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## FINAL MAIL OUT OF THE FISHING LINE NEWSLETTER AUTUMN ISSUE OF THE CROWSNEST ANGLER NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE ONLINE

As mentioned in the last issue of *The Fishing Line*, this will be the final newsletter that we will be sending to those of you currently on our mailing list. Beginning with the next issue (Autumn, 2007), our newsletter will only be available online, through our web site. For more information on how to continue receiving *The Fishing Line*, please visit the Newsletter Page in our site for details on how to sign up. Please note, we respect your privacy and do not distribute our mailing list with any parties, whatsoever. For those who prefer a hard copy, or are without Internet access, a limited number of copies will be available at the shop.

## NEW CROWSNEST ANGLER WEB SITE

We are pleased to announce the completion of our new web site, and encourage you to visit it at: [www.crowsnestangler.com](http://www.crowsnestangler.com). We hope you enjoy looking at our site and would be happy to hear what you think! In addition to providing information on our fly shop and guide service, we have assembled a great deal of local fishing information. If you're planning a trip to our region, be sure to check out the Angling Opportunities Page. On another note, we will no longer be providing our Crowsnest River fishing report in Fly Fisherman magazine's Western Canada Fishing Reports web site. For current fishing conditions, be sure to check the Fishing Report Page in our web site.

Thanks to Stuart Geers, of iNSIGNIA Designs, for the excellent job putting everything together for our web site.

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Effective immediately, our email address is:  
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## FISHING REPORT

The spring runoff has subsided in southwest Alberta, and the area's trout streams are shaping up nicely. This year's runoff was not severe, as we did not receive excessive spring rains. Spring fishing was very good on the Crowsnest River and many anglers took advantage of the excellent early season water conditions. The winter snowpack in the Oldman River basin, at elevations above 5,000 feet, varied between 53 to 106% of average. Below 5,000 feet, snowpack was below average.

For current fishing conditions, call the shop at (403) 564-4333. For additional information, check out the Fishing Report Page in our web site. When visiting the shop, be sure to check our "Fishing Report Board" for up-to-date conditions of the region's trout waters and recommended fly patterns.

## SHOP NEWS

We have changed to our summer hours. The shop is open each day, 9:00am – 6:00pm. We will return to winter hours after the Thanksgiving weekend (October 8<sup>th</sup>).

The Crowsnest Angler Fly Shop staff members for the 2006 season include, Vic and Carol Bergman, Cathy Thomas and Ben Gopp. We would also like to welcome Terry Hrudehy to our staff. Terry was born and raised in Edmonton and has had a life-long passion for fishing, and has been tying flies for over 20 years. His fly-fishing experience in SW Alberta began in 1997, when he and his wife, Carol, purchased an acreage in Crowsnest Pass. After 29 years as a Professor of Engineering at the University of Edmonton, Terry retired in 2005. During Terry's career at the U of A, he served as Associate Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Chair of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. Today, Terry and his wife live full time in Crowsnest Pass. They have two sons, David and Michael, both avid fly fishermen. We hope you have a chance to stop by the shop this summer to say hello to Terry and the rest of our staff!

Returning guides include, Leland Kirk, Gary Enzsol, Kelly Thomas, Jason Groot, Kelly Kizan and Vic Bergman. We would also like to welcome Pat Kelly to our guiding staff. Pat lives in Crowsnest Pass and grew up fishing the numerous trout waters in SW Alberta and SE British Columbia. Pat will be available for float and walk & wade trips. In addition, Tim Lysyk will be returning to guide for the shop this season. Tim specializes in walk & wade fishing trips on some of the region's smaller trout waters. Complete bios of all our guides can be found on our web site.

## ANGLING LICENSES

The Crowsnest Angler Fly Shop is an Alberta fishing and hunting license vendor. WIN cards and fishing license are available at the shop. British Columbia angling licenses may also be purchased at our store.

We would like to remind everyone that already has a WIN card to bring it along when you come to purchase your 2007 Alberta fishing license.

## SUMMER CLEARANCE SALE

### Sage Discontinued Fly Rods – 30% OFF

#### *Sage XP Series Graphite Fly Rod (2-piece)*

Model	Reg.	SALE
490 XP (9-foot, 4-wt.)	\$630.00	\$440.00
890 XP (9-foot, 8-wt.)	\$640.00	\$448.00

*\*Sage XP Series rods come with rod tube and unconditional lifetime warranty.*

### Sage Discontinued Luggage – 30% OFF

#### *Sage Guide Line Luggage*

Model	Reg.	SALE
Wader Bag	\$79.95	\$55.95
Duffel Bag	\$84.95	\$59.00

### Springbrook Neoprene Waders – 30% OFF (limited sizes)

## NEW PRODUCTS FOR 2007

New products for this season include, Redington ladies breathable waders and wading boots, Sage Z-Axis Series fly rods, Cliff Fly Boxes, and various new Idylwilde fly patterns.

*Gift Certificates available*

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(Mail Order & Guide Services)

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### BEGINNER FLY-FISHING SCHOOL

Class is limited to 5 students. Topics will include: knots, leaders, equipment selection, casting instruction, entomology and fly selection. The day will be divided between classroom, dry-land casting and on stream instruction. Students are required to bring equipment, lunch, rain jacket, waders or rubber boots. Equipment can be provided if required.

<b>Dates:</b>	June 23 & July 14
<b>Time:</b>	10:00am – 5:00pm
<b>Location:</b>	Crowsnest Angler Fly Shop and outdoor location TBA
<b>Cost:</b>	\$100.00, plus GST. Payment required upon registration.

## 2007 CROWSNEST ANGLER FLY-FISHING SCHOOLS WITH JIM & LYNDA MCLENNAN

### LISTENING TO THE RIVER

Spend a day with Jim, listening to the river and learning to understand what it's saying. The focus of this school is observing the river and its surroundings in order to develop a fishing plan. The school will cover basic casting, and fundamental dry, nymph, and streamer techniques, as well as basic streamside entomology. The details of the curriculum, though, will be determined by the students' preferences, and by the river, the bugs, the weather, and the trout. This school is held on the Crowsnest River, but the lessons learned here would have application wherever there are trout.

**Instructor:** Jim McLennan

**Dates:** July 7 (FULL)

July 28

August 25

**Time:** 1:00pm – 8:00pm

**Location:** Crowsnest River

**Cost:** \$150.00, plus GST. A special rate (\$275.00, plus GST) is offered should you register in this course with your spouse, or another family member. This discount also applies if you register in the Nymph/Streamer School, One-Day Intermediate School, or the Women's Novice/Intermediate School.

### WOMEN'S ONE-DAY INTRO TO FLY-FISHING

A one-day school with Lynda will bring you to a point where you can be independent on the river as a fly fisher. It's a perfect way to get started or to get a solid review. Each class caters to the skill levels of the students. Equipment can be supplied if needed. There are both classroom and outdoor sessions, so students should dress for the weather. Bring lunch, notebook and pen. Class size is limited to 10 students.

**Instructor:** Lynda McLennan

**Date:** July 7

**Time:** 10:00am – 5:00pm

**Location:** Crowsnest Angler Fly Shop and an outdoor location  
TBA.

**Cost:** \$150.00, plus GST. A special rate (\$275.00, plus GST) is offered should you register in the July 8th. Women's Novice/Intermediate School.

### NYMPH AND STREAMER FISHING SCHOOLS

These one-day schools will concentrate on presentation methods for nymphs and streamers in rivers. Class size is limited to 6 students.

**Instructor:** Jim McLennan

**Dates:** July 8

July 29

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**Time:** 10:00am – 5:00pm  
**Location:** Crowsnest River  
**Cost:** \$150.00, plus GST. A special rate (\$275.00, plus GST) is offered should you register in this course with your spouse, or another family member. This discount also applies if you register in the July 7th. Listening to the River, or the Women's Novice/Intermediate School.

### WOMEN'S NOVICE TO INTERMEDIATE FLY-FISHING SCHOOLS

Enjoy a day with Lynda, who will help you develop your fly-fishing skills to the next level. This course is designed for women who have had an introductory course, or have fished for a short time and would like to learn or review fly-fishing techniques on the river. Class size is limited to 10 students. Topics covered will include:

**Instructor:** Lynda McLennan  
**Dates:** July 8 (FULL)  
July 28  
**Time:** 10:00am – 5:00pm  
**Location:** Crowsnest River  
**Cost:** \$150.00, plus GST. A special rate is offered should you also register in the July 7<sup>th</sup>. Women's 1-Day Introductory Fly-Fishing School. The registration fee for both schools is \$275.00, plus GST.

### TWO-DAY INTERMEDIATE FLY-FISHING SCHOOL

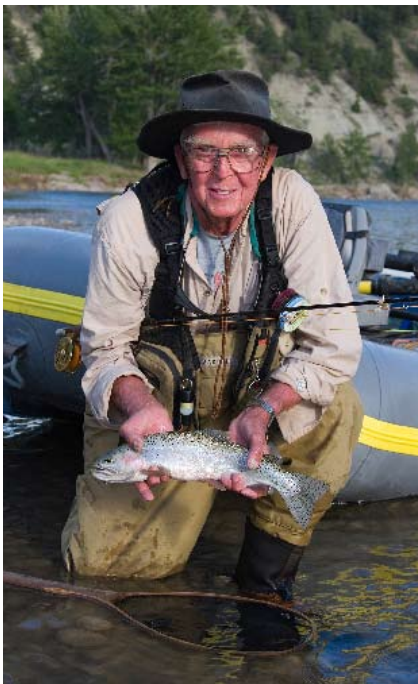
A two-day version of the McLennans' popular Intermediate Fly-fishing School. This school will take students deeper into the pleasures of the sport. Day one will address the fundamentals of casting, reading water, streamside entomology, and basic fly-fishing methods. Day two will expand on the lessons learned in day one, and delve deeper into the details. A special addition included in this school is great evening meal for the group at the Pure Country Restaurant in Frank, Alberta. This will be a time of informal visiting and more fly-fishing conversation. Spend two days with the McLennans and immerse yourself in fly-fishing. Students should have previous fly-fishing experience and an understanding of basic fly fishing technique.

This two-day workshop is for people who have had some previous fly-fishing experience. Jim and Lynda will begin the school with a discussion about casting fundamentals, including loop control, and understanding the basic casting stroke. They will also cover wading, basic entomology, and reading water. Other topics covered include dry-fly, nymph and streamer methods. Class size is limited to 10 students.

**Instructors:** Jim & Lynda McLennan  
**Date:** Saturday August 11 & Sunday August 12, 2007  
**Time:** Saturday 10:00am – 5:00pm (dinner at 6:30pm)  
Sunday 9:30am – 4:30pm  
**Location:** Crowsnest River  
**Cost:** \$325.00, plus GST. Includes the Saturday evening dinner at Pure Country Restaurant in Frank.

\* Upon registration in any of the McLennan Schools, we will be able to provide a detailed list of fly patterns and other gear/equipment that participants will need to bring.

## ALBERT (AL) CRANDELMIRE TRIBUTE (June 11, 1934 - April 7, 2007)



It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Al Crandlemire. Al passed away suddenly at his home in Coleman, Crowsnest Pass, Alberta on Saturday April 7, 2007. Al had been employed by our shop for the past seven years.

After twenty-two years in the Royal Canadian Air Force, Al retired in 1975 with the rank of Master Corporal and quickly gained employment in the public sector as an Electronics Technician. Al was an avid fly angler and in June of 1999, when he and his wife Betty decided to retire, they chose Crowsnest Pass, largely because of the trout fishing available in the area. In 2000, Al accepted a position at The Crowsnest Angler. Because of his great love of fly-fishing, it never seemed like work at all. He particularly enjoyed helping anglers new to fly-fishing, and was always busy providing customers with friendly advice and information. He liked to quote Charles Kuralt: "*Often, I've been exhausted on trout streams,*

*uncomfortable, wet, cold, briar-scarred, sunburned, mosquito-bitten – but never with a fly rod in my hand have I been unhappy.*"

Al was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion, Trout Unlimited, and Chairman of the local library board. He is survived by his wife of fifty-one years, Betty Crandlemire, three sons and daughter-in-laws, and two grandchildren. He will be missed by his family, friends, and the staff and customers of The Crowsnest Angler. A celebration of Al's life will be held at the Crandlemire residence (6753 – 17 Ave., Coleman, AB) on Sunday July 15, 2007. Time: Noon to 4:00pm (Drop In), with a dedication and moment of reflection at 1:00pm – 1:15pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in the memory of the late Albert Crandlemire to the Canadian Cancer Society (1200 College Plaza, 8215 – 112 Street NW Edmonton, AB T6G 2C8), or the Alberta Heart and Stroke Foundation (Sun Life Place, 710, 10123 – 99 Street NW Edmonton, AB T5J 3H1).

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## AANES' MO JOE HOPPER



Montana fly-fishing guide, Joe Aanes, has developed a number of excellent fly patterns, including this hopper imitation. The Mo Joe Hopper can also be a good pattern to use when golden stoneflies are present. It's extremely buoyant, making it an ideal choice when fishing dropper nymphs.

**Hook:** Tiemco 100, 100BL, or equivalent, size 8-12.

**Thread:** Tan, 6/0.

**Abdomen:** Three to four thin strips of yellow closed-cell foam, 1/16" (2mm). The foam strips should be cut 1/16" in width and measure four to five inches in length. Use three strips for small hook sizes, and four strips for large hooks. To form the body, hold the foam strips together and twist from one end. Once you have made enough twists, fold the foam rope in half (doing this around a dubbing needle may help), making sure to hold both ends tight to prevent the foam strips from unravelling. Once you remove the dubbing needle, both halves of the foam will automatically become furled together, forming a nice segmented

body. If the body does not form properly, you may not have placed enough twists in the foam. Be sure to hold both ends together, until the foam is attached to the hook shank. A dark brown waterproof marker can be used to colour the top of the abdomen.

**Wings:** Gray Scud Back, 1/4" width.

**Rear Legs:** Yellow round rubber. Tips can be painted red, using a waterproof marker.

**Thorax:** Tan synthetic dry-fly dubbing.

**Strike Indicator:** Orange closed-cell foam, 1/16" (2mm).

**Hackle:** Grizzly, wrapped parachute-style around the base of indicator.

**Middle/Front Legs:** One strand of yellow round rubber, attached to each side of thorax.

**Head:** Deer body hair, spun and trimmed to shape. Eyes can be added, using a black waterproof marker.

**Tying Note:** This fly can be tied using other foam body colours, including tan.

## MESSAGE

*We welcome short stories, poems or angling anecdotes (500 words or less) for possible use in The Fishing Line newsletter. If you have something you feel our readers might enjoy, please send it to our address or email it to us and we may use it in our next newsletter.*

*Bye for now and good fishing!*

*Vic Bergman*

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