

AMATOLA FLY FISHING CLUB

Incorporating the Frontier Acclimatisation Society and the Stutterheim Trout Angling Club



NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN / MAY 2019

It has come to my attention that very few people read the newsletters that we write, so I've attempted to try make all of the text more easily 'consumable' by placing it in a point-form e-mail.

1. Our annual fundraising get together and AGM is planned for the 9/11 August long weekend. The 9th is a public holiday, it's a Friday. More details to follow, but you can pencil in that date on your things-to-do-list so long.

2. Good news! Fishing at Mnyameni Dam is now open to AFFC members. It's a wild-spawn fishery and 100% catch and release; please keep your membership certificates with you. Non-AFFC members can purchase a day ticket for Mnyameni as part of our day ticket system, but please note that a Mnyameni day ticket and its duplicate will be stamped "MNYAMENI DAM ONLY" and is for Mnyameni ONLY, while a standard AFFC day ticket is for Gubu and Maden dams only. More info here <http://www.amatolaflyfishingclub.co.za/mnyameni-dam/>

3. The PE Fly Tyers Guild will be visiting Gubu over the weekend of 7/9 June.

4. The EP Freshwater Fish Conservancy (PE's fly fishing club) will be having a club outing to Gubu over the weekend of 15/17 June.

5. The Eastern Cape Fly Fishers Association is holding trials at Gubu and Mnyameni dams over the weekend of 28/29 June.

6. The Eastern Cape Fly Fishers Association is hosting Tim Rolston for a casting clinic at Gubu on the weekend of 27/28 July. Tim is a top casting coach and if your casting is cringeworthy crappy and you'd like casting coaching, the event has a few extra openings at a cost of R800 per person. Call Devin Isemonger on (083) 301-4281 for more info and/or to book.

Note: the above visits by our friendly neighbours will involve 6 - 12 anglers each time, so there will still plenty of room if you were planning to visit Gubu over any of the same weekends.

7. Work has been, and is, happening on/in the Gubu clubhouse including the fitting of guttering, re-covering of the couch, upgrading of the beds, tiling of the men's bathroom etc. Glenn Raath and Scott Blair are doing most of this themselves and could do with helping hands, please come forward and offer your time as labour and/or, if your'e in the right business, relevant materials. Speak to Scott about what's needed next (073) 076-8141.

8. With legal input, we have began a process of drafting an official contract between the club and club bailiff/s who reside in the DWAF house-on-the-hill at Gubu. A formalised contract that will have to be adhered to by the club's bailiff has become a necessity to safeguard the relationship that AFFC has with DWAF and aims to protect the club's interests re. the use of DWAF infrastructure and facilities as well as the club's functioning and developments. If any AFFC members would like to be involved in this process, please contact me truter.edward@gmail.com to receive the drafts and provide your input.

9. Annual subs are due as of the 1st June. Subs remain unchanged and a notification with the relevant numbers will be sent out next week.

10. To those who have already paid their renewal subs in advance, thank you. Please be patient however re. receiving your updated paperwork as I am secretary too (and will very gladly accept secretarial help from someone!).

Below are some recent photos for your viewing interest:

>> Hayden Mackley with a Gubu brown.

>> Brenton Freeman with a Mnyameni rainbow.

>> A scenic view of Mnyameni Dam (pic by Dean Stoltz).

>> What can happen when we leave line lying around: redwing starlings used it in their nest and a chick tangled itself in it and died horribly by hanging - dispose of bits of line properly!

>> A big goby found at Gubu that suffocated due to it not being able to swallow another goby, which is still stuck in its throat

Happy winter fishing,

Ed Truter



