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Monthly Member Newsletter

FROM THE KITCHEN

On [Saturday, January 28, 2023](#), Euzkaldunak will return to an in-person General Membership Dinner and Business Meeting. The January dinner will be hosted by Boiseko Ikastola.

6:00 PM: Cocktails

6:30 PM: Dinner served

7:30 PM: General Meeting

January Dinner Menu

Ensalada Mixta with Oñati dressing

Alaska Cod Oriotarra style

Amuma's Meatballs

Basque Style Paella

Bread and Butter

Desserts

Coffee and Wine

The January Membership dinner is a FREE dinner for all members who have paid their 2023 dues by January 15, 2023. **(no membership renewals will be taken on the night of the dinner, and no non-member guests are allowed.)** Membership cards are required for easy admittance, so be sure to bring yours!

Reservations are not required for the dinner but recommended. You won't be turned away as long as your 2023 membership is paid in full, but it will help the cooking staff to prepare if you call in ahead of time. Email dinner@basquecenter.com or call 208-572-0604 with your name and the number in your party. To take advantage of our free babysitting service, please include your children's names and ages with your reservation no later than Tuesday, January 24.

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

The 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.

DINNER RESERVATION PROCESS

As we look to enter a new year, the Board wants to alert you to a change in the dinner reservation process. **Starting in February 2023, we will no longer be able to accept dinner reservations after the cutoff date/time.** You will be able to make your dinner reservations by using the reservation link on the Basque Center website at www.basquecenter.com, or if you are unable to make your reservation online, you can call-in or text your reservation to 208-572-0604.

MORZILLAK & CROQUETAS FOR SALE

Come by the Basque Center Bar and pick up a bag of croquetas (made by Jesus) or a package of this year's morzillak. The items are frozen so you don't have to rush home; you can stay for a drink at the bar. Prices are \$10 for a package of 4 morzillak or \$5 for a bag of 20 croquetas.

2023 GENERAL MEETING

The general meeting, which serves as the annual membership meeting for all Euzkaldunak members, begins at 7:30 PM on January 28. The agenda will include:

- 2022 Financial Report
- Euzkaldunak Activities Report
- 2022 NABO Report
- Election of Euzkaldunak NABO delegate
- Election of Euzkaldunak Board (5 seats)

Every year during our General Meeting in January, the general membership elects half of Euzkaldunak's Board of Directors. This year, there are five vacant positions, as well as the NABO delegate position that comes from the membership.

The five Directors completing their term are Johnny Boyd, Ryan Boyd, Alicia Knox, Ed Orbea, and Ricardo Yanci. Argia Beristain, the Euzkaldunak NABO delegate, is also completing her 2-year term. We appreciate all their contributions for the betterment of the Basque Center and the Basque community.



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RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW

All Euzkaldunak memberships expired on December 31, 2022, and now is the time to renew for 2023! This is also your chance to update your records in the membership database to ensure you receive member updates accurately. During the renewal process, we respectfully ask that you update your:

- home address
- phone number
- email address
- preference of receiving newsletters via email vs postal mail
- information about any memberships you are renewing on behalf of others.

Please remit dues by **January 15, 2023**. You can mail a check or money order to the Basque Center at 601 W Grove St, Boise, ID 83702 or drop dues off in the bar. Due to some processing issues, we are not accepting online payments this year. If you need to pay by card or for new memberships, please contact secretary@basquecenter.com.

Renewal dues are \$50 per person, and new member dues are \$60 per person. A new member is defined as any individual who has never been a member or who was a member previously but let their membership lapse.

As a reminder, only those who have paid their 2023 dues will receive the financial report, voting ballots, and free member dinner in January.

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**DECEMBER SHEEPHERDERS DINNER/
SHEEPHERDERS BALL THANK-YOU**

A Big thank you to the Boise United Rugby Club for hosting the December Holiday dinner last month. Many thanks to Iciar Aldazabal & George Totorica and Juliana & John Aldape for the table decorating at our Christmas Sheepherder's dinner. Special kudos to Iciar who created, prepared and donated the two dozen centerpiece boxes of beautiful evergreens & ornaments that adorned the tables. The December dinner is always very well-attended and busy, so we very much appreciate the help! A special thank you to Rick & Sharon Gutierrez of Gutierrez Family Farm for the donation of this year's lamb.

Thank you to the Boiseko Volunteers:

- Alicia Knox
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MORZILLA DINNER & BAZAAR THANK-YOU

Last month we listed the individuals and organizations that made our 2022 Bingo & Bazaar event such a wonderful evening. However, we overlooked two donors: Katie Miller and Martin Bilbao. We sincerely apologize for this oversight.



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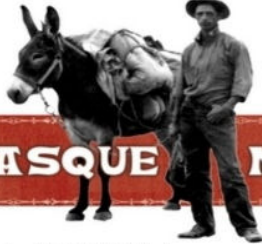
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BOISEKO GAZTEAK

Thanks to all that attended our Winter Show performance! The last-minute switch to indoors made for a smaller space, so we appreciate everyone's flexibility. The dancers did a fantastic job! Many thanks go out to Txantxangorriak for opening the performance, to Chris Bieter for acting as emcee, and to Rod Wray for providing and setting up the sound equipment. Thanks also to the musicians, teachers, and volunteers that help practices and performances run smoothly. Last but not least, a big thanks to the Euzkaldunak board for making arrangements for us to move the performance inside, setting up the hall, and providing lunch afterwards!

As a reminder, we are on a break until January. Our next practice will be on Tuesday, January 10 at 7PM in the usual locations.

Udaleku 2023 - July 20-28 - Boise, ID

It's official: Boise will host Udaleku next summer! Udaleku is NABO's Basque Culture Summer Camp for kids aged 10-15 years old. (Local attendees can be younger than 10 based on available space.) The camp's success will depend on Boise families hosting Basque kids from out of town, so please consider opening your home to other campers! Please fill out the following Google form to express your interest and provide the board with feedback:

<https://forms.gle/9iQcBw4MCYiUyzTN8>

General information about Udaleku can be found here: <https://nabasque.eus/udaleku.html>

2023 Calendar:

- 1/10 - Practice resumes at 7PM (each Tuesday until March 7)
- 3/12 - Spring Show (Basque Block)
- 7/18 - San Inazio practice at 7PM
- 7/20-28 - Udaleku 2023
- 7/29 - San Inazio performance at 11AM (Basque Block)



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Join Caldwell Euzkaldunak Charities for their annual Basque Dinner & Dance on Saturday, January 21 at the O'Conner Field House in Caldwell. There will be a dinner, a lamb auction, and live and silent auction items. For more information and to donate or buy tickets, visit caldwellbasquecharities.square.site or call Jared Asumendi at 208-249-2537.

CHRISTMAS DECOR THANK YOU'S

Many thanks to Bryan Day and Albert Totorica for the Christmas decorating of the exterior of the Basque Center. The same is extended to the Euzkaldunak Board & Staff for the interior decorations. Inside and out, top to bottom, our home has a festive look!



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Thanks to the many volunteers who made the Euzkaldunak Children's Christmas Party a success!!

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| Alec Clayton | Mateo "Olentzero" |
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Thanks to Euzkaldunak board members Gina Gridley (event chair), Martin Bilbao, Ed Orbea and Ricardo Yanci. Thank you to Brandy Bengoechea and David Breashears of Meadow Gold for donating milk. Thank you to Basque Center staff Patty Gabica, Julian Lete, Carey Jensen, and Noah Storey. Finally, thank you to Dani Coyle (event co-chair).



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

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electronically, your birthday is probably on the main list. If you receive it by postal mail, your birthday may or may not yet be converted over to the main list. We apologize for the inconvenience.

MUS AND BRISKA TOURNAMENTS

Euzkaldunak (8-Kings) Mus Tournament 2023

- Sunday Jan 8, 3:30 PM
- Sunday Jan 15, 3:30 PM
- Sunday Jan 22, 3:30 PM
- Sunday Jan 29, 3:30 PM
- Sunday Feb 5, 3:30 PM
- 8-Kings Mus Finals - Saturday Mar 18, 2:00 PM

Euzkaldunak N.A.B.O. (4-KINGS) Mus Tournament 2023 :

- Saturday Feb 11, registration 8:30 AM

Euzkaldunak Briska Tournament 2023

- Sunday Mar 12, 4:30 PM
- Sunday Mar 19, 4:30 PM
- Sunday Apr 2, 4:30 PM
- Euzkaldunak Briska Tournament Finals – Saturday Apr 15, 2:00 PM

BRISKA AT THE BASQUE CENTER

If you want to play or learn to play Briska, join us on Tuesday evenings beginning January 10 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Everyone is welcome! This is a great opportunity to learn how to play or keep your skills in shape if you are a Briska veteran. For more information, contact Christina Rhoades at 208-697-8545.

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Lael Uberuaga,
Newsletter Editor

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Our newsletter is composed of submissions from our Basque Center membership, and we want to hear from you! Send your news to newsletter@basquecenter.com by **Monday, January 23**, to appear in the next newsletter. For mailing address changes, contact Patty Gabica at secretary@basquecenter.com.

2023 EUZKALDUNAK EVENTS

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| 1/8–2/5: Euzkaldunak 8-King Mus Tournament (5 Sundays) | 5/20: May Mother's Day Dinner |
| 1/28: Annual Membership Dinner & Meeting | 7/28–7/30 San Inazio Festival |
| 2/11: N.A.B.O. 4-Kings Mus Tournament | 9/16: September Dinner |
| 2/25: February Valentine's/Oinkari Bingo Dinner | 10/14: October Dinner |
| 3/12, 3/19, 4/2, 4/15: Euzkaldunak Briska Tournament (4 Sundays) | 11/4: Morzilla Dinner/Bazaar/Bingo |
| 3/18: March Mus Dinner & 8-Kings Mus Finals | 12/16: Shepherders Ball |
| 4/15: April Anniversary Dinner | |