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Monthly Member Newsletter

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**The General Secretary for Foreign Affairs
Has the honor of inviting you to a reception hosted by**

Imanol Pradales Gil, the Lehendakari of Euskadi

on the occasion of his visit to Jaialdi Festival in Boise
on Friday, August 1, at 12 PM
at the Boise Centre on the Grove, West Main Lobby
(850 W. Front Street, Boise).

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R.S.V.P by July 24th
Please follow the link <https://forms.gle/cFHCGK12iTGVdKQb7>
(Pintxos & beverages will be served. Casual attire)

BIZKAIAN GOVERNMENT GATHERING

You are invited to a special ***Bizkaian Gathering of Gratitude*** to be hosted by the Government of Bizkaia and the elected Head of Government, Elixabete Etxanobe, on Saturday, August 2 at the Idaho State Museum in Julia Davis Park (free parking). Doors open at 5 PM with a 5:30-7 PM program of Bizkaian artists. Following the program, our caterers will serve complimentary food and drink. Please join us to meet Elixabete Etxanobe and the Bizkaian delegation. Space is limited to 250 people. Please RSVP your attendance and all names to ekitaldiak@bizkaia.eus

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED

If you are a Eucharistic Minister and are willing to assist at Jaialdi mass, please contact Patty Gabica at secretary@basquecenter.com.

NABO MUS FINALS

Mus finals for the North American Basque Organization took place June 14 in Los Banos, California. The two teams representing Boise Euzkaldunak, Sergio Gabicagogeascoa/Andres Lejardi and Steve Achabal/Edu Sarria played well to reach the playoffs and semi-finals where they played against each other. Team Achabal/Sarria advanced to the finals table to play against Tony Huarte/Carmen Salaburu (SFBCC) for the National Mus Championship and a trip to Argentina for the International MUS Championship. Their valiant efforts were overcome by Huarte/Salaburu and Achabal/Sarria came in 2nd place in the finals. Congratulations to Steve Achabal and Edu Sarria for their outstanding play and representation of Boise Euzkaldunak at the NABO Mus Finals!

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!



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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.

BASQUE MUSEUM PILOTA CAMP

Registration open for pilota camp for kids age 8-15, July 22-25. Cost is \$80 per child. Lur & Naroa will again be joining us this year for pilota camp to teach beginners and advanced players alike. Camp times depend on age, so please see the link to sign up. Call the Basque Museum 208-343-2671 for more information.

BOISE FRONTON NEWS

San Inazio 2025 Pilota Events

There will be scheduled weekday games this year for San Inazio week! Local, domestic and international pilota players will be seen in the Anduiza Fronton beginning Tuesday, July 29th. Pala and esku pilota games will be played at all levels including the return of the Women's Euskal Herria 4 ½ professional handball tournament this year featuring Olatz Arrizabalaga, Enara Gaminde, Amaia Alday and Itxaso Erasun. For the latest schedule for pilota at the Anduiza Fronton visit the Basque Block website:

<https://www.thebasqueblock.com/pilota>

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.

OINKARI MERCHANDISE—STRUT YOUR STUFF AT JAIALDI!

Has your favorite Oinkari shirt turned into a painting smock or a sweaty gym tee? Oinkaris have been digging in the archives—and our parents' garages—to find logos from our past to bring right into Jaialdi 2025. See if you recognize any of these graphics from your dancing days! Check our work at oinkari.org/apparel to let us know if we're missing a good one and to order your new swag today!

BOISEKO GAZTEAK NEWS

Boiseko Gazteak is on a break until Jaialdi. Our next practices will be at 7 PM on Monday, July 28 and Tuesday, July 29 in the usual locations. Our Jaialdi performance will take place on Saturday, August 2 (time TBD) at Expo Idaho. Further information will be sent out via email as the performance approaches.

Parents, if you are not receiving periodic emails with information about Boiseko, please email boiseko@basquecenter.com with your email address and child's name.

"THE FAR REACH OF YESTERDAY" LAUNCH PARTY

Welcome all book lovers! Christine Echeverria Bender's latest historic novel "The Far Reach of Yesterday" (primarily set in Idaho City in 1864) will be available at a special book launch party on Sunday, July 27 at 7:00 p.m. at the Idaho State Museum. There will be a live Bluegrass Band, hand pies, drinks and lots of fun. Your family members and friends are welcome!

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 [August 11](#), [October 13](#), and [December 8](#) (all Mondays). You can schedule now at redcrossblood.org or in the American Red Cross Blood Donor app with the sponsor code *basque*.



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BASQUE CENTER CLOSET CLEANING

Jaialdi is coming and we are busy preparing. One of the items on the to-do list is clearing the Lost and Found on the shelf of the coat rack in the bar. If any of these items are yours, you have until July 10 to pick them up. Not all items are pictured! Any remaining items will be donated or thrown away. So if you want to keep it, come and get it!!



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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.

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 or Ricardo Yanci at yanciricardo@gmail.com.



JAIALDI CORNER: THE FINAL COUNTDOWN!

Volunteer and get a shirt!

The clock is ticking and we still have volunteer shifts to fill! As a reminder, there are no paid employees that put on Jaialdi; **this festival is 100% volunteer-driven and we need help from all Euzkaldunak members!** To sweeten the deal this year, volunteers will receive an exclusive Jaialdi volunteer t-shirt (not available to the general public) to help rep the volunteer spirit that makes so many of our beloved Boise Basque events happen. More information about the free shirt will be added to the Volunteer page as details are finalized. Sign up for your shift at jaialdi.com/get-involved/volunteer/ today!

Herri Kirolak at Expo Idaho

Missed out on Sports Night tickets? *Lasai*, there's still plenty of action to catch at Jaialdi. Our international athletes will be showing off their strength and skill in *herri kirolak* competitions not only at Sports Night, but also during Basque-ing at Expo Idaho on Saturday and Sunday. You can buy Expo tickets on the [Tickets](#) page of the website, or get two tickets included with a Friends of Jaialdi sponsorship ...more on that below!

Friends of Jaialdi

Looking for another way to support Jaialdi 2025? Become a Friend of Jaialdi with a \$500 donation and enjoy some great perks: your name (or a family member or dedication) listed on the Jaialdi website, two tickets to Dantzaldi, and two tickets each for Saturday and Sunday at Basque-ing at Expo. Make a dedication in your name, your family's, or in honor of someone special. Learn more or sign up at jaialdi.com/become-a-sponsor. The deadline for all Friends of Jaialdi sponsorships is **June 30, 2025**.

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Jaclyn Lasuen,
Newsletter Editor

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2025 EUZKALDUNAK EVENTS

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
12/7: Boiseko Winter Performance
12/20: Shepherders Ball