

ENTRY FORM FOR SPECIAL COMPETITION – CLUB PROSPECTOR TROPHY

Entry Deadline is Monday, August 26, 2024

Club Prospector Trophy

Any member club of the Greater Denver Area Gem and Mineral Council is eligible to enter up to three specimens collected after September 30, 2021 until August 19, 2024 on club-sponsored field trips. **Specimens collected from FEE sites will be allowed.** When the club installs its case on set-up day, Wednesday, September 11th, the club representative will designate the three specimens to be judged to the Judging Chair or designee. The Judging Committee will then number the designated specimens (1 through 3) in the same direction in all the entered cases. An aggregate entry such as a vial of gold dust, or a group of loose topaz crystals would not constitute an eligible entry. A gold nugget or a single topaz crystal, or group of crystals on a single matrix would be eligible.

The specimens should be displayed in a standard Denver showcase with supporting information about the field trips. Maps, pictures, drawings, etc. can be used to make an attractive case that would be of interest to viewers. One third of the case score will be on showmanship as defined in the AFMS Rules (see below for the language of the rules*) as well as the use of supplementary, information options as suggested above. The other 2/3 of the case score will be double the highest score from among the three quality scores awarded to the specimens.

Scoring Example:

Club X enters

Specimen # 1 which earns a quality score of 65

Specimen # 2 which earns a quality score of 87

Specimen # 3 which earns a quality score of 83

- The judge assigns a showmanship score of **80** to the case.
- The highest specimen score (# 2) is **87**, double that to **174** and add the showmanship score of **80** and the case earns a score of **254**.
- In the case of multiple judges, scores would be averaged.
- The club case with the highest score wins the trophy.

* AFMS Showmanship Rule for Minerals (Division B, Rule 2.2):

Showmanship shall refer to the ability of the exhibitor to use the material exhibited, the background material, lighting, arrangement, and labeling features (such as size, neatness, etc.) to create a display which will attract and hold the interest of the viewer upon the specimens exhibited.

The exhibitor is responsible for the exhibit throughout the show, including set-up and takedown. Guards will be on duty at all times; however, neither the Greater Denver Area Gem and Mineral Council nor the Denver Show Committee assumes responsibility for any loss or damage. The exhibitor's signature on this form acknowledges consent to this statement.

Club Prospector Entry Form: Club Name _____
Club Officer or Contact _____ Phone _____
Address _____ E-mail _____

Names for I.D. badges 1. _____ 2. _____

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