



Cruiser Events

Please check website for most current dates throughout the year.

Tue. March 10
General Membership Meeting. 7:30. Bremerton Fire Dept. 911 Park Ave. Bremerton. Policy Discussion and Board Elections.

Fri-Sun March 20-22
— **Bremerton Days** —
Applications Mailed and available at website. Questions? Contact: Jim or LuAnn Rosendale

Sat. April 11
Leavenworth Pub Crawl
Cabin Season Closes
Last day of Steven's Pass Operation

When you first enter the cabin

- * Sign up for a bunk then put your bag on that bed.
- * Sign up for a job and make sure you do it before you leave.
- * Secure your gear downstairs.
- * Secure your foodstuffs—dry goods in cabinets, cold items in cold room.

Ski Cruisers: 2015 News

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Hello Cruisers, our notably poor snow year might have curbed your mountain enthusiasm, but do not despair as March is full of snowy potential. The weather pundits are calling for snow later this week. Historically, March has been good for snow—especially after a poor early season.

Written communiqués are okay, but the way members have connected best is on the mountain. The joy of this cabin is rooted in the oldest

of human links. That is, face to face. See us, ski with us, join in the convivial atmosphere that is the essence of our cruiser community. The cabin and the mountain are in full operation. Enjoy your membership any weekend or possibly coordinate a midweek opening. We still have some win-

ter remaining. Don't just talk about it, make plans and celebrate Spring at BSC. Hope to see you soon.



BLUE-BIRD AND POW ON THE HORIZON?

What's the Cabin Buzz? Protect Our Property!

First off, you can rest assured that your board, and especially your president remains proactive regarding the well-being of all things BSC. You might imagine our cabin president's surprise when initiating a conversation with our insurance agent regarding up-to-date coverage, that our policy had been deemed inadequate, and according to the underwriter's insurance construct, we probably would not receive any compensation in the event of a fire. Yikes! This issue required immediate attention. With board approval, President Tom Ellington has increased our policy to a reasonable and compensation worthy \$450,000. However, this will increase our premium by about \$1900.00 a year. The plan is to inquire with other cabins on the hill about their insurance coverage, and to continue shopping for the best all-around provider at the best price for the years to come.

This brings us to our next topic of conversation: How

should the membership handle this (and other) increased expense(s)? The obvious answer is a dues increase. But how much and in what capacity? The ongoing dialog amongst the board and membership has been pretty much aimed at maintaining adequate funds to cover the increased cost of running the cabin. We are not talking special projects here—we want to be sure our fixed expenses are safely covered. So here is a summation of our president's suggestion how to meet our obligations without overtaxing the membership. Given our 67 members (3 lifetime, 22 single, 42 family), by increasing annual dues and nightly lodging just slightly we can cover the additional cost. Here are the numbers for increase: Annual dues—\$15.00 for family, singles by \$10.00. Nightly lodging fees - \$4.00 for children, \$8.00 for adults. Guests and those not participating in a work party would pay double the nightly fee as has been our longstanding practice.

Another hot topic of conversation regards cabin security. Including fire and intruder alarms, and how to run those systems efficiently with an eye on costs for the actual service provided. Some have suggested we are paying a high fee for a service that most likely could not provide a timely emergency response simply because of our mountain location. Others have commented on eliminating the land line and simply going with cellular service. Ben Simon had an insightful response on a key reason for having a land line at the cabin is that many people call the cabin at large (not just an individual) and get a response to a variety of important queries that often get asked. Brad Ulrich had knowledgeable information about acquiring cabin wifi. Suggesting that a wifi service would not likely support the use demands placed on it by more than just a couple of users. Anyway, all these topics will be discussed at the General Membership Meeting.

Read Your Cabin Rules:

Our living environment at the cabin is communal—we share...

Human behavior can be a messy business. Not necessarily fixing broken-water-pipes-in-the-mud messy or overflowing-toilet messy but simple stuff that leaves a telltale sign that someone was here and they didn't quite clean up after themselves.

Really, this message isn't penned as a rant, but if you could read your **Standing Rules** (readily available in hard copy and on the website) and follow the simple guidelines — guidelines conceived and amended by three generations of Ski Cruisers, then the overall experience of our membership—especially the cabin chairman will be more enjoyable. I know you have heard this before (echo, echo, echo), but PLEASE:

- **Sign up for bunk and job** when you arrive at the cabin.
- **Store your gear efficiently** when arriving, and after skiing. Put your names on it, keep track of it. The lost and found is a catch basin of abandoned gear that gets bigger each week (some very good and expensive stuff).
- **Kids, pick up after yourselves.** Parents, remind your progeny about how the joy of a shared space is a direct result of our (their) collective effort.
- Per previous note, switch word kid for parents.

- **Organize your foodstuffs.** Cold in frig or cold room. Dry in kitchen cabinets. PLEASE TAKE YOUR UNEATEN FOODSTUFFS HOME. A big pet peeve is toting gallons of someone else's unconsumed milk to the dumpster after closing the cabin.

- **Water plus wood** eventually equals rot. Remove snow as much as possible before entering cabin. We have boot brushes. Please use them. Keep the shower curtains closed and inside the basin. Wipe up spills.

- **Speaking of water and showers, these commodities aren't cheap** anymore. Please take short showers and limit them to one per day.

- **Hot water well spent is on those DISHES.** The rule is wash and dry and put away your dishes after each use.

* Drinking glasses are dishes, and the rule applies all the time (late night too). It is not a welcome sight to see the counter littered with empty glasses in the morning.



- This one isn't about messy, but it is an important reminder. **After 10:00 PM, enjoy your socializing and frivolity but please move it down to the first floor** so others can relax quietly and/or sleep. **We have a new iPod blue tooth speaker set-up.** Our cabin chairman or his appointee will be orchestrating its use. It is a nice piece of equipment, we don't want it broken.

- Once again chanting the mantra of safety and security, please remember these guidelines as well. **Never, never give out the combination sequence of our entry doors to guests or non-members.** This is a serious infraction of cabin rules and our security. In addition, be sure the doors are shut tight.

Our living environment at the cabin is communal—we share. Sharing is a good thing; it is one of the important things humans do to make the world a civil place to live. The board, the cabin chairman, we all acknowledge this reality. As members let us remind each other, but nicely. If you have an "attitude", please leave it at sea level. Come to the cabin to celebrate the diversity that makes life interesting, and most importantly come to celebrate our shared love of the mountains.

Using the original Ski Cruiser Logo we have fashioned a cap to be available for Bremerton Days. In the event you cannot attend Bremerton Days, you can still order a hat and pick it up at the cabin or at Jim Rosendale's house in Bremerton. **The at-cost price is \$15** (saw this same exact hat with Brew-Pub logo for \$40). Email jimrosendale@gmail.com or call (360) 442-3553 if you want a hat. Indicate size (S-M 63/4—71/4 or L-XL 71/8-75/8) and bring payment when you pick up your cap. Color is grey with BAW trim. This is a one-run deal. Reserve yours now.



Wear Your Cabin Pride



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