



THE SPORTSMAN

The Oldest Sportsmen's Club in Washington State!

BREMERTON SPORTSMEN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER
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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.*

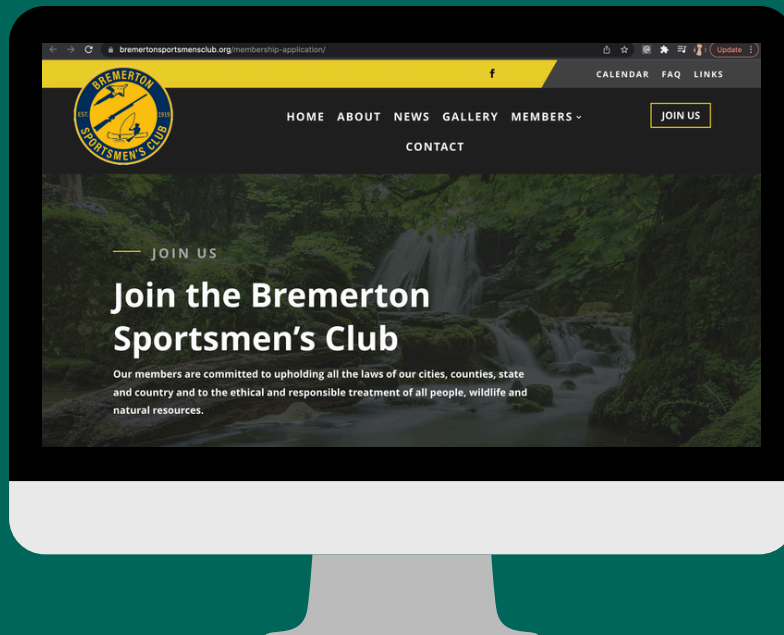
President: Vacant, **Vice President:** Bob Overly, **Secretary:** Ron Flerx, **Treasurer:** John McIntosh
Trustees: Pos 1. Jack Gaudette (term expires 2027), Pos 2. Trevor Guyton (term expires 2026),
Pos 3. Carl Peterson (term expires 2027), Pos 4. Steve Christensen (term expires 2026) |
Membership Chairperson: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

Message from the BSC Secretary / Newsletter Editor

March 24th is BSC's general meeting. At the meeting a new slate of Officers and Trustees will be elected. Open positions are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and two Trustee positions. If you haven't been contacted by the Board of Trustees, please reach out to the Board of Trustees if you are considering and willing to help your club by volunteering and filling one of these positions.

Membership – If you haven't already renewed your membership, please consider doing so now. The easiest way to renew is on our website 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. At this upcoming March meeting we have invited WDFW's Mark Downen, biologist to attend and solicit volunteers from our club to help WDFW with the opening day for low land lakes creel census. Mark will provide a list of local lakes where help is needed.



bremertonsportsmensclub.org/membership-application/

UPCOMING EVENTS:

**TUESDAY
MARCH 24TH**

BREMERTON SPORTSMEN'S CLUB GENERAL MEETINGS:

General Meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of every month, except for October as no meeting is held. Meetings are held at the Bremerton Trap and Skeet Club Facility, 7553 State Hwy 3, Bremerton WA. Potluck at 6:00 and Meeting starts at 7:00.

**SATURDAY,
APRIL 25TH**

WASHINGTON LOW LAND LAKES OPENER

Remember to get a new fishing license. Current license expires March 31 st .

SAVE THESE DATES: APRIL 23RD AND 24TH

WASHINGTON LOW LAND LAKES OPENER

BSC will be at BI-Mart in Port Orchard prior to the opening day for lowland lakes. BI-Mart has asked us to set up and provide general information to those buying fishing licenses, tackle, where to and how to catch trout on the opener. If you are interested in helping, contact Ron Flerx. There are time slots available. We start at 9:00 AM and close out at 4:00 PM both days

NEWS YOU CAN USE:



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 AT:

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

NEWS YOU CAN USE:

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.

OREGON INITIATIVE PETITION 28

BSC membership – The following is very concerning. I'm a life member of the Northwest Steelheaders! This info is provided as a heads up for us here in Washington State. Will Washington State follow with similar actions??

Ron Flerx – Secretary BSC

Oregon Initiative Petition 28 – officially titled the PEACE Act (People for Elimination of Animal Cruelty Exemptions) – would eliminate the legal exemptions that currently protect hunting, fishing, trapping, and farming from Oregon's animal abuse statutes (ORS 167.315–167.333). Under current Oregon law, these activities are explicitly exempted from criminal animal abuse charges. IP28 would remove those exemptions entirely, making all of the following criminal acts under state law:



CHICKEN AND POTATOES

(a favorite as it only requires one dish) - Serves 4 to 6.

INGREDIENTS

- 1 broiler-fryer, cut up (skin removed)
- ½ tsp. garlic powder
- 3 to 4 medium potatoes, cut up
- ½ cup sliced yellow onion
- 1 cup stewed tomatoes
- ½ cup white wine
- ¼ tsp. oregano
- 1 tbs. fresh basil or ½ tsp. dried
- Freshly ground pepper for taste

DIRECTIONS:

1. Brown chicken pieces under broiler turning to brown all sides.
2. After browning , place in shallow baking pan, sprinkle with garlic powder.
3. Place potatoes and onions in pan, combine tomatoes and seasoning; pour over chicken and potatoes.
4. Cover and bake in oven at 350 deg F for one hour, or until chicken is tender.
5. Uncover, and continue to bake 20 minutes, basting frequently with sauce.