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FEBRUARY

Monthly Member Newsletter

FROM THE KITCHEN

The February Valentine's Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, February 25. The dinner will be prepared by Chef Jesus Alcega and hosted by the Oinkari Alumni and Dancers.

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.

February 2023 dinner menu:

Tossed Salad with Onati Dressing
Whitefish in Clam Sauce
Baked Chicken in Creamy Mushroom Sauce
Rioja-style Potatoes & Chorizo
Dessert
Homemade Bread & Butter
Wine & Coffee

Monthly Dinner Prices

Guests (non-members ages 11+): \$25.00
Members ages 11+: \$20.00
Children (10 and under): \$10.00

Please make your dinner reservations using the reservation link on the Basque Center website at www.basquecenter.com. or send an email to dinner@basquecenter.com. If you are unable to make your reservation online, please call in your reservation to 208-572-0604. 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 21. Please note that reservations called into the bar will not be accepted, and reservations left after February 21 will not be accepted.

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 vicepresident@basquecenter.com.

REMINDER: DINNER RESERVATION DEADLINES

As the year is well underway, we remind members that as mentioned in the December and January newsletters, as of the February 2023 dinner and onward ***we will no longer be able to accept dinner reservations after the cutoff date/time.*** Please make your reservation in a timely fashion so we can plan an accurate headcount and all can enjoy the monthly dinner tradition that we love.

OINKARI ALUMNI HELP NEEDED

The February Dinner & Bingo Night on February 25 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. 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 amayaherrera@oinkari.org to sign up. See you on February 25!!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would first like to thank the Euzkaldunak membership for their confidence in the Board of Directors as we have navigated through this pandemic. In these truly unprecedented times, the Basque community that we have built together is more important than ever.

I want to thank the Board members whose term expired in January. The efforts of Johnny Boyd, Ryan Boyd, Alicia Knox, Ed Orbea and Ricardo Yanci have devoted a combined 50 years serving as members of the Euzkaldunak Board of Directors to help ensure that our traditions will continue for many generations.

- Ricardo Yanci – 15 yrs
- Johnny Boyd – 12 yrs
- Ryan Boyd – 12 yrs
- Alicia Knox – 6 yrs
- Ed Orbea – 5 yrs

The 2023 board of directors appreciates the continued confidence from the membership at large in their abilities to lead the community and to grow our culture, and we look forward to a great year.



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- Joseba Criswell
- Mike Franzoia
- Christina Gamboa
- Gina Gridley
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- Ed Orbea

Director Alternate is: Joe Meuleman

For 2023 the Euzkaldunak officers are:

- President: Ed Orbea
- Vice President: Mike Franzoia
- Board NABO Delegate: Mark Bieter
- Euzkaldunak NABO Delegate: Argia Beristain

JANUARY DINNER THANK-YOUS

Thank you to Boiseko Ikastola for hosting the January dinner! Eskerrik asko to:

Nerea Alustiza, Sarah Artis, Maite Biain, Gina Borud, Brady Coyle, Kevin Fagan, Lucy Fagan, Jon Fritz, Ane Goenaga, Sara Harvey, Andrew Hedrick, Dave Iriondo, Jenn Iriondo, Kristen Kaminsky, Craig Kaumans, Joe Lasuen, Mary Lasuen, Jessica McClanahan, Kristopher McClanahan, Brigid Pickett, Jeff Pickett, Carmen Urquidi, Joan Urquidi, Josh Whitworth, & Kala Whitworth.

Additional thanks to Mike Franzoia, Albert Totorica, Ed Orbea, and Julian Lete for assistance with dinner setup.



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EUZKALDUNAK 8 KINGS MUS TOURNAMENT

The 2023 8-King Euzkaldunak Tournament is well underway with 20 teams participating. The finals will be held on Saturday, March 18, at 2:00 PM in the Basque Center Cardroom.



TXAPELDUNAK		MUS 2023		BIGARRENAK	
1	Luis Saizola / Miki Etxepare	20			
2	Michael Lopez / Miki Etxepare	11			
3	Diego Lizarri / Luis Saizola	18			
4	Marino Etxepare / Miki Etxepare	16			
5	Diego Lizarri / Miki Etxepare	15			
6	Sergio Zubizarreta / Luis Saizola	19			
7	Diego Lizarri / Miki Etxepare	13			
8	Sergio Zubizarreta / Luis Saizola	14			
9	Diego Lizarri / Miki Etxepare	12			
10	Diego Lizarri / Miki Etxepare	11			
11	Diego Lizarri / Miki Etxepare	10			
12	Sergio Zubizarreta / Luis Saizola	9			
13	Diego Lizarri / Miki Etxepare	8			
14	Diego Lizarri / Miki Etxepare	7			
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18	Diego Lizarri / Miki Etxepare	3			
19	Diego Lizarri / Miki Etxepare	2			
20	Diego Lizarri / Miki Etxepare	1			
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2023 NABO MUS (4-KINGS) QUALIFIER TOURNAMENTS

Full calendar: nabasque.eus/online_calendar.html

- 2/11/23 Boise
- 2/19/23 Homedale
- 3/4/23 Mountain Home
- 3/12/23 Elko
- 3/18/23 Gardnerville
- 3/25/23 Gooding
- 4/22/23 Basque Museum
- 4/29/23 Santa Rosa (Paradise Valley, NV)

The Euzkaldunak Qualifier will be held on Saturday, February 11. Registration begins at 8:30 AM and the tournament begins at 9:30 AM. A light breakfast will be served, followed by lunch from Chef Jesus Alcey. Entry fee is \$25 per person.


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2023 EUZKALDUNAK BRISKA TOURNAMENT

The 2023 Euzkaldunak Briska Tournament will start on Sunday, March 12, at 4:30 PM in the Basque Center. The tournament will continue on Sunday March 19 and Sunday April 2, culminating in the Briska Finals on Saturday April 15.



BLOOD DRIVES AT THE BASQUE CENTER

The American Red Cross will be holding blood donation drives at the Basque Center on March 13, June 12 and August 7, 2023, from 1:00–6:00 PM. If you're interested, you can sign up to donate at redcrossblood.org using sponsor code BASQUE.

GOIAN BEGO

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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Apart from the member birthday list, we still gladly accept one-time announcements like births, anniversaries, graduation, or other special recognition of members in the Zorionak section. For special announcements such as these, email newsletter@basquecenter.com.

NEW EUZKALDUNAK MEMBERS

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Lael Uberuaga,
Newsletter Editor

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

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, February 20**, 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 | |