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**BREMERTON SPORTSMEN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER**  
**FEBRUARY 2026 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.*

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## Message from the BSC Secretary / Newsletter Editor

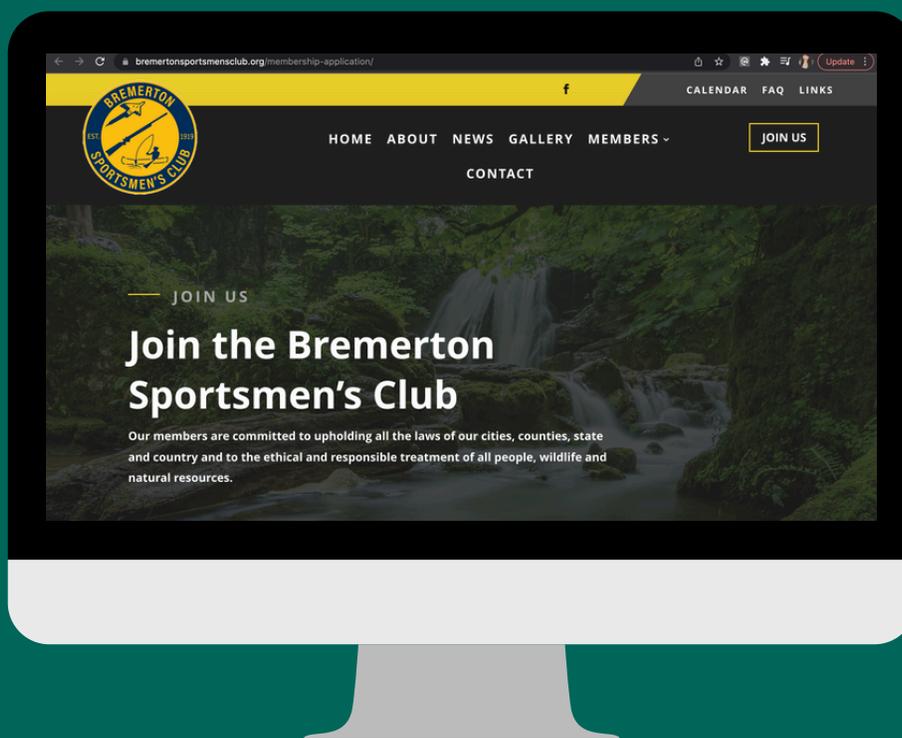
I'll start by reminding everyone it is now time to renew your annual BSC membership. New and renewal of memberships are for the calendar year January first to the end of December.

The easiest way to renew is on our website [www.bremertonsportsmensclub.org](http://www.bremertonsportsmensclub.org) or send your membership dues to: ***Bremerton Sportsmen's Club at P.O. Box 522, Bremerton WA. 98337***

Also, if you plan on attending the general meeting, membership can be renewed at the meeting with cash or check.

# REMEMBER TO

## RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP



[bremertonsportsmensclub.org/membership-application/](http://bremertonsportsmensclub.org/membership-application/)

# UPCOMING EVENTS:

**TUESDAY  
FEBRUARY 24TH**

## **BREMERTON SPORTSMEN'S CLUB GENERAL MEETINGS:**

The club meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month. February's general meeting will be held on Tuesday the 24th. 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

**TUESDAY  
MARCH 24TH**

## **GENERAL MEETING ELECTIONS**

General Meeting Elections will be held. Positions available are President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Also, there are two Trustee positions available.

**APRIL 25TH**

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## LIFE

## Kitsap organizations assessing forest health by recording birds

By Molly Hetherwick Kitsap News Group • December 23, 2025 1:30 am

If you're out walking in the forested areas of Kitsap County, tread lightly and speak softly — there may be someone listening, but they're not looking for you.

Four Kitsap-based conservation organizations have embarked on a multi-county project called the "Listen Up Collaborative," a unique method of assessing forest health by recording birds and other wildlife in areas treated for habitat improvements.

The Great Peninsula Conservancy, the Bainbridge Island Land Trust, the Point No Point Treaty Council and the Kitsap County Parks Department have teamed up with the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, the Northwest Natural Resource Group and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology to conduct audio recordings of sensitive habitats all over Western Washington.

By reviewing which bird species are visiting an area, conservationists can infer whether their efforts to restore native plants and establish healthier forests in Western Washington are effective.

Strategies like selective forest thinning, the creation of brush piles and standing snags, and restoration of native plants in areas invaded by non-natives may all have different effects on biodiversity in a given area, which can be difficult to measure, explained Mac Davenport, communications coordinator at BILT.

But birds can tell scientists about what plants, insects and predators may be in an area, just by their presence — and conveniently, they're chatty.

"We have the same habitat challenges on Bainbridge Island as those our partners face on the Kitsap Peninsula — stressed forests with too many similar trees packed together, letting no light through for a healthy understory, and disturbed openings covered in weeds," said Gina King, conservation director at BILT, in a press release. "[This project] enables us to test the impacts of shared management strategies for the benefit of collaborators as well as for small forest landowners throughout the region."

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Wikimedia Commons courtesy photo A Swainson's thrush perched on a branch in Western Washington.

Right now, the project is listening for 58 bird species, including seven “Species of Greatest Conservation Need” and 13 “Species of Continental Concern,” per the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Some species may already be familiar to Kitsap backyards: brown creepers, chestnut-backed chickadees, Pacific wrens, pileated woodpeckers, spotted towhees, Swainson’s thrushes, western flycatchers, Wilson’s warblers and red-breasted nuthatches are all focal points on the project’s list.

“Recent data from the project indicate that Swainson’s Thrush vocalizations increased dramatically in restored forest patches, proving that thoughtful intervention helps birds thrive,” Davenport wrote.

BILT has deployed acoustic devices, called “AudioMoths,” in the Manzanita Ridge and the Quitslund Preserve. Both sites are part of the land trust’s efforts to improve climate resilience, but the organization has plans for the Manzanita Ridge site. The group plans to establish a rare oak and wildflower woodland habitat in the area.

### READ MORE AT:

<https://www.kitsapdailynews.com/life/kitsap-organizations-assessing-forest-health-by-recording-birds/>

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Washington Department of  
**FISH & WILDLIFE**

### 2026 North of Falcon public meeting schedule

Each year, state, federal and tribal fishery managers gather to plan the Northwest's recreational and commercial salmon fisheries. This series of meetings – involving representatives from federal, state, and tribal governments, recreational and commercial fishing industries, and members of the public – is known as the North of Falcon process.

The North of Falcon process coincides with meetings of the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC). North of Falcon also functions in tandem with the Pacific Salmon Commission's Pacific Salmon Treaty agreements, which guide the conservation and management of salmon fisheries for the U.S. and Canada.

Several advisory groups that provide input to WDFW on salmon management meet throughout the North of Falcon process. More information on those groups – including meeting schedules and advisory group rosters – can be found on the [advisory group homepage](#).



#### READ MORE AND SEE FULL TIMELINE AT:

<https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/management/north-falcon/public-meetings>

#### Columbia River News

Oregon fish and wildlife are allowing barbed hooks to be used for anadromous fish on the Columbia River. Barbs have been banned on the Big C for Salmon and Steelhead since 2012. It's not known if WDFW will agree to allow barbed hooks. If you fish the Columbia River system, be sure to get the Columbia Basin Salmon and Steelhead Endorsement prior to heading out. For additional Big "C" info pick up a copy of The Reel News.

#### Northwest Treaty Tribes Publication

A source of information about Northwest Treaty Tribes. I recommend BSC members subscribe to receive this publication, it's free. Go to the website link Magazine Subscription Form - Northwest Treaty Tribes BSC subscribes to this publication and receives it at our PO Box. This is a good publication which allow us to keep up on Tribal events, projects and publications.



## BACKPACKER'S CEREAL

Take this along when traveling. It's much more nutritious than the prepackaged variety and keeps well without refrigeration.

### INGREDIENTS

- ½ cup rolled oats
- ½ cup wheat flakes
- ½ cup barley flakes
- ½ cup instant nonfat dry milk
- cinnamon, nutmeg to taste
- dried fruit (raisins, chopped dates, bananas, apricots)

### DIRECTIONS:

1. Spread grains in shallow pan and toast in 450 degrees over until brown, about 5-7 minutes
2. Watch closely to prevent overbrowning
3. Remove from oven, add dry milk, seasoning
4. Store in air-tight container
5. To serve, add hot water and mix. Top with fruit.