



EUZKALDUNAK

2025

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Monthly Member Newsletter

FROM THE KITCHEN

The Mother's Day Dinner is scheduled for [Saturday, May 17](#). The dinner will be prepared by Chef Jesus Alcelay and hosted by the Ansotegui Family. 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.

May Dinner Menu:

Ensalada mixta

New York strip loin served with béarnaise and chimichurri, carved on the buffet

White fish a la Romana

Garlic mashed potatoes

Dessert

Bread and butter

Wine and coffee

Dinner Prices

Adults (11 and up): \$25

Children (10 and under): \$10

Babysitting \$10 per child.

Reserve at basquecenter.com/monthly-dinner. If you are unable to make your reservation online, text or call 208-572-0604. The deadline for reservations is [Tuesday, May 13](#) by 8 PM. Reservations called into the bar, emailed, or left after 8 PM Tuesday, May 13 will not be accepted. To cancel all or part of your reservation, or to be placed on a wait list after the reservation deadline text or call 208-572-0604.



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MAY DINNER, CONTINUED

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.

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 to get involved!

APRIL DINNER THANK YOU

Eskerrik Askto Jesus Alcelay, Cindy Schaffeld, and the Cottonwood Grille team for preparing and serving a delicious meal!

Eskerrik Askto the Center for Basque Studies, Dr. John Bieter, Dr. Ziortza Gandarias, their students & friends for hosting the Anniversary Dinner.

Eskerrik Askto Triki-Taka-Stomp for guiding a Sing-A-Long, and playing music for the after-dinner dance.

2025 BRISKA TOURNAMENT

The 2025 Euzkaldunak Briska Tournament culminated on Saturday, April 20, with 5 teams entering the playoffs: Carmen & Ava Achabal, Tyler Smith & Mary Lasuen, Mikel & Nicholas Asla, Jeremy & Alicia Knox, and Alenna Knox & Alberto Bilbao. Zorionak to the Txapeldunak, Mikel & Nicholas Asla, for the second year in a row!

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 [July 12](#) at 5 PM for a fun evening benefiting the Basque Museum & Cultural Center. Start your training now-top competitors will win fabulous prizes! But don't spend all your fun tickets in the bars, also join Triki-Taka-Stomp on the dance floor afterward. For more information and to purchase your tickets and t-shirt, visit basquemuseum.eus/rotb.

2025 NABO MUS (4-KINGS) QUALIFIER TOURNAMENTS

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 are open and spots are filling up fast. For more information and to fill out the Intent to Participate Application, visit the NABO website via this link: bit.ly/udaleku25.

UDALEKU SCHOLARSHIPS:

The Board of Directors is considering scholarships for Udaleku participants. To apply for an Udaleku scholarship, please write a letter to the board explaining why you wish to attend Udaleku in Elko. Send your letter to secretary@basquecenter.com, or by mail to Udaleku Scholarship, 601 W Grove St, Boise, ID 83702. All letters need to be received by June 10, 2025.

SAN JUAN EGUNA BASQUE FESTIVAL

Txoko Ona, Homedale, ID

Saturday, June 21

Free Admission

12 PM | Tony Larrocea 8 King Mus Tournament

5 PM | Gates Open

6-7:30 PM | Dance & Musical Performances the Oinkari Basque Dancers, Herribatza Danzariak and Txantxangorriak

7:30 PM | Children & Adult Games

Live Music to follow by Triki-Taka-Stomp

Sunset | Bonfire & Performance of San Juan Zortziko

Chairs and shade canopies are welcome. Please leave pets and outside food and beverages at home.

Mus: contact John Lejardi to learn more about the tournament. (208) 573-2495

Learn more at txokoona.org/san-juan-eguna



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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.

NEW EUZKALDUNAK MEMBERS

Lauren Artis	Sandra Larson
Becky Arte-Howell	Samuel Larson
Mary Howell	Angelica Gonzalez Uribarri
Marie Urrutia Hodge	Phil Uberuaga, Jr.
Michael Knox	Anne Worrall

LA ORGANIZACIÓN INDEPENDIENTE SOCIALE

La Organización Independiente Sociale (LOIS) was formed in 1933 by a combination of immigrants and first generation Basque pioneer women in order to support women taking care of their families. There were already two organizations of this kind that were open to men only, in our area. This club was open to Women only and in subsequent years non-Basques married to Basque men. In its heyday, there were approximately 300 members of LOIS. The organization's chief goal was to provide a source of money to help families with funeral expenses in the event of the death of a member. Financial support for the group was provided by annual dues, special one time collections, dances, dinners and get-togethers such as picnics. As the years progressed, the economy improved, people became more mobile, and membership numbers decreased. Closed to new members in 1980's—a formality only as there had been no inquiries for years—a study revealed the average age of members was 76! In late 2024, a survey of members was done and there was a unanimous vote to dissolve LOIS. Membership at that time was 50 women. Once the members received their benefits, the remaining monies were divided between two tax exempt entities, chosen by LOIS board as well as membership: both Euzkaldunak and the Basque Museum & Cultural Center received equal donations from the Organization. LOIS officers have requested that the donation be applied to improving the kitchen area and adding a donation plaque to honor LOIS in perpetua. The same founders of LOIS 92 years ago were later constant fixtures in the Basque Center kitchen serving meals for the membership. We remain grateful to our pioneer Amumas!

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Marie Louisa (Zatica) Cortabitarte
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JAIALDI CORNER

Volunteer at Jaialdi

If you're ready to get involved in celebrating and perpetuating Basque culture, we're ready for you to volunteer at Jaialdi! No prior experience is needed, and you don't have to be Basque or be a club member to volunteer. Bonus: Volunteers who sign up for a shift at Expo Idaho will receive a free admission ticket for the day of their shift. Get a group of friends, family, or coworkers together and sign up as a group. It's a great way to enjoy the festival from an insider's perspective while also lending a hand in pulling off a massive group effort. Sign up for a shift or two today on the [Volunteer page](#) at [jaialdi.com](#) and help us make Jaialdi 2025 unforgettable.

Get your tickets soon!

Tickets for Jaialdi's ticketed events are on sale now, and we strongly encourage you to buy early. A special highlight this year is Saturday's Dantzaldi. Several Basque music groups will perform at Dantzaldi, including Basque rock band GATIBU, who will stop in Boise as part of their farewell tour. Full details are on the [Schedule & Tickets page](#) at [jaialdi.com](#). Ticket purchases are through the venues directly, but all the buying links are available on the website for your convenience.

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

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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 or Ricardo Yanci at yanciricardo@gmail.com.

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 interested in Boise's activities 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. While here, Ander will be a volunteer at the Museum and a teacher at Pilota Camp. If you or someone you know can offer accommodations, we are still looking for housing July 22-August 8. If you are able to help host Ander—even for part of his stay—please contact Juliana Aldape (julaldape@gmail.com or 208-850-8687) who can provide more information.

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BOISE FRONTON NEWS

Spring pala finals May 17–

The Boise Fronton Association's spring pala season is almost over, with 47 men's and women's pala players competing in their league tournaments. The tournament final games for all leagues will take place on May 17 and will be played as follows:

- Women's Final: 1 PM
- Men's B Final: 2 PM
- Men's A Final: 3 PM

The May 17 finals are open to the public and free to attend. Come and support your local pala players before the monthly member dinner!

Summer 2025 pilota events–

This summer will be full of pilota! Pilotariak from both the Basque Country and the U.S. will bring esku pilota and pala to the Boise Fronton during the last week of July, and plans are coming together for pilota summer camps. Watch social media and this newsletter for finalized schedules in the coming months!

Fall 2025 pala leagues–

Our next pala league season begins in September. If you have any interest in playing pala for the fall 2025 season (beginners welcome!), please contact


boisefronton@gmail.com by August 31.

MAY ZORIONAK

If you don't see your birthday during your birthday month and would like it to show up on this list, please email secretary@basquecenter.com so it can be added to our database.

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Jaclyn Lasuen,
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, June 16**, to appear in the next newsletter. For mailing address changes, contact Patty Gabica at secretary@basquecenter.com.

2025 EUZKALDUNAK EVENTS

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