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Monthly Member Newsletter

## **FROM THE KITCHEN**

The April Anniversary Dinner is scheduled for [Saturday, April 19](#). The dinner will be prepared by Chef Jesus Alcey and hosted by the Center for Basque Studies. The doors will open to the dining room at 5:45 PM and dinner served buffet-style at 6:30 PM. Prior to making your way to the check in table, please pick up your reservation ticket in the hall so that you may pay in cash, check, or credit card at the door. You may prepay online with your reservation.

### ***April 2025 Anniversary Dinner Menu:***

Tossed salad with Oñati dressing  
Hand-carved flank steak with green pepper-corn & chimichurri sauce  
Alaskan cod with clam salsa verde  
Patatas and chorizo ala Riojana  
Amuma's rice pudding  
Homemade bread and butter  
Wine and coffee

### ***Dinner Prices***

Adults (11 and up): \$25  
Children (10 and under): \$10.  
Babysitting \$10 per child.

Reserve for dinner on the Basque Center website, [basquecenter.com/monthly-dinner](http://basquecenter.com/monthly-dinner). If you are unable to make your reservation online, text or call 208-572-0604. Babysitting service is available for children ages 1-10 by reservation only. Children must remain in the basement through dinner. Children may not join the fun downstairs if they are not registered with your dinner reservation. Children who do not need babysitting may sit

upstairs with their family. The deadline for reservations is 8 PM on [Tuesday, April 15](#). Reservations called into the bar, emailed, or left after 8 PM on Tuesday, April 15, will not be accepted. To cancel all or part of your reservation, or to be placed on a wait list after the deadline text or call 208-572-0604.

## **MARCH DINNER THANK YOU**

Eskerrik Askto Jesus Alcey, Miren Urresti Laughrin, and help from the Cottonwood Grille team preparing and serving a delicious meal! Eskerrik Askto the Euzkaldunak Board of Directors, family, & friends for hosting the March Mus/Feast of St Joseph dinner. Special thanks to:

Mark Bieter  
Jessica Bilbao  
Amaya Donahue  
Mike Franzoia  
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Ricardo Yanci

## **DINNER HOSTS**

Basque Foundation Inc. would like to thank the families and organizations who have acted as hosts for a monthly dinner. We are always in need of additional assistance. Please email [vicepresident@basquecenter.com](mailto:vicepresident@basquecenter.com) to get involved!

**2025 NABO MUS (4-KINGS) QUALIFIER TOURNAMENTS**

- 4/12 Oinkari (must be/have been an Oinkari)
- 4/26 Santa Rosa (Paradise Valley, NV)
- 5/3 Basque Museum
- 5/24 Ontario
- 6/14 NABO Finals (Los Banos)

**UDALEKU 2025 IN ELKO**

Udaleku (formerly Basque Music Camp) will be held in Elko, NV June 22-July 4. This year’s theme is Bizkaia! All participants must be 10 years old on or before September 1, 2025, and the maximum age is 15. Cost is \$515. Applications open at 6 PM on March 1 and spots fill up fast, so mark your calendar. For more information and to fill out the Intent to Participate Application, visit the NABO website via this link: [bit.ly/udaleku25](http://bit.ly/udaleku25).

**BASQUE CENTER BLOOD DRIVES**

It’s not just a sneaking suspicion, Basques have special blood. With some of the highest concentrations of both O and Rh negative types, we have something that sets us apart. We can make a difference in the lives of others by donating our special blood right in the Basque Center Dance Hall. Come down and save a life on [April 14](#), [June 9](#), [August 11](#), [October 13](#), and [December 8](#) (all Mondays). You can schedule now at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or in the American Red Cross Blood Donor app with the sponsor code *basque*.

**RUNNING OF THE BARS-JULY 12**

Join us for Boise’s best Basque bar crawl! Grab your whites and red gerriko, pañuelo, and txapela and meet us on the Basque Block at 5 PM for a fun evening benefiting the Basque Museum & Cultural Center. For more information and to purchase your tickets and t-shirt, visit [basquemuseum.eus/rotb](http://basquemuseum.eus/rotb)



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**SPRING SHOW THANK YOU**

Thanks to everyone who came out and watched our Basque Block performance on March 9! The kids were great! We really appreciate the support from our families and friends.

We couldn't have done it without all the massive help we received during the spring season and on the day of the performance. Thanks to Rod Wray for supplying and setting up the sound equipment, to Chris Bieter for being emcee, to Annie Gavica for helping us close Grove Street, and to Txantxangorriak for their opening set. Thanks to all the teachers and musicians that worked hard these past couple of months - it paid off at the end! We also appreciate the parent volunteers that helped to bring out chairs and collect the canned donations for the food bank. Lastly, we want to thank the Euzkaldunak board for their support all season!

As a reminder, Boiseko Gazteak is on a break until summer. We will plan to have two practices on July 28 & 29 leading up to Jaialdi 2025. Enjoy the spring!

**EUZKALDUNAK. 8-KINGS MUS**  
**TOURNAMENT**

The Euzkaldunak 8-King Mus tournament was completed on Saturday, March 15, at the Basque Center. Twenty two teams participated and over the course of the tournament they were narrowed down to 5 teams:

- Javier Arrieta / Jose Mari Eguren
  - Edu Sarria / Steve Achabal
  - Nick Bicandi / Xanti Alcelay
  - Sabino Beascochea / Sergio Gabicagogeascoa
  - Sean Aucutt / John Krakau
- At the end of the tournament, the team of Javier Arrieta & Jose Mari Eguren were Bigarrenak, with Edu Sarria & Steve Achabal crowned Txapeldunak.

## **JAIALDI 2025 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

The long wait is over, and Jaialdi 2025 is on the calendar! If you would like to join us in making this festival the most memorable yet, you can volunteer just yourself, get your family members rallied together, or find a group of friends that would love to work together. We are looking for volunteers to help sell merchandise, food, & beer. Jaialdi 2025 will be taking place July 29 - August 3, and all of the activities will be done on the Basque Block, as well as at Expo Idaho. There are no admission tickets for the events happening down on the block. However, events held at Expo will require admission. If you volunteer for a shift at Expo, you will receive one admission ticket per volunteer. This year we're using SignUp to organize our Jaialdi 2025 Volunteers. Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

- 1) Click the links to see our SignUp opportunities
- 2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.
- 3) Sign up! It's Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on SignUp

Basque Block: [signup.com/go/RRNxcUC](https://signup.com/go/RRNxcUC)

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Merchandise booths: [signup.com/go/jPuYqLD](https://signup.com/go/jPuYqLD)

## **YOUNG EUSKALDUN SEEKS THE BOISE EXPERIENCE**

Ander Etxaniz Zabaleta from Antzuola, Gipuzkoa would like to visit Boise this summer to volunteer and meet new people! He is 16 and is interested in Basque dancing and sports. He works well with children or adults and is energetic and enthusiastic. He is a native speaker of Euskara and Spanish and has been studying English and French since he was a young child. He is looking into coming July 1 through the first week of August. While here, Ander will be a volunteer at the Museum and a teacher at Pilota Camp. Please consider lodging him for any part of his trip. If you are able to help host Ander—even for 7-10 days please contact Juliana Aldape ([julaldape@gmail.com](mailto:julaldape@gmail.com) or 208-850-8687) who can provide more information.



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## JAIALDI CORNER

### Volunteer signups are open!

Jaialdi 2025 volunteer shifts are now open, and we'd love to have you on the team! From pouring beer at the Basque Block to serving up Basque food or working the merch booth at Expo Idaho, there are plenty of ways to get involved. Plus, volunteers who sign up for an Expo Idaho shift will receive a free admission ticket for the day of their shift—perfect for enjoying the festival before or after you volunteer! Grab your friends or family and make it a group effort. No prior experience is necessary, and you can sign up now at [www.jaialdi.com/get-involved/volunteer/](http://www.jaialdi.com/get-involved/volunteer/)

### Jaialdi tickets on sale

Tickets to Jaialdi events, including Festara and Dantzaldi, are live on the website! Check the [Schedule & Tickets](#) page for details. Tickets are sold directly through the participating venues (Idaho Central Arena & Expo Idaho) but all ticket purchase links are listed on the Jaialdi website for easy access. *Note: Sports Night tickets are sold out, but some resale tickets are available. Unfortunately, Jaialdi has no control over resale prices offered.*

Don't forget to follow Jaialdi on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Threads](#) for the latest updates!

### ATEAK IREKI RECIPROCAL TRIP

If you have ever been interested in hosting a teenager or young adult from the Basque Country, now is your chance! Ateak Ireki, the popular program that has sent American teenagers and young adults to the Goierri Valley in Gipuzkoa the past 3 summers, is organizing a return trip for some of the teenagers and young adults from the host families in Goierri. They are looking for families in the Treasure Valley or broader southern Idaho that would be interested in hosting one or more young people from the Basque Country for a few weeks this summer.

There is no set program, the goal would be for the guests to experience daily life in Idaho. The program organizers have asked that all participants attend Jaialdi, but outside of that there are no required activities. This is a great opportunity for your young people to build lifelong relationships with young people in Euskal Herria! If you are interested in learning more, please reach out to Monique Flesher, the Ateak Ireki NABO chairperson, at [moniqueflesher@gmail.com](mailto:moniqueflesher@gmail.com).

### FIGHTING BASQUES: HONORING THE LEGACY OF BASQUE WWII HEROES

Since 2015, the non-profit history association Sancho de Beurko has led the international research project "Fighting Basques: Memory of World War II". The project sheds light on the vital contributions of Basques from both the Homeland and the diaspora to the Allied war effort in countries such as Australia, France, the former Soviet Union, the United Kingdom, and the United States during World War II. Sancho de Beurko's efforts also focuses on commemoration, education, and advocacy, ensuring that the stories of the brave men and women who sacrificed their lives for our freedoms are remembered. N.A.B.O.'s WWII Special Committee is seeking your club's active participation and support to spread the word about our plans to complete the research on WWII American veterans of Basque descent and eventually establish a physical memorial honoring these Basque WWII veterans. N.A.B.O. has launched a fundraising campaign to cover the costs of the final stage of research by

## **FIGHTING BASQUES, CONTINUED**

2025-2026, so that efforts could then turn to building "The National Basque World War II Veterans Memorial." Your help is essential to achieve this goal. Your club can make a very positive impact so our veterans will never be forgotten.

Our mission is to honor the valor, sacrifice, and enduring legacy of Basque WWII veterans recognizing their profound contributions to freedom and democracy. Through commemorations, education, and advocacy, we pledge to ensure their stories are remembered, their sacrifices acknowledged, and their courage celebrated for generations to come. Your financial support is essential to complete the final stage of the research and to establish the first National Basque World War II Veterans Memorial in the country by 2026. In addition, your donations will also guarantee the long-term maintenance of the memorial once it is built.



To donate, scan or click the QR code, or send a check payable to N.A.B.O. WWII Veterans Memorial Fund to:

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Your contribution to support this project is tax-deductible Educational Fund of North American Basque Organizations Inc. (EIN: 82-0489192). All donors donating in excess of \$1,000 will be recognized on a Donor wall unless they choose otherwise. Might you have a family member who served on behalf of the United States in WWII. You can search the database here: [fightingbasques.net/en-us/Search-Veterans](https://fightingbasques.net/en-us/Search-Veterans)  
Note: that you must have the exact spelling of the name of the veteran. If you aren't sure how they would have enlisted, contact Dr. Pedro Oiarzabal at [sanchobeurko@gmail.com](mailto:sanchobeurko@gmail.com) and he can search the database for you.

Thank you, eskerrik asko for your support.  
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## EUZKALDUNAK PHOTOS WANTED

We all use our cell phones to take a lot of pictures, but have you thought about sharing those photos with future generations? We have a large collection of historical pictures (San Inazio, Oinkari dancing, Morzilla making, Mus Dinner, etc.) from past eras, but will our children have pictures of this era? Do you have photos from past Euzkaldunak events? We are interested in any pictures that capture our rich history and/or our current activities. They can include photos from local events like Jaialdi, San Inazio, Shepherders Ball, monthly dinners, etc., or anything that involves our member activities like Boiseko Gazteak, Txantxangorriak, Aiztan Artean, Biotzetik, or Oinkari Dancers. Historical photos of the Basque Center facility are always appreciated as well. Your submissions (if necessary) will be digitally scanned, archived and placed on the website. If you have photos to share, please contact Ed Orbea at [photos@basquecenter.com](mailto:photos@basquecenter.com) or Ricardo Yanci at [yanciricardo@gmail.com](mailto:yanciricardo@gmail.com).

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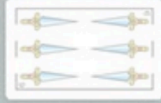
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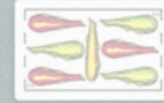
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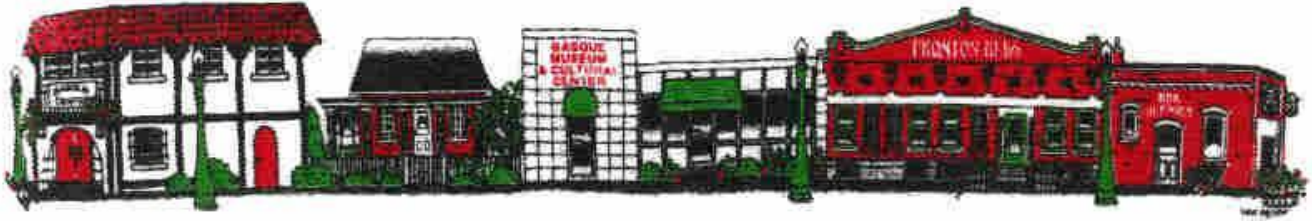
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Jaclyn Lasuen,  
Newsletter Editor

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### **2025 EUZKALDUNAK EVENTS**

**3/9–4/6:** Euzkaldunak Briska Tournament  
**4/19:** Anniversary Dinner/Dance & Briska Finals  
**5/17:** Mother's Day/Legacy Award Dinner  
**7/26:** Basque Open Golf Tournament  
**7/29–8/2:** Jaialdi

**9/20:** September Welcome Back Dinner  
**10/18:** October Dinner  
**11/8:** Morzilla Dinner / Bazaar / Bingo  
**12/20:** Shepherders Ball