



THE SPORTSMAN

The Oldest Sportsmen's Club in Washington State!

BREMERTON SPORTSMEN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2025 EDITION

Conservation Pledge:

*I give my pledge as an American to save and faithfully to defend
from waste the natural resources of my country
– it's air, soil and minerals; it's forests, waters and wildlife.*

President: Vacant, **Vice President:** Bob Overly | **Secretary:** Ron Flerx, **Treasurer:** John McIntosh
Trustees: Pos 1. Jack Gaudette (term expires 2027), Pos 2. Trevor Guyton (term expires 2026),
Pos 3. Carl Peterson (term expires 2027), Pos 4. Steve Christensen (term expires 2026)
Membership Chairperson: Vacant | **Newsletter Editor:** Ron Flerx

Message from the Vice President

As Vice President of the BSC, I want to thank everyone who attended the annual picnic/potluck at Otto Jarstad Park the 10 th of August. Also, thank you to all the members who helped make the event successful. An extra big shout out to Ron Flerx who remained at the park to ensure all the coals were extinguished and none were left smoldering.

As we look over the events of the summer, we successfully sent 4 young people to the Washington State Youth Conservation Camp (WSYCC) and also provided extra funding to WSYCA for much needed equipment. The club has received the shirt order with the help from Trevor (thank you), and we will be able to buy some at the next meeting. We have signed MOU with WDFW for the signs at the four lakes that this club donated to the state back in 1948!

September means it is time to move forward with our projects. Projects include the trifold flier (thank you to Carl for all your work on this) and planning lake-cleanups. Nick is looking for property for us to buy for another access. Please keep your eyes open for projects that BSC can support that benefit access for outdoor recreation.

Hope to see you all at the September meeting. We are hoping some of the youth campers will be able to attend; in the meantime, enjoy the fall weather, and upcoming hunting and fishing seasons.

- Bob Overly

Message from the BSC Secretary

I have filed the required Washington State's Secretary of State (SOS) annual reporting with the Corporations & Charities Division for this upcoming yearly cycle. The Bremerton Sportsmen's Club Incorporated is a 501c4 nonprofit and is required to file annually with Washington State SOS. BSC is currently meeting all the requirements as a nonprofit organization.

I've decided with help from others to provide more content and postings on our Facebook page with updates as we are going to improve on Facebook communications. So far, this effort has been successful. I'm basing this on our club's picnic attendance in August, which was the best participation we've seen quite some time. I contribute to the success of our posting on Facebook.

I encourage our membership to provide input and content for our newsletter. Content examples: Recipes, fishing reports, hunting and fishing equipment you wish to sell, or write an occasional article for publication in our newsletter.

Looking for vintage items? Consider visiting New 2 You found in the Mile High District at 1743 Village LN SE in Port Orchard. This is a great place to buy Antiques, used fishing gear, Coins ectara. Of course, my favorite is fishing gear. I'm now proud of several vintage Fenwick, Lamiglas and rods. Check this place out.

Do you need an FFL? Contact BSC Member John Feddock

- Ron Flerx

UPCOMING EVENTS:

TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

BREMERTON SPORTSMEN'S CLUB GENERAL MEETINGS:

The club meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month. September general meeting will be held on Tuesday the 23 rd . We are meeting at the Bremerton Trap and Skeet Club's facility found at 7553 State Hwy 3 SW, Bremerton WA, 98312. Pot luck at 6:00 PM, General meeting Start at 7:00 PM



Washington State Youth Conservation Camp (WSYCC)

Update: BSC sponsored four youth this year, two boys and two girls. Those of you who know the camp participants who attended camp this year, please reach out and invite them to this September meeting so they can share their experiences at the camp this year.



Kitsap County Commissioner and KC Parks and Rec plans to log Banner Forest

News the Bremerton Sportsmen's Club Inc should be aware of. The following was provided by the Citizens Committee who are opposed to thinning Banner Forest. **BSC should consider getting involved in protecting Banner Forest.**

"Unknown to most citizens and park users, the county held a meeting this evening (23 July 2025) at 5-7PM at the County Administration Building in Port Orchard. The main point of discussion was the plans for cutting the trees on over 400 of the 636 acres starting in 2026. They called it "restoration thinning" for the good of the forest. It's actually a cash cow. The county stands to make thousands off the trees. I guess it pays a few salaries. To listen to them, the "experts," thinning the trees is the best way to protect the park and to ensure a beautiful and thriving forest for future generations. To those who have witnessed this process, nothing could be further from the truth."

Banner Forest Park, as it currently exists, rebounded on its own from being clear cut and thinned for commercial endeavors and will continue to heal on its own. Mother Nature will find a way as she always does. County intervention will do nothing but ruin it for generations and it will never look the same in our lifetime. It is the last "natural" park in the area and when gone, it is gone.

The KC Parks director, Alex Wisniewski, suggested that if we wanted to change these plans, we should write our commissioners in protest and perhaps even verbally share our thoughts.



HARVEY'S PEANUT BUTTER BALLS

Servings 30 BALLS Prep Time 35 Minutes

INGREDIENTS

- ½ cup Harvey's Butter Rum Batter (slightly softened)
- ½ cup crunchy style peanut butter
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- ¼ cup graham cracker crumbs
- ½ lb. dark chocolate (melt in double broiler, stirring until smooth)

DIRECTIONS:

1. In medium size bowl, combine all ingredients except chocolate.
2. Mix by hand until completely combined. Mixture may seem a little dry, but heat from hands will help them stick together when rolling into balls.
3. Take small pieces of filling and roll into small ball. You should have enough for 28-30 bite size balls.
4. Dip balls into melted chocolate and place on Silpat or parchment to set. To fully set it will take several hours or you can refrigerate to speed up the process.

Enjoy!