

# Paw Prints



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## Burley Lions Swim, Bike, Run, and Serve



A crowd gathers at the finish line of the

Early in the morning the last Saturday of July, athletes begin to gather at Riverfront Marina in Burley, Idaho, to compete in the annual Burley Lions Spudman Triathlon. Most have feasted the previous evening at the pre-race carbo-loading dinner provided as part of their entry fee, left their bicycles and other equipment at the first transition area at Scholar Park, and prepared diligently for months for the task ahead of them—a 1.5 kilometer swim, at 40K bike ride, and a 10K run. For the non triathlete, that translates to a lot of ground

(and water) to cover in a short amount of time!

The Burley Lions Spudman Triathlon began in 1986, the brainchild of Lion Scott Bloxham, himself a triathlete. The first few years the event struggled, but perseverance paid off, as it is now the major fundraiser of the club. The Lions begin preparing in December and divide the planning between the members, although Scott still remains the race director. In addition to the club members, 20-25 local organizations pitch in to handle various aspects of the race, including traffic

control, water distribution, food, security, and safety.

This past July, approximately 1500 athletes or teams participated. A team consists of 3 athletes with each person completing one leg of the race, so the actual number of participants was much higher.

The 1.5K swim is billed as the fastest triathlon swim course in the world—it's all with the current in the river. The bike course is mostly flat with a few rolling hills and the run is mostly flat as well.

With the money raised through the triathlon, the Burley Lions are able to fund many projects in the community. For starters, the organizations that help put on the event are recipients of part of the proceeds. The Lions also organize Junior Jazz Little League Basketball on Saturdays for boys and girls in 5th and 6th grades. Past projects include crosswalks at the schools and building bleachers and fences at the high school.

Burley Lions Club was chartered in 1938. The club currently has 51 members. You can learn more about the Burley Lions, the Spudman, and other projects by visiting their website: [www.BurleyLions.org](http://www.BurleyLions.org).

Next year is the 25th anniversary of the triathlon and the club promises something special! Better start training now!

## Have a Story?

Do you know a Lions Club with a story to tell? We're looking for feature stories about projects or fundraisers, particularly "signature" events. To see your idea featured here in an upcoming issue, contact the editor.

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## Lions Clubs of District 39W

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### Our Mission

To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs.

### Our Vision

To be the global leader in community and humanitarian services.

### Leadership

Pat Brown,

District Governor

Doug Beehler,

1st Vice District Governor

Ashley Seymour,

2nd Vice District Governor

Gary D'Orazio,

International Director

### Connect with Us

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### Spotlight on Boise Host Lions

**Club Name:** Boise Host Lions

**Chartered on:** June 17, 1935, the first Lions Club in Boise, sponsored by Caldwell, Nampa, and Emmett.

**Charter Night:** Just celebrated 75th anniversary in June.

**Website:**

[www.boisehostlionsclub.com](http://www.boisehostlionsclub.com)

**Meetings:** 1st and 3rd Fridays at noon; Boise Plaza, 1111 W. Jefferson St., Boise ID

**Number of Members:** 21

**Longest Membership:** 64 years, Doug Mairs, age 94.

**Fundraisers:** Annual Golf Scramble, this year held in May and benefiting the Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation. The club also parks cars for donations at Art in the Park.

**Service Project:** The club does landscaping and gardening at the Women and Children Alliance shelter. They also partner with area schools for a homework challenge program, International Peace Poster Contest, and Lions Sight Night eyeglass collection.

**Historical Highlights:** In 2003, helped initiate Zoo Boise's

"Out of Africa" project to bring African animals, including Lions, to the zoo. In the 2000's, Added a permanent bench under the flag pole at the Veterans Cemetery. In the 1990's, put in drinking fountains along the Boise Greenbelt. In 1955, purchased and installed the first safety patrol lights for Boise schools. In 1950, held the first Miss Idaho pageant and sponsored the pageant for many years. In 1946, started the all-breed dog show in Boise and sponsored for many years.

### Lions Clubs International Foundation

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is the charitable branch of Lions Clubs International. Since it was established in 1968, it has awarded over \$700 million in grants to fund humanitarian projects worldwide. LCIF has become one of the most well-known charities in the world and the largest blindness prevention organization.

LCIF is funded primarily through the donation of Lions Clubs and Lions Clubs members and leverages funds by partnering with organizations with similar missions. Lions Clubs may award a Melvin Jones Fellowship to a club member to commemorate outstanding service by contributing \$1000 to LCIF. District 39W currently has over 280 Melvin Jones Fellows. Lions and other individuals may also make tax

deductible donations and know that 100 per cent of contributions to LCIF go directly to humanitarian projects with administrative costs paid by interest received on investments.

LCIF funding is provided in the form of grants to Lions Club Districts for humanitarian projects too large for an individual club or District. Types of grants include standard grants which can be up to \$75,000 in matching funds and are often for capital improvements or equipment purchases. The purchase and remodeling of the current Eye Bank in Boise was funded by a standard grant.

Other types of grants fund specific types of Lions projects in the areas of preserving sight, combating disability (including eye care for Special Olympics and Habitat for Humanity projects), promoting health

(diabetes prevention and treatment), and serving youth (Lions Quest). Emergency grants provide up to \$10,000 to Districts in cases of natural disasters such as hurricanes, earthquakes, or flooding to provide immediate help with food, water, shelter, and medical supplies. Idaho has also been the recipient of emergency grants in flood disasters.

For more information on LCIF, visit the website at [www.lcif.org](http://www.lcif.org). Donations can be made securely online, and, remember, 100% of your donation goes directly to fund projects and is tax deductible. LCIF is a 501 c 3 organization. Locally, contact the District 39W LCIF chairperson, Lion Bob Storm at [lionbstorm@msn.com](mailto:lionbstorm@msn.com) or 208-344-4828 for more information.

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## Upcoming Events

For more information on upcoming Lions Club events, visit the online calendar at [www.Lions39W.org/Calendar](http://www.Lions39W.org/Calendar).

Date	Event	Place	Time
August 16-21	Declo Lions at Cassia County Fair selling corn	Burley, ID	
August 17-21	Caldwell Night Rodeo-Caldwell Lions Concessions Booth	Caldwell, ID	Every evening
August 21	Capital Lions Breakfast and Lunch for Optimist Football	BSU Campus Boise, ID	7:30-3:00
August 28	Kuna Lions "Lion Hunt" Golf Tournament Fundraiser	Centennial Golf Course Nampa, ID	7:00 am
August 28	Boise Special Olympics Lions "Racing for a Reason"	Meridian Speedway Meridian, ID	6:00 pm
September 8	Lions Comedy Night Fundraiser and Membership Drive	Bulls Head Pub Meridian, ID	6:30 pm
September 11	Emmett Gem Lions Community Yard Sale	Bill Buckner Auto Lot Emmett, ID	8:00-2:00
September 15	Lions Meet and Greet at Alive After Five	Grove Plaza Boise, ID	5:00-8:00 pm
September 17	Boise Sunset Lions Tin Cup Challenge Golf Tournament	Pierce Park Greens Boise, ID	6:00-9:00 pm

## Organizing the Largest Service Organization

Lions Clubs International (LCI) is the largest service organization in the world, with over 1.35 million members in 45,000 clubs located in over 200 countries. How is such a large organization structured?

Lions International is led by an international president, who is elected by Lions and serves for one year. He is joined by the immediate past president, and a 1st and 2nd vice presidents to

make up the officers of LCI. They are joined by 34 international directors, who serve for 2 years.

From there, the clubs are organized into districts or sometimes multiple districts, which are made up of 2 or more districts. Districts are led by a district governor and one or two vice district governors. Idaho is made up of 3 districts: one is made up of eastern Idaho, one

includes southwestern Idaho and eastern Oregon, and one consists of northern Idaho and eastern Washington.

Each club (and there are 48 in this district) has its own officers and plans and implements its own projects and activities.

And that's your primer on the Lions structure. By the way, all of these positions take quite a bit of time—and all of these leaders are volunteers!

## Notes from Around the District

The **Mountain Home Lions** participated in Relay for Life, and held the Lions Dilly Golf Tournament and the Rumble and Roar Car Show.

**Weiser Lions** helped with the Miss Western Idaho/Miss West River Valley pageant by providing refreshments, welcoming attendees, introduced the MC, and helped with tickets and programs.

**Twin Falls Monarch** placed 300 flags around the town for July 4th, members volunteered for Meals on Wheels, and served as a courier for the Eye Bank.

**Meridian Noon Lions** volunteered at the Food Bank and awarded Lions Del and Sandy Oswald Hallock-Wehmann awards.

**Eagle Lions** raised funds with the annual Jim Heath Memorial Golf Tournament.

**Rupert Syringa and Rupert Lions** hosted 2 food concessions at the local July 4th celebration.

**Meridian Lions** have achieved 501(c)3 status making donations tax deductible.

**Kimberly Lions** held the Kimberly Good Neighbors Day Dinner and served 350, raising funds for projects.

**Middleton Lions** brought the circus to town.

**Kuna Lions** served over 400 people at the Kuna Days Lions Barbecue. They also sponsored the circus in Kuna.

**Gem Lions** in Emmett served breakfast in the park to kick off the Gem and Boise County Fair and sponsored a watermelon eating contest.

We Serve.

## LIONS DISTRICT 39W



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### Top Ten Reasons to Be a Lion.....

When asked, most Lions will say they joined a Lions club to serve their communities. But there are many other reasons to be a Lion. Here are the Top Ten:

1. Help your Community-First and foremost, Lions love to serve. If you enjoy reaching out and helping others, Lions is for you.
2. Learn Valuable Skills and Develop Talents-With every new project there is an opportunity to learn a new skill or discover a talent you didn't know you had.

3. Make an Impact on People's Lives-The feeling you get from making a difference is like no other.

4. Learn to be a Leader-Lion Clubs provides training and opportunity to develop leadership skills. You can be a club officer, chair a committee, or work with youth.

5. Network with Business People-Who better to do business with than Lions who share your ideals and passions.

6. Energize your Life-Staying busy and active is key for

body, mind and soul at any age.

7. It's Good for You-Volunteering reduces stress and makes you healthier.

8. Have Fun-Who doesn't need more fun in their lives?

9. Meet New People-You'll meet people from all walks of life and work with them side by side.

10. Make New Friends-Lions in your community and around the world become your friends, your family.



Swimmers at the Spudman.  
(Photos this issue from Burley Lions Club.)