EUROPEAN FLY FISHING ASSOCIATION

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Newsletter 2023

The year is coming to an end and we have been planning for the next year for quite some time. Nevertheless, I would like to make a short review.

We can certainly be proud of what we and especially our country managers have achieved in the last year.

EFFA Zürich / EFFA On Tour D / EFFA on Tour NL / EFFA members from Italy at the World Championship / EFFA Event Luxembourg etc. Various joint meetings on the water were held in different countries and I was allowed to be present at some of them.

The activities have contributed to the fact that again a lot of exchange has taken place and the EFFA has grown by 41 members. This year we were also able to present ourselves at a trade fair in Belgium and we were able to inspire some fly fishers. Departments have received new guides and instructors who have successfully passed the guidelines. One can say a lot of things are running successfully and nevertheless I would like to say a few words about a trend that strikes me negatively.

Unfortunately, the same people are always the ones who are the main attraction. This phenomenon is a challenge in all clubs but I would like to see us improve here. During the EFFA on Tour, especially in Germany, we had to rely on the help of instructors from Holland. Not that this is a deterioration. No, on the contrary, it is an enrichment to bring people together across the borders. But the people on site should be predominantly present. There is always a lot demanded but not everyone is willing to sacrifice his/her spare time for the cause. The vast majority of people practically leave the activity instead of passing on something, which I personally find a pity. We are working on a turnaround here and hope that some of them will also question themselves a little bit.

The exams could also take place and there are some new instructors in different countries:

Instructors

Alexander Ursella (A)
Christoph Netzter (CH)

Guide

Andreas Ganslmaier (D)

Congratulations to the new instructors.

Special thanks also to the various testing teams from Fly Casting, who always do an excellent job.

Now to the new year of 2023

We have an election year in which the departments are elected and confirmed. Most of the responsible people are standing for election again and there are few open positions. According to the statutes all members can apply for the FF and FT department if they think they have enough qualifications and ideas. A short CV and a letter of motivation are sufficient and the board will contact you.

FT Department 5 members

Martin Weidisch, Peter Kunz, Marc André Laubscher are standing for election again.

You are welcome to apply here if you feel like contributing.

Application until February 25, 2023 to d.difronzo@bluewin.ch

FF Department 5 Members

Rolf Bünter Heinz Reithmayer, Arnold Gufler, Kapossi Gergely are standing for election again.

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FC Department

Will be elected again but only masters can apply.
Here the inquiries are still running on who will stand for election again.

Auditors

After Sascha Bachmann and Michael Erni have completed their period.
Many thanks for their work. Now we have to elect new auditors according to the statutes.
Christian Gubler has already become active and has candidates for the office.

The elections will be held in spring by Massimo Mateuzzi.
The goal is to have the new departments elected by May and to have laid the foundations for the next year.

The Tying Department has worked through and published the regulations of the EFFA Open competition.

The focus in the evaluation of the flies was put on the fishability. The jury judged the swimming behavior, the behavior when casting on and under the water, etc. We therefore ask to refrain from submitting realistic patterns. Fly patterns that do not meet the fishability criterion will be scored lower!

Here to the EFFA Open 2023
English
https://www.effa.info/files/content/Fliegenbinden/EFFA%20Open/Regulations%20EFFA%20OPEN%202023_EN.pdf

German
https://www.effa.info/files/content/Fliegenbinden/EFFA%20Open/Regularien%20EFFA%20OPEN%202023_DE.pdf

Also some tying guides have been created and published.

The guide program was also revised and the focus was redistributed a bit. The goal was to train the most important core competences of a guide and to increase the sensitivity towards safety. Many thanks to the department for the great work.

The course and the subsequent exam is already posted.

English
https://www.effa.info/en/exam.html

Germain
https://www.effa.info/de/zertifizierung-effa-pruefung.html

International EFFA Event in Czech Republic 26.-29.5.2023

Yvonne and Dominik scouted the rivers for us. Great destination with a brilliant stock of fish in a wonderful area. We have a cheap hotel as headquarters with some double rooms for 70 Euro. So if you want to stay there you should book early.

Those who come first can still choose to stay at the EFFA headquarters. After that we will provide further options which you have to book yourself. The rooms will be distributed according to mail receipt.
Mail to: d.difronzo@bluewin.ch
The location: Susice
River: Otava Trout / Grayling / Whitefish

The permit for 4 days for all spots costs 120 Euro including a Trophy track. Individual permits for partial sections cost 20 Euro. Important: all permits have to be paid in cash. There are enough cash machines in the city. In addition, a state license must be purchased for 8 Euros.

The average cost of food is about 25 euros.

The number of participants is limited.
Those who want to stay in the accommodation must still register with a
mail also to: d.difronzo@bluewin.ch

We'll again put together a social program over the days as in Luxembourg. More information will follow as soon as the number of participants is known.

If you have any questions left just contact us.

Provisional annual schedule

January
13-15. 01.2023 Fair Duisburg D

March
03.-05. 03. 2023 Fair Friedrichshafen D
13.03.2023 Boardmeeting
28.03.-24. 10. 2023 Start casting group Zurich CH (summer vacations will be announced)

April
29.-30.4.2023 Exam Instructor / Master / Double Hand Milano

May
26.-29.05.2023 International Annual Meeting Susice CZE

June
05. 06. 2023 Board meeting
26.06- 30.06.2023 Guide course conducted by EFFA Guides Zurich CH

July
01.07.2023 Guide test EFFA Zurich CH

September
04.09.2023 Board meeting
23.-24.09.2023 Exams Instructor / Master and Event Hohenems A

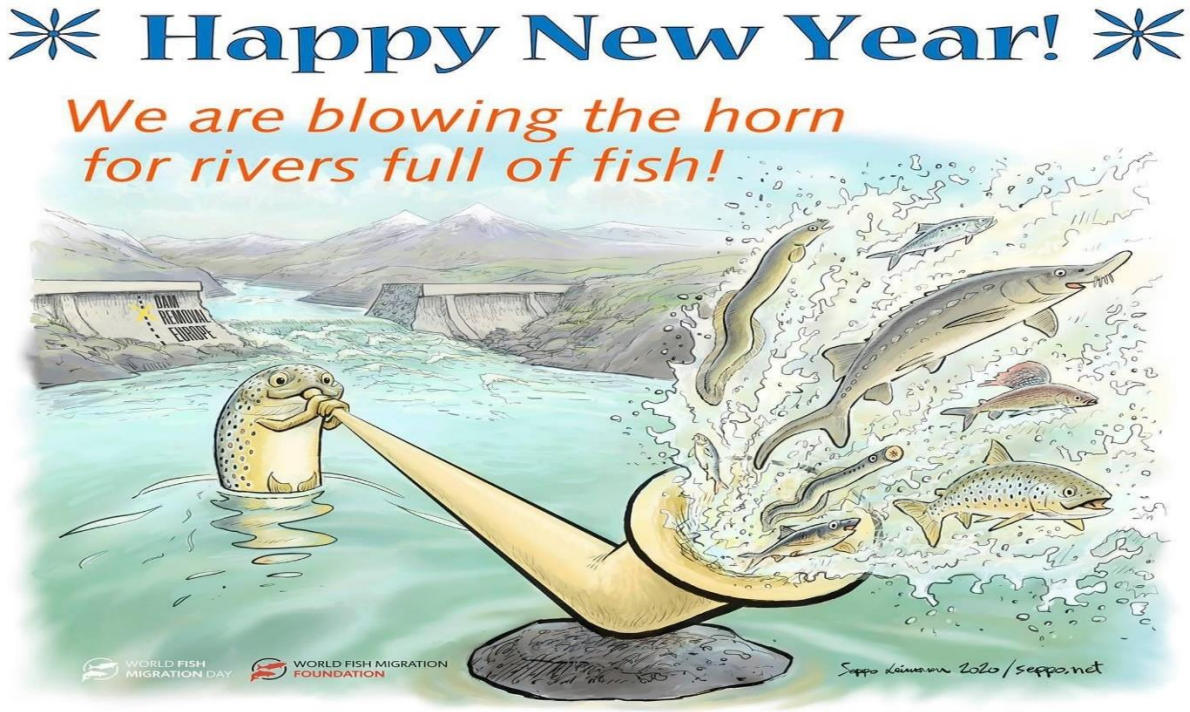
October EFFA on Tour in CH

December
04.12.2023 Board meeting

Attention

The planning is rolling and there will be further actions / meetings / exams.

Thank you very much for the support you always give to us. It helps us immensely to be able to count on your solidarity and we will do our best to push further projects and innovations in the field of fly fishing. I would especially like to thank all of you who have helped us throughout the year to organize an event or have been involved with EFFA in some other way.



Now I wish you all a happy new year, good health and great shared experiences with other fly fishers on/at the water.

I’m looking forward to meet some of you again in person at our events.

Daniele

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