

## Coachman Challenge

| <b>Intermediate- Improving Your Skills</b>  |   |  |  |                 |
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| <b>Goal – to advance your fly fishing skills including fishing different weight rods and using a variety of lines and techniques.</b> |   |  |  |                 |
| <b>Topic</b>  | <b>Description</b>  | <b>Criteria</b>  | <b>Instruction/Class/Event</b>                   | <b>Approved</b> |
| Knots   | Learn 2 additional knots and demonstrate their application  | Successfully demonstrates two additional knots e.g. perfection knot, arbor knot, Duncan loop, (uni) blood, nail, | Before General Meeting                           |                 |
| Rod set-up  | Demonstrate rigging for dry fly fishing, and indicator with 2 flies   | Successfully demonstrate   | Tech Thursday or Casting Clinic                  |                 |
| Fly Tying   | Successfully tie two flies and explain what they mimic  | One nymph and one dry  | Class or General Meeting                         |                 |
| Casting   | Show casting accuracy and form<br>Learn single and double haul  | Hit target (hoop) at 45 feet<br>Avoid tailing loop   | Before meeting or Casting Clinic                 |                 |
| Fishing   | Catch and release 2 different types of fish.<br>For example: trout, bass, sunfish, shad, steelhead, striper, catfish etc. | Photo or witness   | Fishmeister or Class instructor or Coachman Lead |                 |
| Participation   | Attend two club outings   | See list of outings  | Fishmeister or Program Chair                     |                 |
| Club Promotion  | Bring in a new member or acquire 2 annual dinner prizes   | Prizes valued at least \$25  | Annual Dinner Chair                              |                 |
| Entomology  | Identify four different aquatic invertebrates and compare with the artificial flies                                       | Identify nymph/larva and adult caddisfly, mayfly, stonefly and dragonfly and match with appropriate artificial   | Class or Social or Coachman Lead                 |                 |
| Conservation  | Participate in an approved conservation project   | Find on your own or contact our conservation committee for assistance  | Conservation Committee Leader                    |                 |
| Mentoring   | Work with someone at a fishing event  | Spend at least 2 hours helping a youth, veteran, newbie learn fly fishing skills                                 | Event Leader                                     |                 |
| Fly line  | Understand the different types of fly line  | Explain the difference between floating, hover/intermediate, sinking and their uses                              | Tech Thursday                                    |                 |