

BOISE BENCH LIONS

June 24, 2026 Every Wednesday at Casa Mexico at Noon



Pres. Rick, speaker Doc Haskell, program chair Lion Curt

Doc Haskell the BSU Esports Director has spent the past 9 years working with a group of young gamers. Their competitive success is most impressive with 1,652 all time wins. 15 Mountain West championships and 7 national championships. Emiliano Flores was the national player of the year in 2023. The Esports department is fully self-funded. They are a TV studio which is run by the students. They have the "Above the Line" Docuseries with groundbreaking behind the scenes content which is student filmed. You can watch it live in prime-time Tuesday nights at 6:30 on local TV. Broadcast facts: all time impressions 50M+, live broadcast hours per week 30+, Student produced: student employees 20+ and total student produced Boise State broadcasts in 2024-2025 was 80+. Social Media Snapshot: Instagram 4.1M, X 325,500, Facebook 87,225. One of their award posts: Mountain West 2025 Valorant player of the year Austin Julian. Some of the ways they generate revenue: contract work for broadcasting, game design, and software development. Interesting facts: the students cannot be on the wall of fame until they graduate. Two ID high schools are competing in the national championship. The students can get NIL money and they have trading cards. Over 800 colleges and universities have esports. KTVB is an official partner of BSU and ICCU is a major partner. You can visit/tour the Boise State Esports Arena located at 301 S Capital Blvd through the website <https://www.boisestate.edu/esports/varsity-esports-boise-state/arena/>



Members: 45

Attendance: Lion Angel Wohlschlegel



Lion Amy Jauregui transferred to the BB Lions and brought her partner **Lion Larry Hunt** from the Emmett Lions Club.

Save your stuff for the upcoming Sidewalk Sale. More information to come.



Lion Toni will reschedule the MADD cards.

Save the Date: July 14th from 12-2 volunteer at the ID Foodbank. Sign up with your account, the link is on our website or call Jane at 208.830.0454. Or come on over and lend a hand. Please wear closed toed shoes.



Sporting Clay event **September 25th at 9am at Caldwell Gun Club** there are 16 stations and we would like to have 16 sponsorships. Please ask your business friends/partners if they would like to sponsor a station. See flyer for details. We need a vehicle to haul the water for the sporting clay tournament.



Calendar of Events



June 27 – Zoo Boise clean-up from 9-11, **Lion Larry will reach out if it is cancelled due to the weather**

June 30 – Volunteer at Ronald McDonald House from 10-12

July 1 – No meeting 4th of July holiday

July 8 – AARP Director of Communications about a possible project, Randy Simon

July 14 – Volunteer at the ID Foodbank from 12-2

July 14 – BB Lions board meeting at 6pm in lobby of Casa Mexico

July 15 – Philanthropy Pathways, Antonio Hernandez

July 16 – Lions and friends social at Gem State Brewing in Eagle at 4:30

July 22 – Green Squared Recycling, Mike and Tobhiyah Green

President Rick presented a bunch of awards to our members. He asked me to share this with you all, “It has been a pleasure, all mine, to serve as Boise Bench president for the past year. Thank you, all of you for your support and your wonderful service to our community and to our club.”



Lion Angel our beloved Tail Twister received the prestigious Melvin Jones Fellow which is named after the founder of the largest service organization in the world. She makes us laugh out loud week after week and raises lots of money with her fresh raspberries, and decorated pumpkins to name a few. Very well deserved!

June Birthdays:

Devyn Hallamore – 6/2

Jim Hensley – 6/4

Rich Gordon – 6/5

Lynne Burks – 6/6

Joyce Schram – 6/21

Jerry Ward – 6/24

Evin Bask – 6/29



Chevrons for years of service to the following:

Lion Larry Locklear 15 yrs

Lion Olie Olsen 55 yrs

Lion Dennis Burks 15 yrs

Lion Bob Storm 45 yrs

Lion Lynne Burks 20 yrs

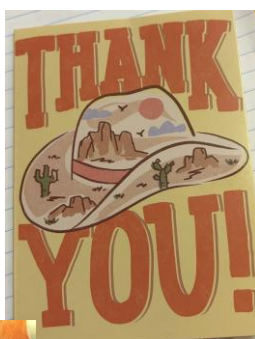
VP Lion Cindy serving at Interfaith. We still need 1 person on Friday July 17th from 7-9am. Please text or call Lion Patty 208.861.6075 or email her at pfrison47@gmail.com if you can volunteer.



Pres. Rick awarded **Lion Esteban** the Lion of the Year for spreading the word to young professionals about the importance of service to our community and all the other stuff for our club! Well done, Esteban!



Pres. Rick presented **Lion Dennis** with the club excellence pin during his presidency last year and the extension award for chartering the Valley Mountain Lions. Way to go Lion Dennis!



Hi Dennis & the Boise Bench Lions,
I am echoing Brendan's thanks for the scholarship as he heads off to Boise State this fall. As you know higher education is such a critical opportunity, and very pricey, so we greatly appreciate the assistance for Brendan's schooling. We hope he makes us all proud during this next chapter of his life, like he has until this point.
With thanks,
Kristin Olson

Dear Dennis and fellow Lions,
Thank you so much for the scholarship that you have given me. It truly means a lot and I really appreciate the support! Thank you so much and have a great day!
Sincerely,
Brendan Olson

One of our scholarship recipients, **Brendan Olson** and his mom sent the club a special thank you.

Lion Larry Hunt from the Emmett Lions and **Lions Esteban and Dennis** went to Atlanta for Lions International training and had some soccer fun.



Happy 59th Anniversary to **Lions John and Susan Thompson!**



Lion Gary visited **Lion Dwaine Hibbs**. His family has his military photo on the wall. He now lives at Corner Stone Senior Living Center 350 N Allumbaugh St.

