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Monthly Member Newsletter

FROM THE KITCHEN

The February Dinner & Oinkari Bingo Night is scheduled for Saturday, February 22. This dinner will be hosted by Oinkari Basque Dancers and Oinkari Alumni.

The doors will open to the Dining Room at 6:00 PM with dinner being served buffet-style at 6:30 PM. Prior to entering the Dining Room, please pick up your reservation ticket in the bar. You will need it to pay for dinner.

February 2020 dinner menu:

Tossed salad
Alaskan Cod with Lemon and Butter
Basque Pork Chops with Pimientos
Paella Rice
Desserts
Homemade Bread and Butter
Wine and Coffee

Monthly Dinner Prices

Senior Members (65 and older)	\$14.00
Members	\$15.00
Guests	\$20.00
Children (10 and under)	\$ 5.00

Please email your reservation to dinner@basquecenter.com or call in your reservation to 208-572-0604. Please leave the name the reservation is to be held under, the number of people in the party, the age designation (Adult, Child, Senior or Guest) and your contact info. There will be free babysitting service during the dinner, so with your dinner reservation, please indicate if you will need babysitting, along with the names and ages of the children.

The deadline for dinner reservations is 8:00 PM on [February 12](#). Please note that reservations called into the bar will not be accepted, and reservations left after February 12 will not be accepted.

A special thanks to Jesus Alcelay, Miren Urresti Laughrin, and the fantastic crew for preparing a delicious meal!

The Basque Foundation, Inc. would like to thank the many families and organizations who have acted as a host group for a monthly dinner. Due to busy schedules and timing we are always in need of additional assistance. If your family or organization would like to get involved, please email president@basquecenter.com.

JANUARY DINNER THANK-YOUS

Eskerrik Askto to Boiseko Ikastola for hosting the January monthly dinner. Special thanks to:

Tere Achabal	Jaclyn Lasuen
Sarah Artis	Kate Lion
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OINKARI ALUMNI HELP NEEDED FOR FEBRUARY DINNER

The Euzkaldunak February Dinner & Bingo Night on February 22, 2020 will be hosted by current Oinkari dancers and Oinkari Alumni together. The kids will do the heavy lifting, but there is also a need for alumni volunteers. Plus, we want to hang out with you! Any Oinkari alumni are welcome to help us set up and serve dinner. We need help with the usual monthly dinner things - place settings, pouring coffee, usher, emcee, etc. If you are able to help us out, please email Jaclyn Lasuen at jaclyn@oinkari.org or call 208-590-2498 to sign up. See you there!

BASQUE CENTER SINGALONG FEB 21

Biotzetik Basque Choir will be gathering in the Basque Center bar on **Friday, February 21, 2020 from 7:00-8:00 PM** for a sing-along. There will be live accompaniment and song sheets for everyone to sing a variety of Basque folk songs. Please come to enjoy the fun!

KANTARI AFARIA MARCH 7

Biotzetik Basque Choir will present its annual fundraising dinner, Kantari Afaria, on **Saturday, March 7** at the Basque Center. This annual fundraiser includes an authentic Basque dinner prepared by Chef Jesus Alcelay and a special performance by the choir. Cocktails begin at 6:00 PM and dinner is at 7:00 PM. The evening includes a short performance by the choir and features both live and silent auctions.

Tickets are \$40 each and must be purchased in advance. Tickets are available from any choir member or by emailing BasqueChoir@gmail.com. The event is the choir's largest annual fundraiser and typically sells out each year so don't wait too long to purchase your tickets!

BOISEKO GAZTEAK

2020 Boiseko Calendar:

- 03/08 - Spring Show (Borah High)
- 07/27 - Jaialdi practice at 7:00 PM
- 07/28 - Jaialdi practice at 7:00 PM
- 08/01 - Jaialdi performance (Idaho Expo)



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EUZKALDUNAK 2020 GENERAL MEETING & ELECTION RECAP

The general meeting, which serves as the annual membership meeting for all Euzkaldunak members, began at 7:30 PM on January 25. Ed Orbea opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. He thanked the Ikastola for hosting the dinner and thanked outgoing board members Martin Bilbao, Bryan Day, Tyler Smith and Sarah Urizar-Smith.

Ricardo Yanci presented the nominees for the five open board positions: Martin Bilbao, Ed Orbea, Tyler Smith, Todor Azurtza, Isana Urquidi, and Mike Franzoia. There were no nominations from the floor and there was a motion and second that nominations cease. Members were asked to vote for 5 candidates. The ballots were collected and taken to the office to be counted. Argia Beristain ran unopposed and will continue as the NABO delegate.

Ed presented the 2019 financials. He explained the increase in legal and accounting costs to address and resolve the catering and license issues impacting events in the hall. The board is continuing to work with the city on this issue. Ed thanked all the volunteers who helped make our events such as San Inazio, the Morzilla dinner, and Shepherders Ball a huge success. An Economic Impact Assessment was done by the Boise Convention and Visitors Bureau that showed San Inazio produced an economic impact of \$225,000 for the city of Boise.



Alicia Knox gave an update on the renovation plans. She explained a renovation committee was formed with past presidents, former renovation committee members, subject matter experts, and members representing various decades. The purpose of the committee is to help guide and make recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding a potential renovation, round out areas that may not be the Board's expertise, and bring perspectives that may not have been brought up in Board meetings.

Argia presented a brief NABO report. She began by thanking the membership for letting her serve as the delegate for the past two years. Argia noted Udaleku 2020 would be in Salt Lake City, UT June 21–July 3 and will focus on the province of Gipuzkoa. A new program, Ateak Ireki, is for youth ages 16-25 to experience life and culture in the Basque Country will take place June 29–July 19, 2020, with participants welcomed by host families in the Goierri Valley of Gipuzkoa, as well as study at the renowned [Maizpide Barnetegi](#) in Lazkao. Lastly, the 2020 NABO Mus Finals will be held 06/20/20 in Los Banos, CA.

Ricardo finished the meeting by announcing those elected to the 2020 board of directors; Martin Bilbao, Tyler Smith, Isana Urquidi, Todor Azurtza, and Mike Franzoia. Ed Orbea is the 2020 alternate. The Board met upstairs and elected Martin Bilbao President, Tyler Smith Vice President, and Ricardo Yanci as the NABO Representative.



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BASQUE CENTER RENOVATION COMMITTEE


As part of the 2020 annual meeting, Alicia Knox announced that the Board of Directors has formed a Renovation Committee to assist in guiding the Board through the renovation project. The committee members are: Steve Achabal, Jerry Aldape, Johnny Aldape, Juliana Aldape, Tucker Anderson, Toni Bicandi, John Boyd, Robert Dennis, Alicia Knox, Joe Lasuen, Jeremy Malone, Ben Monasterio, Ed Orbea, Lael Uberuaga, and Isana Urquidi. Any questions regarding Basque Center renovation can be directed to BC.Renovations@gmail.com.

OINKARI LAMPAGE 5K APRIL 11

Join Oinkari Basque Dancers on [Saturday, April 11](#) in Ann Morrison Park for our 5K run/walk/stroll! After the race, we'll have lunch and games in the park, this year including an egg hunt for the kids (or kids-at-heart)! For more information and the link to register, visit www.oinkari.org/lampage. Registration is \$30 (\$20 for children) and includes a race bib, t-shirt, and lunch after the race. *Ewe* won't want to miss this one, so don't be *sheep-ish*. Sign up today!

BASQUE MYTHOLOGY AND SYMBOLS PRESENTATION MARCH 12

For March's 2nd Thursday educational presentation, join the Basque Museum & Cultural Center at **6:00 PM on March 12**, when cultural anthropologist Nikki Gorrell from the College of Western Idaho will give a presentation on the fascinating mythology, folklore, funerary traditions, and symbolism of the Basque Country. The Museum is proud to offer this event to the public, free of charge.



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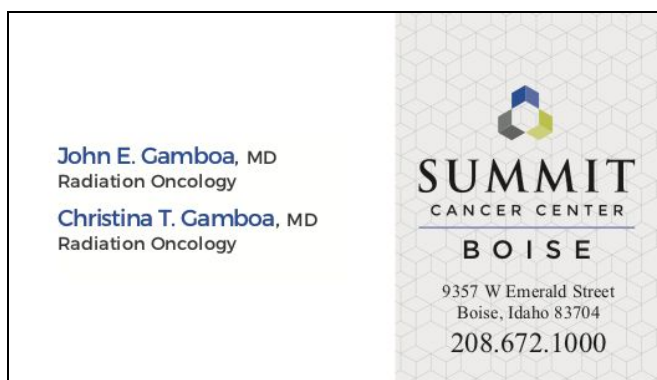
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UDALEKU BASQUE SUMMER CAMP

NABO's Udaleku 2020 will be hosted by the Basque Club of Utah in Salt Lake City from [June 21–July 3, 2020](#). Udaleku is a cultural and education immersion program for youth **aged 10-15** from any NABO member basque club and costs only \$420 to participate. The theme this year is the province of Gipuzkoa. Applications for Udaleku 2020 will open on [March 1 at 7:00 PM Boise time \(MST\)](#) and those interested in participating should submit an intent to participate right when registration opens, as Udaleku always fills quickly. More information can be found at: https://nabasque.eus/upcoming_udaleku.html

Udaleku Scholarships

Each year Euzkaldunak provides scholarships to help our youth attend Udaleku. If your child is interested in submitting a scholarship request, please have them provide a letter explaining why they want to attend Udaleku this year. They can mail their requests to 601 Grove Street, Boise, ID 83702, email to president@basquecenter.com, or drop them off in the bar. Scholarship request deadline is [March 15, 2020](#).



ATEAK IREKI CULTURAL EXCHANGE

In partnership with NABO, Batzen (an organization from the Basque Country) is launching a new program aimed at engaging youth in our communities **ages 16-25**. Inspired by the Boise State Basque Studies/Oñati exchanges of the 1970s, the idea is to engage youth who have Basque ancestry or are interested in Basque Culture after they are no longer able to attend Udaleku. This three-week immersion in life in the Basque Country today will be hosted this year in the Goierri Valley, Gipuzkoa from [June 29–July 19, 2020](#). Youth will live with families that have youth of a similar age and interest, and they will study at the Maizpide Barnetegi as well as visit and learn about various aspects of Basque culture and business today.

The Ateak Ireki program in 2020 is FREE to participants. The only expenses will be flights to/from the Basque Country and pocket/spending money while they are participating in the program. Registration opens on [February 1](#) and those interested are encouraged to apply as soon as possible as they can only take 50 participants in 2020. More information in English and Euskera can be found on www.ateakireki.eus.



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The Basque Museum and Oinkari Basque Dancers are teaming up to present "Basque Dancing for Dummies"! This two-session Basque Dance workshop during the month of May is the perfect opportunity to come learn your jota and social dances before the summer festivities get underway!

If you have ever found yourself at a wedding, festival, or Basque party with your feet tapping and itching to join in, but didn't know where to begin, this is the perfect opportunity for you to learn the basics and get comfortable trying your hand (or feet) at some popular and easy Basque dances. No experience necessary, no strings attached, just come and have a good time!

- May 8, 6:00 PM at the Basque Center – we will be learning the Jota & Porrusalda
- May 29, 6:00 PM at the Basque Center – we will be learning Call & Street dances

Tickets are \$20 for one session, \$35 for both sessions, or \$25 at the door. You can order your tickets at

basquemuseum.eus/shop/basque-dance-for-dummies/

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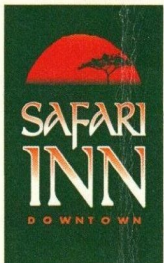


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3/1/20 Mountain Home
3/21/20 Oinkari Alumni Mus Tournament
3/28/20 Gooding
4/25/20 Basque Museum
5/2/20 Santa Rosa (Paradise Valley, NV)
6/13/20 Ontario



Zorionak to the 2020 Euzkaldunak Mus champions, Martin Bilbao and Tyler Smith. Runner-up team was Tony Larrocea and Juan Egaña. Both teams will represent Euzkaldunak in the NABO finals in Los Banos, CA on June 20, 2020.

2020 BRISKA SCHEDULE

- Sunday, March 22 at 5:00 PM
- Sunday, March 29 at 5:00 PM
- Sunday, April 5 at 5:00 PM

GOIAN BEGO ~ REST IN PEACE

The Euzkaldunak board would like to add a list to our newsletter whereby we print the names of our members and charter members who have recently passed. We will need some help in gathering information and would appreciate you—our membership—sending us the name of whoever has passed away from our Euzkaldunak community.

To our departed loved ones, “Goian Bego”:

Phyllis Barroetabena
Ellen Lou Goicoechea
Manuel “Aleman” Madariaga
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RECAP OF DATES & DEADLINES

2/1: Ateak Ireki registration opens
2/12: Dinner Reservation Deadline
2/15: Deadline for Submitting Jaialdi Ad
2/21: Basque Center Singalong with Bihotzetik
2/22: February Monthly Dinner & Oinkari Bingo
3/1: Udaleku Registration Opens (7PM MST)
3/7: Kantari Afarria Fundraising Dinner
3/12: Basque Mythology Presentation at Museum
3/14: March Mus Dinner

To view all Basque Center events in calendar format, please visit basquecenter.com/events.

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TICKETS

Jaialdi 2020 tickets are now on sale! Find the entire schedule and ticket links at jaialdi.com/schedule-and-tickets. There's still time to score a seat to Dantzariak, Festara, Sports Night, and Expo Idaho events.

VOLUNTEERS

Did you know that Jaialdi is entirely staffed and run by volunteers? We couldn't do it without the help of a few hundred of our friends! Join us by signing up for a shift selling beer or food by visiting jaialdi.com/volunteer. Your support will help us pull off our best festival yet.

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NEW EUZKALDUNAK MEMBERS

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Happy birthday to Juliana Aldape!

Happy birthday to Ryan Boyd!

Happy birthday to Amaya Aguirre Landa!

Happy anniversary to JP and Leandra Lete!

Happy birthday to Niko Lostra!

Happy birthday to Jules Uberuaga!

Happy birthday to Molly Urquiaga McLean!

Happy birthday to Sofia Sarria!

Happy birthday to Josh Williams!

Happy anniversary to Jeff and Katie Lliteras!

Happy anniversary to John and Gloria Uscola Schodde!

Congratulations to Shkelqim and Tereas Bermensolo Kelmendi on the birth of their baby boy January 24, 2020!



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2020 EUZKALDUNAK EVENTS

02/22/20 - February Dinner & Oinkari Bingo
03/14/20 - March Mus Dinner
04/18/20 - April Anniversary Dinner
05/09/20 - May Mother's Day Dinner
07/28-08/02 - Jaialdi 2020

09/12/20 - September Dinner
10/10/20 - October Dinner
11/07/20 - November Morzilla Dinner, Bazaar & Bingo
12/19/20 - December Dinner & Shepherders Ball