



# EUZKALDUNAK

2022

## MAIATZA

### MAY

Monthly Member Newsletter

### FROM THE KITCHEN

The May Mother's Day Dinner is scheduled for **Saturday, May 14**. A special dinner (honoring all the mothers) will be prepared by Chef Jesus Alcelay and hosted by the Gavica Family & Friends.

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 in cash, check, or credit card at the door. No online prepay will be available for this dinner.

### ***May 2022 dinner menu***

Tossed salad with Creamy Garlic Dressing  
Ensaladilla (Basque Potato Salad)  
Halibut Oñati  
New York strip loin carving on the Buffet served with green peppercorn sauce  
Au gratin potatoes  
Strawberry shortcake  
Homemade Bread and Butter  
Wine and Coffee

### ***Monthly Dinner Prices***

Senior Members (65 and older): \$14  
Members (11 to 64): \$15  
Guests (non-members of any age over 10): \$20  
Children (10 and under): \$5

Please make your dinner reservations by using the reservation link on the Basque Center website at [www.basquecenter.com](http://www.basquecenter.com). If you are unable to make your reservation online, please call in or text your reservation to 208-572-0604.

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, May 10.*** Reservations called into the bar will not be accepted, and reservations left after May 10 will not be accepted.

### HOST FAMILIES WANTED

Basque Foundation, Inc., thanks 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](mailto:president@basquecenter.com).

### APRIL DINNER THANK-YOUS

A special thanks to Jesus Alcelay and his fantastic crew for preparing a delicious meal! Eskerrik Askot to the Aiztan Artean (with help from Euzkaldunak Board) for hosting the April monthly dinner. A special thanks to:

Lori Aguirre  
Juliana Aldape  
Iciar Aldazabal  
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## **EUZKALDUNAK 73rd ANNIVERSARY RECAP**

In April of 1949, 516 members of the Basque community became charter members of the newly inaugurated Euzkaldunak, Inc.

In the past year since our last club anniversary, we sadly lost Euzkaldunak charter members John Salove, Gloria Achurra Navarro, John Navarro, Francesca Hormaechea Lejardi and Julia Uberuaga Coleman. Today, there are five remaining charter members whom we honored at the Anniversary Dinner: Regina Bastida Aldecoa, Joanne Aldrich, Rosita Alegria Artis, Lydia Goiri Black and John Lasuen. Sadly, we announce the passing of Julie Uberuaga Coleman, who died on April 2, ten weeks shy of her 100th birthday. Not only was Julie a charter member, she was the first Secretary-Treasurer for the newly formed Euzkaldunak, Inc.

We were glad to have Rosita Alegria Artis and Regina Bastida Aldecoa join us for the anniversary dinner and celebration on Saturday, April 23. At age 100, Regina continues to be an active member at the Basque Center!

Special thanks to Juliana Aldape for coordinating the evening for the Charter Members along with the assistance of Aiztan Artean who were there to greet and assist the Charter members. An additional thank you to Bryan Day for photographing the Charter members in attendance.

The evening's entertainment was provided by Amuma Says No with a special tribute to our charter members.



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## **EUZKALDUNAK BRISKA TOURNAMENT**

For the past few Sunday afternoons, 17 teams have been competing in the 2022 Euzkaldunak Briska Tournament. Briska is a game of tricks with a trump suit where not all of the cards are dealt at the beginning of the game but rather taken from the deck as the tricks are played. It is played with a 40-card Spanish deck. The order, from highest to lowest, is: ace, three, king, knight, jack, seven, six, five, four and deuce. On Saturday April 23, 5 teams competed for the honor of being the 2022 Briska Txapeldunak in the Center's Card Room.

- Jose Manuel Arriaga & Josu Meñaka
- Richard Gavica & Annie Gavica
- Fermin Bilbao & Louisa Bilbao
- Flora Aldazabal & Jose Manuel Iturburu
- Ysabel Bilbao & Iñaki Mendiola

In the final game, Richard Gavica & Annie Gavica defeated Jose Manuel Arriaga & Josu Meñaka to become this year's Briska Txapeldunak. Zorionak Richard & Annie!



## **OINKARI LAMPAGE FUN RUN IS MAY 21**

Lampage is coming up on May 21! The 5k fun run follows the Boise greenbelt and finishes with a post-race party at Payette Brewing! There will be chorizos, croquetas and beer for sale. Come down to celebrate with us and support the Oinkari Basque Dancers! Learn more at [bonfire.com/lampage](https://bonfire.com/lampage).


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## History Corner: Briska

*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 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.*



Playing cards has always been an integral part of our Basque community and our Basque Center. In fact, when the Basque Center was being planned, those involved in the building design ensured there was a space for members to play cards. One of the various card games played by members of our community is Briska.

Although not as popular as the game of Mus among the various Basque communities, Briska has remained popular at the Basque Center. And, as far as we know, Euzkaldunak is the only club that continues to hold an annual Briska tournament for its members. The first Briska tournament held at the Basque Center was in

1971, and the winning team was Fulgencio Legarreta and Julian Basterechea.

The Euzkaldunak Briska tournament is held annually, usually at the end of March and early April. Members gather on Sunday evenings, forming two-person teams; they play to see who can outplay the other teams. Most of the players who were born in the Basque Country shared their stories of learning to play at an early age, usually before ten years old. Their teachers were often Amumas, Aitxitxas and Tias—who sometimes had more time to teach than their Amas and Aitas. These players have memories of being at family events—and Briska play would begin after dinner and continue into the evening. They also remember their Amumas, Amas and Tias going out for Briska nights during the week. The continuation of playing Briska here in Idaho is one that brings friends together. Whether players met at a home or at the Basque Center, a friendly competition developed among friends each week. An unwritten rule was that players team up with a friend instead of a spouse. This is considered a good way to avoid arguments.

Julian Lete recalls an eight-person Briska game where there was a lot of yelling and arguing—and it didn't matter if someone was playing with a spouse. Players laughing at good plays, taking points from a spouse or friends—this still occurs today in a friendly but heated game of Briska.

Most of the players who learned to play here in the United States also began when they were young—also from their family members. Many learned just by watching the game as their amumas (sometimes even berramumas) and friends played. Some of the players who are new to the game learned by taking lessons at the Basque Center or by watching the game. There are even a few who learned from their children who had picked up the game outside the home (such as at Udaleku). There was a time when the Sunday “regulars” or those who were tournament players wondered if the Briska games would survive. However, as younger people learned and joined tournament play, the question was answered. We are seeing an increased number of tournament players—this year 17 teams. The



oldest player was 87; the youngest team had a 12-year old and a 13-year old. The older players from the Basque Country express their thoughts regarding if Briska will continue for years to come... "Yes, as long as the young ones keep playing and others learn, it will continue."



We're working on a story about the **San Inazio Festival** over the years, and we'd love your favorite memories, first-hand accounts, and pictures. What was the first Boise San Inazio you attended? What do you remember about San Inazio in your younger years? Email [newsletter@basquecenter.com](mailto:newsletter@basquecenter.com) to share your story. Whether it's a detailed account or a short snapshot, we'd love to include it!

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### **SAVE THE DATE - SAN INAZIO 2022**

The Euzkaldunak San Inazio Festival returns this year from Friday July 29 – Sunday July 31, with a special surprise on Monday evening August 1. We will be coming together with our larger Basque family to Dance, Sing, Eat, Drink and show off skills at sokatira, txinga eramatea, irrintzi, zaku lasterketa and arrautza botatzea. We will be looking for volunteers to make our event successful. If you are interested in volunteering please go to [www.basquecenter.com/volunteer/](http://www.basquecenter.com/volunteer/) to sign up.



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### **SAN JUAN EGUNA IN HOMEDALE JUNE 25**

When the sun goes down in the Basque Country on San Juan Eguna, the feast day of St. John the Baptist, bonfires are lit to celebrate the Basque Summer Solstice and a night of festivities begin. Txoko Ona is bringing San Juan Eguna to Homedale, Idaho. Join us June 25 for a night of live music, dancing, Basque food, and of course...a bonfire! Gates open at 4:00 PM, with Mus, Basque dance performances, games, and live music culminating with a bonfire at sunset. This is a FREE family-friendly event that is open to the public. Learn more at [www.txokoona.org](http://www.txokoona.org).

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## **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.

### ***Goian Bego:***

Jose Mari Beristain  
John Baptiste Mainvil  
Jean-Louis Cihigoyenetché  
Tony Villanueva  
Julia Uberuaga Coleman, charter member

## **NEW EUZKALDUNAK MEMBERS**

Kyle Larson  
Denny Beroiz  
Renee Coyle  
Justin Benson  
Maria Willacy  
Elizabeth Jayo

## **FACILITY THANK-YOUS**

The Basque Museum & Cultural Center would just like to say ESKERRIK ASKO to Euzkaldunak / The Basque Center for the use of their facility for several events including presentations, Mus tournament, and our Benefit Dinner. We appreciate the Board of Directors of the Basque Center, led by Ed Orbea, for their generosity and support as we pursue our mission to preserve, promote, and perpetuate Basque history and culture. Thank you for your partnership, and in turn, thanks to the Euzkaldunak membership for their support as well! Mil Esker! - *Basque Museum & Cultural Center Board of Directors and Staff*

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Lael Uberuaga,  
 Newsletter Editor

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## 2022 EUZKALDUNAK EVENTS

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

**5/14:** Mother's Day Dinner  
**6/18–6/19:** NABO Mus Finals  
**7/29–31** San Inazio Festival  
**9/24:** September Dinner

**10/9–10/15:** International Mus Tournament  
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