

Coachman Challenge

Advanced-Sharing Your Knowledge				
Goal – show proficiency in all aspects of fly fishing and be fully comfortable fishing for multiple species and techniques				
Topic	Description	Criteria	Instruction/Class/Event	Approved
Knots	Demonstrate two more	Successfully demonstrates two additional knots e.g. perfection knot, arbor knot, Duncan loop, (uni) blood, nail,	Tech Thursday or Coachman Lead	
Fly Tying	Tie different styles of flies or be a demo tier at meeting	Tie 5 different style flies e.g. steelhead, salmon, bass, wet fly, saltwater, articulated, tube, streamer or be a demo tyer at General Meeting	Class or General Meeting or Coachman Lead	
Casting	Show casting accuracy, distance, and form	Cast 60 feet Show one other type of cast; e.g. Belgian loop, parachute, S, reach, tuck, backhand, open loop, sidearm cast	Before General Meeting or Casting Clinic	
Fishing	Catch and release 2 fish on flies you tied	Photo or witness	Fishmeister or Class instructor or Coachman Lead	
Participation	Plan and lead/ assist one club trip	Be a fishmeister or assistant fishmeister	Program Chair	
Club Leadership	Take a CFFU leadership role	Serve on the BOD, become a program director or assistant	Coachman Lead	
Conservation	Participate in a conservation project	Sit in on a conservation meeting, write a letter to a State Legislator, or participate in a conservation project	Conservation Chair	
Teaching/mentoring	Mentor a club member and assist with their advancement	Spend at least 6 hours volunteering to help teach or mentor a newbie or veteran. Or instruct at a Tech-Thursday or Social	Class Instructor or Event Chair	
Hypothetical trip	Explain what you would take and do on a sample trip to a river, stream or lake you are familiar with	Write up for newsletter or do a 5 minute presentation at the General Meeting	Newsletter Editor or Club President	
Fly Line	Makes nymphing leader with amnesia	Catch a fish using a short-line nymphing technique with your leader(photo or witness	Tech Thursday	

Replace one topic for another of your choice; e.g. build a rod, complete the Heritage Trout Challenge or Wyoming Cutt-slam, plan and/or take a “bucket list” trip