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Monthly Member Newsletter

FROM THE KITCHEN

The March Mus Dinner is scheduled for [Saturday, March 19](#). This dinner will be hosted by the Euzkaldunak Board of Directors, Staff and Families/Friends. We are sensitive to COVID and understand some members may not be comfortable attending, but know there are members requesting us to resume as well. We will continue to monitor the COVID situation in the valley. If it worsens, please understand the dinner may be canceled.

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. You will be able to pay with cash, check, or credit card at the door. No online prepay will be available for this dinner.

March 2022 dinner menu:

Tossed salad with Onati Dressing
Shrimp Pill-Pill
Basque Porkchops w/ pimientos
Basque Tripe Callos
Paella
Dessert
Homemade Bread and Butter
Wine and Coffee

Monthly Dinner Prices

Senior Members (65 and older): \$14
Members: (including kids 11 to 18) \$15
Guests: (non-members 18 and up) \$20
Children (10 and under): \$5

Please make your dinner reservations using the reservation link on the Basque Center website at www.basquecenter.com. If you are unable to make your reservation online, please call in your reservation to 208-572-0604.

Free babysitting service will be available during the dinner. 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 [Tuesday, March 15](#). Please note that reservations called into the bar will not be accepted, and reservations left after March 15 will not be accepted.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

The Basque Foundation, Inc. thanks the many families and organizations who have acted as host groups 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.

BABYSITTERS WANTED

Euzkaldunak is looking for a few babysitters to provide babysitting at monthly dinners. We would like to have multiple sitters and rotate their involvement based on schedules and demand. If your child is interested, please email vicepresident@basquecenter.com with a brief description of their experience and availability.

FEBRUARY DINNER THANK-YOUS

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

Eskerrik Asko to the Oinkari Dancers and alumni for hosting the February monthly dinner. Special thanks to:

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After the dinner, the excitement was in the air as the Oinkaris held their annual Bingo night. There was a lot of screaming and yelling as various groups either got a Bingo or were 'praying' for a special number. Thanks to these Oinkaris for keeping the magic going.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to thank the membership of Euzkaldunak for their understanding and patience during 2021, as the pandemic greatly limited our calendar of events and the use of our facility.

I would like to thank the Board of Directors for making the hard decisions and taking actions to keep our community, facility, Euzkaldunak membership and patrons safe as the crisis unfolded.

In these truly unprecedented times, the Basque community that we have built together is more important than ever.

I look forward to working with a great board in 2022, ensuring that the traditions of Euzkaldunak continue for many generations.

– Ed Orbea, 2022 Euzkaldunak President



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To introduce new players and provide a memory-jogger for returning players, we will be hosting Briska Lessons at the Basque Center on:

- Sunday, March 6 at 5:00 PM
- Sunday, March 13 at 5:00 PM

2022 BRISKA TOURNAMENT

The Euzkaldunak Briska Tournament is coming up! Sign up for the tournament by emailing Alicia at vicepresident@basquecenter.com or sign up in the bar. We are again moving to three weeks this year to eliminate late Sunday night playing.

Tournament dates will be:

- March 20 at 4:30 PM
- April 3 at 4:30 PM
- April 10 at 4:30 PM
- Finals: April 23, time TBD

N.A.B.O. 4-KING MUS TOURNAMENT



The Euzkaldunak 4-King Mus tournament was held on Saturday, February 12, in the Center's Main Hall. Nineteen teams participated and enjoyed a lunch prepared by Jesus Alcelay. The 4 finalists were the teams of Jacinto Mallea & Stan Zatica and German Olabarria and Alberto Bereziartua.



The tournament winners, Alberto Bereziartua and German Olabarria, will represent Euzkaldunak at the N.A.B.O. Finals.

EUZKALDUNAK 8-KING MUS TOURNAMENT

The 2022 8-King Euzkaldunak Tournament has been underway since January 9, with 20 teams participating this year. On Saturday 3/19 at 3:30 PM, the finalist teams (below) will compete for the honor of being the 2022 Mus Txapeldunak.

- Tony Larrocea & Juan Egana
- Josu Menaka & Jose Manuel Arriaga
- Lino Zabala & Mike Franzoia
- Steve Achabal & Edu Sarria
- Sean Aucutt & John Krakau

2022 MUS TOURNAMENTS

- March 6: Reno Mus Tournament
- March 13: Elko Mus Tournament
- March 26: Gooding Mus Tournament
- April 23: Mountain Home Mus Tournament
- April 24: Basque Museum Mus Tournament
- April 30: Santa Rosa (Paradise) Mus Tournament



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In 2001, the Euzkaldunak Board introduced the Legacy Award. This award is given to individuals who have exhibited a long-term commitment to the goals of Euzkaldunak.

Nominations for the 2022 Legacy Award are now open. If you would like to nominate someone, please write a short letter with the nominee's name and a description of their accomplishments, and either email it to president@basquecenter.com or give it to any current board member. The board will review the nominations and the recipients will be announced at the May Dinner.

Past Legacy Award recipients:

- 2001: John Bastida, Jay Hormaechea, Ramon Ysursa
- 2002: Dorothy Aldecoa, Domingo Ansotegui, Jimmy Jausoro
- 2003: Don Dick, Benito Goitiandia, Florencio "Pancho" Aldape
- 2004: Hank & Gerri Achurra, Albert Erquiaga, Inaki Eiguren
- 2005: Julian Lachiondo, Mari Carmen Totorica, Dave & Jeannie Eiguren
- 2006: Isabel Jausoro, Julian Achabal
- 2007: Louis Jausoro, Early Kitchen Crew (acknowledged)
- 2008: Linda Barinaga, Gina Ansotegui Urquidi, Fergie Larrondo
- 2009: Carmen Solosabal, Rose Arregui Dick, Juan Oleaga
- 2010: Flora Aldazabal, Bryan Day, Domingo Arrizabalaga
- 2011: Simon Achabal, Diana Sabala
- 2012: Rash Iglesias
- 2013: Ron Sabala
- 2014: Tony Arrubarrena
- 2015: Ray Mansisidor
- 2016: Dan Ansotegui, Mary Lou Murelaga Guerricabeitia
- 2017: Julian Lete
- 2018: Miren Rementeria Artiach
- 2019: Cecil Jayo



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UDALEKU: N.A.B.O.'s BASQUE CULTURE SUMMER CAMP

Every year N.A.B.O. sponsors, and a Basque club hosts, Udaleku--our two-week Basque Culture Summer Camp. Participants ages 10-15 have an opportunity to learn more about their Basque heritage while having fun and making new friends.

Formerly known as Music Camp, Udaleku began in April 1974 when various Basque clubs joined together to create the North American Basque Organizations, Inc. (N.A.B.O.) with the purpose of promoting and encouraging our common Basque heritage. Since those early days the bonds between Basques here in the United States have been strengthened and extended. The annual Udaleku sponsored by N.A.B.O., and hosted by one of our member organizations, has contributed much to this growth.

The first camp was held in Boise (Bogus Basin) in 1975. Since then, hundreds of young Basques have gathered for two weeks each summer in a different city of the extended Basque community in the United States. Under the direction of local and visiting talent from Europe, participants study Basque folk dance, music (either txistu or accordion), singing and games (such as the card game "mus" and "pala").

Besides being a good learning experience, the camp offers the participants a great opportunity to develop ties and friendships with other young Basques from many states whose parents and ancestors came from both the northern and southern parts of "Euskal Herria" or the Basque country. The relationships formed over the two-week period increases the present and future interaction between all of our Basque clubs. Udaleku is a unique experience for both the participants--who meet other Basques from other communities--and for the opportunity to teach younger generations of Basque-Americans about their culture. The camp is meant to impart to

young Basque-Americans an appreciation for the uniqueness of their heritage.

Udaleku 2022 will be in Bakersfield, CA, from June 17 – June 25. Tuition is \$450, with a discount available for families with multiple children participating. Participants must be between ages 10-15 on September 1 to be eligible. Poxpolins will not be provided to students for txistu class. Students should bring their own, or can purchase one from N.A.B.O. for \$30.00. The theme for this year's summer camp is: Nafarroa.

This year the applications will be a two-part process, starting with the Intent to Participate form. **The link to this form will go live on March 1 at 6:00 PM PST.** Spots fill up quickly, so plan to register as soon as the link is live. The form can be found on the N.A.B.O Udaleku page at https://nabasque.eus/udaleku_application.html. Submission of the Intent to Register form will put you on the entry list, and full applications along with instructions for payment will be sent as spots are available.



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UDALEKU SCHOLARSHIPS

Euzkaldunak is again offering partial scholarships to local Basque children who are interested in attending Udaleku this summer in Bakersfield, CA. If you are interested in receiving a scholarship, please send a letter of request. The letter should contain your Basque relationship, how you have participated in Basque activities previously, what you hope to achieve at camp, and how your going to camp might improve our local Basque community. Please send your letter to:

Euzkaldunak, Attn: Udaleku Scholarship
601 W Grove St
Boise, ID 83702

Letters must be received by April 15 for consideration. Thank you for your interest in continued improvement of our culture in Boise.

BIG THANKS TO JAIALDI SPONSOR DONORS

Skipping this year's Jaialdi was a painful decision, but the support from our community and from our sponsors has eased the sting a bit. We give a big thanks to the businesses that converted their sponsorships into one-time donations. Their generosity was unexpected and much appreciated:

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A few of the people and organizations that took out ads or memorials in the souvenir program book also decided to keep their money with us. We're grateful to:

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History Corner: Oinkari Lummi trip

History Corner is a featured column in the Euzkaldunak newsletter that is written by members of the Basque Center Renovation Committee. Our seven-decade old building is aging and needs our enthusiasm and support to carry our traditions forward for the next seven decades and beyond. The goals of the History Corner column are: 1) highlight the many beloved traditions we can carry out thanks to having access to a Basque Center, and 2) educate members about our rich Boise Basque history.

In May of 1996, the Oinkari Basque Dancers were invited to perform and to educate elementary school children on the Lummi Reservation, which is located near Bellingham, Washington. On Monday, May 20, eight Oinkaris piled into a rented Ford passenger van. (There may have been an issue with the rental office not wanting to hand over a huge vehicle to eight kids aged 19 to 21, but Miren Artiach was able to convince them to do so).

They loaded the van with costumes, equipment, and educational items on loan from the Basque Museum and headed north from Boise. The Oinkari dancers on the trip were, in alphabetical order: Xanti Alcelay (navigator), Jill Aldape, Johnny Aldape (driver), Andrea Arana, Jacqueline Bicandi, Jude Gary, Erin Hardesty, and Ryan Schaffner.

After staying the night at a motel in Bellingham, the Oinkaris drove to the Lummi Reservation on Tuesday. The day was spent teaching the students about Basque culture, sport, cuisine, language, etc. Xanti would give each class an exhaustive description of the fronton sports and describe that shaking hands with a pilota player was like “shaking hands with a rock.” Each lesson ended with a brief performance which included everyone joining in for Tamborrada.

That evening, the Oinkaris were invited to an outdoor ceremony where members of the Lummi Tribe performed and engaged in a drum circle. The tribal elders spoke about what they perceived as shared experiences between the Lummi and Basques in Boise. They assumed that Basques also lived in separate areas and were considered different from the population as a whole. The dancers explained that the Basques in Boise had assimilated gradually into American culture as they arrived over a period of 100 years. The Oinkaris were split into pairs and assigned to places to stay overnight on the reservation. This was an eye-opening experience because some of the accommodations were trailer homes that were in need of repair. It made the dancers grateful for the things they had in Boise.

On Wednesday, the entire school attended an assembly in the gymnasium. Many of the Lummi students performed traditional dances in regalia (their term for costumes). After the Oinkaris performed,



they were greeted by some older members of the tribe and given gifts. One tribal elder gave a speech and then pointed the microphone at the Oinkaris. Jude happened to be the closest, and the tribal elder leaned towards him as a gesture for him to take the microphone. There was no chance that Jude was going to make any speech that day, so Jude just stared at the elder. After what seemed like minutes of silence, Jacqueline grabbed the mic and said a few words of thanks. The dancers agreed that had they waited for Jude to speak, they'd still be standing in the gym.

The next day, the Oinkaris loaded up the van and headed north to Canada. Crossing the border was a breeze in those days! In Vancouver, they checked into a single motel suite that had just a couple of beds, which meant the boys would be sleeping on a couch or on the floor. They toured the beautiful city of Vancouver and visited some Canadian clubs in the evening. Because all dancers were 19 or over (meeting the legal age), they were able to compare the establishments with our Basque Center.

On Friday morning, the Oinkaris jumped in the van and headed back to Boise (Google Maps says it's an 11-hour drive). In order to pass the time, they played Trivial Pursuit, split into two teams - boys vs. girls. The game was quite competitive for a while, until the girls seemed to be answering obscure questions about Vichyssoise (cold potato soup) and Xavier Cugat (a Spanish bandleader that held a chihuahua under his arm while conducting). They still haven't owned up to it, but it turns out that the girls were cheating by reading the cards in advance!

Over 25 years later, this one-of-a-kind trip has stayed with these eight Oinkaris. Everyone who went has chimed in to recall stories and laugh at the experience ahead of this article's writing.



Oinkari Alumni: The newsletter is looking for more articles like this one about memorable experiences to include in future issues. It would be greatly appreciated if you can compile the stories from your fellow dancers and submit them as an article. Old photos are encouraged! We're talking about trips to Euskal Herria, Mar del Plata, NABO conventions, Shanghai, Winnemucca, Elko, etc. Please email Johnny Aldape at johnaldape@gmail.com.

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OINKARI LAMPAGE FUN RUN IS MAY 21

Lampage is back! Join Oinkari Basque Dancers Saturday, May 21 for a fun-run 5K on the Boise Greenbelt followed by a picnic in the park, games and a warm lunch. More info to come! Check out <https://www.oinkari.org/lampage> for our latest updates.

GOIAN BEGO ~ REST IN PEACE

Each month, we list the names of recently passed members of Euzkaldunak and the local Basque community. Please send us the names of these recently deceased folks so we can honor them in print.

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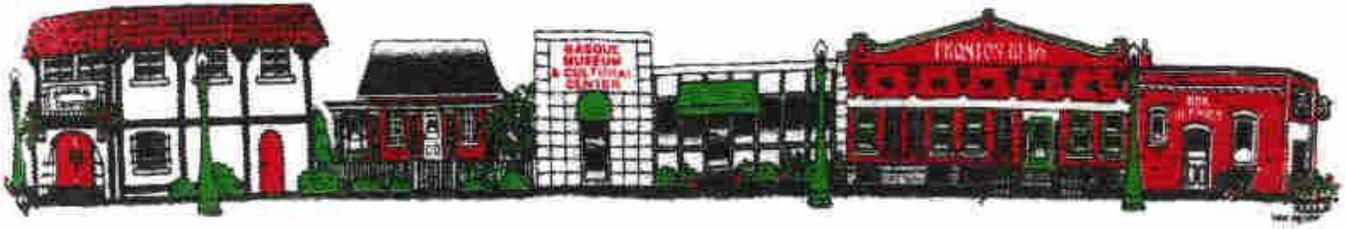
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NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

If you have information that you would like to include in the next newsletter, please send your submission to newsletter@basquecenter.com by **Tuesday, March 15**. For mailing address changes, contact Patty Gabica at secretary@basquecenter.com.

2022 EUZKALDUNAK EVENTS

(all events tentative and pending COVID-19 and national and local health regulations)

3/6, 3/13: Briska Lessons (2 Sundays)

3/19: Mus Dinner

3/20–4/10: Euzkaldunak Briska Tournament (3 Sundays)

4/23: Anniversary Dinner

5/14: Mother's Day Dinner

6/18–6/19: NABO Mus Finals

7/29–31 San Inazio Festival

9/17: September Dinner

10/9–10/15: International Mus Tournament

10/15: October Dinner

11/5: Morzilla Dinner/Bazaar/Bingo

12/17: Shepherders Ball