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Monthly Member Newsletter

FROM THE KITCHEN

The March Mus Dinner is scheduled for [Saturday, March 18](#). The dinner will be prepared by Chef Jesus Alcelay and hosted by The Euzkaldunak Board of Directors.

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.

March 2023 dinner menu:

Tossed Salad with Onati Dressing
Shrimp Pil-Pil
Pork Chops with Pimentos
Callos Vizcaina
Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Homemade Bread and Butter
Desserts
Wine and Coffee

Monthly Dinner Prices

Guests (non-members ages 11+): \$25.00
Members and Seniors, all 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 basquecenter.com. If you are unable to make your reservation online, please call or text your reservation to 208-572-0604. Leave your name and the names of all of those in your reservation party. 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. Children are not allowed to go back and forth between the basement and dance hall. If they are scheduled for babysitting, they need to stay downstairs. If they are not scheduled for babysitting, they need to stay upstairs.

The deadline for dinner reservations is 8:00 PM on March 14. Please note that reservations called into the bar will not be accepted, and reservations after March 14 will not be accepted.

S.O.S. (SAVE OUR SUPPERS)

Euzkaldunak still needs hosts for two upcoming monthly dinners: **March 18, 2023 and May 20, 2023**. Our monthly dinners need host friends and family to support our amazing Chef Jesus and his dedicated staff. Grab a few friends and family to contribute to a night of fun, companionship, and a rewarding experience.

A host group's involvement typically consists of: tables/chairs setup, tablecloths and table setting, taking tickets and dinner payments, host's introduction and prayer, busing tables, and helping with teardown. Host groups are allotted a \$150 decoration budget and each helper on the host crew gets to eat free!

Monthly dinners are the membership's opportunity to give back to Basque Center and maintain one of our club's most beloved traditions. If your family or organization would like to get involved, please email Mike Franzoya at vicepresident@basquecenter.com.

EUZKALDUNAK ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION RECAP

Thank you to all the members who attended the 2023 Membership Dinner and Annual Meeting on January 27. The meeting began with our president, Ed Orbea, welcoming those in attendance and calling the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. He began by recognizing Sara Artis, Annie Gavica, and the Ikastola parents for hosting the dinner. He then recognized Albert Totorica, rental manager; Lael Uberuaga, newsletter editor; Julian Lete, facility manager; Patty Gabica, secretary/ treasurer; Jesus Alcelay, Miren Urresti and the kitchen staff. He later recognized Alex Wray, Oinkari President; and Johnny Aldape, Boiseko Gazteak director; and John Lejardi, Txoko Ona president. Ed recognized the retiring board members, Ryan Boyd, Johnny Boyd, Ricardo Yanci, and Alicia Knox.

He then turned the meeting over to Alicia for election of the Euzkaldunak Board of Directors. Candidates were Jenny Aldape, Mark Bieter, Romy Leichtfuss, Bernice Madariaga, Joe Mueleman and Ed Orbea, with no further nominations. Each of the 6 candidates gave a brief bio including why they'd like to be on the board. Members were asked to vote for 5 of the 6 candidates.

Alicia then introduced Argia Beristain, N.A.B.O. delegate candidate. There were no additional nominations for candidates, and Argia was elected to a subsequent 2-year term as N.A.B.O. Representative for Basque Foundation, Inc.

Ed led a discussion on the 2022 Financial Report. He mentioned the efforts of the International Mus Tournament Planning Committee and thanked Tyler Smith, Martin Bilbao, Ana Mendiola, Annie Gavica, and Mike Franzoia for their efforts. The Tournament was such a success that we have set the standard for future International Mus Tournaments. Ed mentioned that an Investment Committee was formed in 2021. Their purpose is long-term oversight of Basque Foundation funds. He then discussed some of the accounts that make up Euzkaldunak's portfolio.



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Alicia presented a brief report of the Renovation Committee. The committee is made up of members with diverse areas of expertise. The committee was formed in 2019 to define a plan to be brought to the membership for a building renovation. The last major renovation was in 1972. Alicia noted that we want to stay in this building at 6th and Grove. We have to keep our aging building up to date and accommodating for our purposes. There are safety issues being considered and addressed in the planning. When the phases of planning are complete the plan will be submitted to the membership for approval.

Ricardo and Argia presented a N.A.B.O. report. The Lifetime Achievement Award has been renamed for N.A.B.O. founder Al Erquiaga. There are 62 students in Boise learning Euskara. Last year's Udaleku was held in Bakersfield, CA with 89 participants. 22 kids from Idaho attended. Boise is hosting the 2023 Udaleku from July 20-28. Argia explained the importance of the camp and the lifetime friendships gained. She asked members to consider hosting kids attending this summer's camp. Host families provide lodging and transportation. The camp will provide meals, classes, and activities.

Mike went through the 2023 Euzkaldunak event calendar, including monthly dinner dates and major annual events. He asked everyone to check their newsletters for dates and details.

Alicia thanked the board for their work and then announced the 2023 board after votes were tallied. Joining Isana Bengoetxea, Joseba Criswell, Christina Gamboa, Gina Gridley, and Mike Franzoia are new directors Jenny Aldape, Romy Leichtfuss, Bernice Madariaga, Mark Bieter and Ed Orbea. Joe Meuleman is the alternate. Members were thanked for their support. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned.

The new board met in the cardroom to elect officers. Ed Orbea was reelected as President, Mike Franzoia was elected as Vice President and Mark Bieter was elected as the Board N.A.B.O. Delegate.



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FEBRUARY DINNER THANK YOUS

Eskerrik asko to Jesus Alcelay and his fantastic crew for preparing a wonderful February dinner, and to Oinkari current dancers and Oinkari alumni for hosting.

Dinner Helpers:

Alazne Campbell	Johnny Boyd
Amaya Fischer	Josephine Aldape
Amaya Herrera	Judy Murray
Andoni Bieter	Leandra Kelleher
Dominic Fischer	Lina Aldape
Elise Overgaard	Michael Lejardi
Erick Baker	Olive Boyd
Jaclyn Lasuen	Tere Achabal
Jerry Aldape	Teresa Franzoia

Bingo Helpers:

Alaia Campbell	Lilian Papapietro
Alex Hicks	Maite Frank
Alex Wray	Mateo Franzoia
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Ava Achabal	Mikel Sangroniz
Breken Frank	Mitch Murgoitio
Erick Baker	Ruth Manthey-Wray
Jaclyn Lasuen	Scott Kaltenecker
	Teagan Phay

DANCE WORKSHOP THANK YOUS

With the support of many community members, the Oinkari Basque Dancers were able to host a week of workshops led by dance masters Josu Garate and Oier Aralazoa. Thank you to John Ysursa, the Basque Museum & Cultural Center Staff, and Euzkaldunak for helping to make the week a success! A very special thank you to the Euzkaldunak Board of Directors for the donation of their facilities that allowed us to host the workshops led by Josu and Oier, and for the donation of dinner tickets for dance instructors visiting from Oregon, Nevada, Utah, and the Basque Country.

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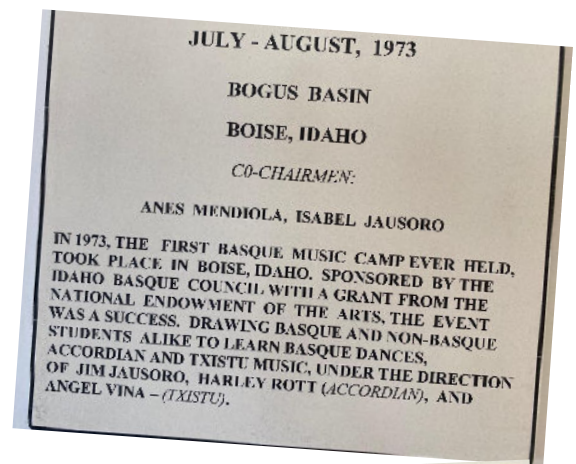
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UDALEKU 2023 - BOISE, IDAHO

Boise is hosting Udaleku from July 20-28, 2023. Formerly known as Music Camp, Udaleku came into being in April 1973 when various Basque clubs joined together to create the North American Basque Organizations (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 1973. Since then, hundreds of young Basques have gathered 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, singing and games (such as the card game mus, and pala/pilota).

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 ten-day 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.





2023 UDALEKU INTENT TO PARTICIPATE

Registration for other N.A.B.O. clubs begins [March 1](#), but as the host club, our members are given the opportunity to sign their children up before that date so that the Udaleku board can determine camp numbers and secure housing. Since we are hosting, we are also allowed to accept children ages 9-15 to camp. Please click on the following link to fill out the Google form: [FORM: Udaleku 2023 Intent to Participate](#)



HOST FAMILIES

In order to properly host an Udaleku, we need hosts in the Boise area that are willing to house participants from other N.A.B.O. clubs. You do not need to have children attending Udaleku to host children from out of town! Please fill out the following form to express your interest and provide the Udaleku board with feedback. [FORM: Udaleku 2023 Housing Interest Form](#)



If you have any questions or comments, please reply to this message or email the Udaleku Board at udaleku@basquecenter.com.

UDALEKU SCHOLARSHIPS

Euzkaldunak is again offering partial scholarships to local Basque children who are interested in attending Udaleku this summer in Boise. Details are still being worked out, so stay tuned for more information in a future newsletter. Thank you for your interest in continued improvement of our Basque culture.



TXANTXANGORRIAK & BOISEKO GAZTEAK SPRING SHOW

Mark your calendars for the Spring Show on [Sunday, March 12](#). Once again this year, we're going to hold the performance outside on the Basque Block! Dancers & Musicians should arrive in costume at 12:15 PM. Txantxangorriak will start the performance off at 12:30 PM, with the dancers following at 1:00 PM. Mark your calendars and tell your family and friends. Please bring a can of food for our seasonal contribution to a local food bank. Don't forget to dress for the weather!

A special thanks goes out to Irene Archuleta Woodworth, who provided our dancers with cute Valentine's treats on February 14!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



A special Boise edition of the board game Monopoly is being developed for release later this year, and the creators want input from Boise residents. How great would it be to have Boise Basque culture and the Basque Center featured on the game board?

If you want to suggest a Basque (or any) component to be added to the board, you can email Boise@toptrumps.com. The game makers are accepting submissions until October 1. To read more about about this special Boise version of Monopoly, see the Boise Dev article here: <https://boisedev.com/boise-monopoly/>

Please consider sending an email about The Basque Block, as I feel it would be great for the Boise Basques to be memorialized in this Boise edition of Monopoly.

—Ed Orbea

OINKARI LAMPAGE FUN RUN IS MAY 6

Lampage is back! Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 6th and join us for our fun-run 5K followed by food, games, and more. Registration is \$30 for adults and \$20 for kids (10 and under), includes a t-shirt, race bib, and lunch, and will open in early March. For more information, check out <https://www.oinkari.org/lampage>. We can't wait to see you there!

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LEGACY AWARD

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 2023 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 Guericabeitia
2017: Julian Lete
2018: Miren Rementeria Artiach
2019: Cecil Jayo
2022: Regina Bastida Aldecoa, Julia Uberuaga Coleman

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.



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N.A.B.O. 4-KINGS MUS QUALIFIER RECAP

The Euzkaldunak 4-Kings Mus tournament was held on Saturday, February 11, at the Basque Center. Seventeen teams participated and enjoyed a lunch prepared by Jesus Alcelay.



The 4 finalists were the teams of Tony Elordi / Stan Zatica and Alberto Bereziartua / German Olabarria.

The tournament winners, for the second year in a row, are **Alberto Bereziartua and German Olabarria**. They will represent Euzkaldunak at the N.A.B.O. Finals.

2023 N.A.B.O. MUS (4-KINGS) QUALIFIER TOURNAMENTS

Full calendar: nabasque.eus/online_calendar.html

- 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)

EUZKALDUNAK 8 KINGS MUS TOURNAMENT

The 2023 8-Kings Euzkaldunak Tournament has been underway since January 8, with 20 teams participating this year.

On Saturday, March 18 at 2:00 PM, the below finalists will compete for the honor of being the 2023 Mus Txapeldunak:

- Edu Sarria / Steve Achabal
- Tony Larrocea / Juan Egana
- Nick Bicandi / Xanti Alcelay
- Sergio Gabicagogeosco / Jose Mari Eguren
- Sean Aucutt / John Krakau

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.



OINKARI MUS TOURNAMENT IS MAY 13

The Oinkari Basque Dancers will be hosting their annual mus tournament on Saturday, May 13th at the Basque Center. The tournament is open to current members and all Oinkari alumni. The fee is \$25 per person and includes lunch. Registration begins at 7:30am with games starting at 8:00. Remember, this is a N.A.B.O. qualifying tournament! For more information, email alex@oinakri.org. See you there!

MARCH ZORIONAK

Lori Aguirre, Dan Aizpitarte, Jenny Aldape, Beni Amuchastegui, Josu Amuchastegui, Andoni Artiach, Trina Arana Barrett, John T Beitia, Martin Bilbao, Mila Bilbao, Teresa Boam, Rachel Bolles, Johnny S Boyd, Bill Burns, Hailey Campbell, Robert Campbell, Mary Castle, Suzanne Chacartegui, Christine Dambach, Patty J Dennis, Tara Dominick, Pamela Duncan, Joe Goitiandia, Gina Marie Gridley, Linda Barriatua Guiles, Joey Haas, Chris Hill, Patxi Kerns, Kristina Knox, Seth LaCrone, Nick Larrea, Mary Jo Asumendi Larzelier, Romaine Leichtfuss, Kelly Mai, Jeremy Malone, Nekane McGarvie, Helen M Olson, Kathy Olson, Emily Pape, Joe Plaza, Marilyn Sarasqueta, Debbie Navarro Smith, Ann Swindell, Michael Thompson, Brenda Totorica, Sarah Knoble- Totorica, Ted Totorica, Mara Totorica, Louis Uranga, Maite Uranga, Michael Watson, Kodi Woods, Amy Wray, Josie Wray, Rod Wray, Teresa Yragui

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Lael Uberuaga,
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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, March 20**, to appear in the next newsletter. For mailing address changes, contact Patty Gabica at secretary@basquecenter.com.

2023 EUZKALDUNAK EVENTS

3/12, 3/19, 4/2, 4/15: Euzkaldunak Briska Tournament

3/18: March Mus Dinner & 8-Kings Mus Finals

4/15: April Anniversary Dinner

5/20: May Mother's Day Dinner

7/20-28 Udaleku

7/28-7/30 San Inazio Festival

9/16: September Dinner

10/14: October Dinner

10/29: Children's Halloween Party

10/31-11/3: Morzilla Prep & Cooking

11/4: Morzilla Dinner/Bazaar/Bingo

12/3 Children's Christmas Party

12/16: Shepherders Ball