

GOLDEN TROUT AWARD PROGRAM

DIABLO VALLEY FLY FISHERMAN

CATEGORY SHEET

1. **LITERATURE** (choose one only):
 - a.) Read one fly fishing book and write a short, one-page report to be kept on file for reference and for possible publication in the *Windknots* newsletter.
 - b.) Write a short (500 words or less) where-to/how-to article or personal fishing experience article to be published in the *Windknots*.
2. **CONSERVATION** (choose one only):
 - a.) Attend a meeting of a recognized conservation group (other than DVFF or another fly fishing club) such as Cal Trout, NCC/FFF, CSPA, etc., and submit a brief report to the Golden Trout Award Program chairperson.
 - b.) Write three (3) letters to government officials regarding three (3) separate fishery-related conservation issues or pending legislation, and send or deliver a copy to the Golden Trout Award Program chairperson.
 - c.) Participate in a board-approved conservation project such as a river litter clean up, construction project, etc.
3. **ENTOMOLOGY:**
 - a.) Capture and submit labeled specimens of three (3) major insect fish foods, such as mayflies, caddies, stoneflies, etc. Specimens may be submitted in any clear plastic or glass jar. The label should include the common name of the insect (mayfly, stonefly, etc.) and the location and date of the collection. Check area regulations before collecting any aquatic insect!
4. **CLUB OUTING:**
 - a.) Attend and participate in a planned DVFF club fishing outing.
5. **CLUB EVENT** (choose one only):
 - a.) Assist with one major club event such as the annual installation dinner/crab feed, club auction, etc.
 - b.) Attend one club-sponsored event, such as the NCC/FFF Conclave or the Fort Mason/Hall of Fame dinner/trade show, etc.
6. **CASTING** (choose one only):
 - a.) Demonstrate (in private if desired) basic fly casting techniques, showing the roll cast, false cast and double haul, and casting a fly line 70 feet.
7. **KNOTS:**
 - a.) Demonstrate proficiency in tying the following fishing knots:
 - i.) Improved Clinch
 - ii.) Bloodknot
 - iii.) Nail Knot
 - iv.) Surgeons Knot
 - v.) Perfection Loop.

8. FLY TYING:

- a.) Tie one fly from each of the seven (7) categories. Flies must be previously published, widely recognized patterns.
 - i.) Dry Fly (Royal Wulff, Adams, BWO, etc.)
 - ii.) Wet Fly (Montana Nymph, A.P. Nymph, P.T., etc.)
 - iii.) Streamer (Grey Ghost, Supervisor, etc.)
 - iv.) Terrestrial (Joe's Hopper, Letort Cricket, etc.)
 - v.) Steelhead Fly (Skunk, Brindlebug, Silver Hilton, etc.)
 - vi.) Saltwater Fly (Lefty's Deceiver, Salt Shrimp, etc.)
 - vii.) Bass Bug (Dahlberg Diver, Umpqua Swimming Frog, etc.)

9. ROD BUILDING:

- a.) Completely build a fly rod from a blank of your choice. Progress checks will be made at various stages of completion, as follows.
 - Stage 1:** When all parts have been gathered.
 - Stage 2:** After the hand grip has been installed/turned.
 - Stage 3:** After the guides have been placed and wrapped.
 - Stage 4:** Completion.

Golden Trout Award Program enrollees completing this activity will receive credit for two activities. Partial credit may be given at the discretion of the Golden Trout Award Program chairperson if the project is not solely completed by the enrolled.

10. MEMBERSHIP DRIVE:

- a.) Recruit two new members into the club during the term of your participation in the Golden Trout Award Program. Assist them in becoming oriented with the club and its activities. Introduce them to friends, encourage them to participate in club activities such as the Golden Trout Award Program and outings, and make yourself available to them to answer questions and offer assistance.

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DIABLO VALLEY FLY FISHERMAN REGISTRATION AND VERIFICATION

Member Name: _____ Registered By: _____

Program Start Date: _____ Completion Date: _____

There is a ten dollar (\$10.00) fee payable at the time of registration for this program. Place a checkmark in the boxes next to each of the seven (7) categories you choose to complete for your Golden Trout Award Program. (See the Golden Trout Award Category Sheet for details.) Rod building can count as accomplishing two activities. Changes can be made at anytime.

1. Literature

Title: _____

Date Completed: _____ Confirmed By: _____

2. Conservation

Describe Chosen Activity: _____

Date Completed: _____ Confirmed By: _____

3. Entomology

Specimen #1: _____

Specimen #2: _____

Specimen #3: _____

Date Completed: _____ Confirmed By: _____

4. Club Outing

Outing Location: _____

Date Completed: _____ Confirmed By: _____

5. Club Event

Outing Location: _____

Date Completed: _____ Confirmed By: _____

6. Casting

Date Completed: _____ Confirmed By: _____

7. Knots

Date Completed: _____ Confirmed By: _____

8. Fly Tying

Date Completed: _____ Confirmed By: _____

9. Rod Building

Stage 1 Completion Date: _____ Confirmed By: _____

Stage 2 Completion Date: _____ Confirmed By: _____

Stage 3 Completion Date: _____ Confirmed By: _____

Stage 4 Completion Date: _____ Confirmed By: _____

10. Membership Drive

Member #1: _____

Member #2: _____

Date Completed: _____ Confirmed By: _____