINGS OF THE ZAGREB CITY MUSEUM

The article describes sports medals, badges and pins from a field that has so far been unknown in Croatian literature. They are medals, badges and pins for marksmanship, mostly from the beginning of the twentieth century, which are part of the Collection of Janko pl. Burgstaller in the holdings of the Zagreb City Museum.

The collection contains more than 400 pieces and is part of the donation of Janko pl. Burgstaller, who was an outstanding marksman in the Zagreb Shooting Society at the end of the nineteenth and beginning of the twentieth century. He won the title of the king of Zagreb marksmen in 1904, participated at competitions in Požega and Osijek, and was also successful at international competitions in Baden, Vienna, Frankfurt, Munich, Celje and elsewhere.

Thanks to his donation these items have been kept in the Zagreb City Museum for more than fifty years and so they have been preserved. Today part of the Collection is shown in the original wooden cabinet in which Burgstaller kept his medals, which is part of the permanent exhibition of the Zagreb City Museum.

The introduction of the article gives a survey of the foundation of the Shooting Society, the oldest civilian society in Zagreb. After that there is an outline of the Society's work at the time when most of these medals were created and won, from the end of the nineteenth century to the Society's temporary banning in 1917. There is also a text about Janko pl. Burgstaller, about the collection of medals, badges and pins as a whole, and a more detailed presentation of some of the pieces from the collection. Most of the pieces do not show which competition they were awarded in. The documents from the Zagreb Shooting Society in that period are only partly preserved, and there are no records about the medals. Therefore only a small number of the items can be connected with the actual competitions in which they were won.