



EUZKALDUNAK

2026 URTARRILA
JANUARY
Monthly Member Newsletter

FROM THE KITCHEN

On Saturday, [January 24, 2026](#), Euzkaldunak will have its General Membership Dinner. The January dinner will be hosted by Boiseko Ikastola.

Cocktails are at 6 PM with dinner served at 6:30 PM and the general meeting and elections to follow at 7:30 PM.

January Dinner Menu:

- Tossed Salad
- Amuma's Meatballs
- Cod Koskera
- Garbanzos w/chorizo
- Bread & Butter
- Dessert
- Coffee & Wine

The January Membership dinner is a FREE dinner for all adult members who have paid their 2026 dues by [January 15, 2026](#). No membership renewals will be taken on the night of the dinner. No children and no non-member guests are allowed. Membership cards are required for easy admittance, so be sure to bring yours! Reservations are now required for this dinner. With the continuing rise in food costs, it is necessary for us to have an accurate head count so the chef can prepare the appropriate number of meals. To make your dinner reservation, please fill out the reservation form at basquecenter.com/monthly-dinner including your name, phone number and the names of all those in your party, or text/call with that information at 208-572-0604. There will be no babysitting service available.

BOARD MEMBER NOMINATIONS

The directors of Basque Foundation Inc. are eager to recruit directors with fresh perspectives and ideas. Every year there are five vacant positions up for election. All directors are elected to a two-year term. The 2026-2028 board of directors election will be held during the business meeting following the [January 24, 2026](#) dinner. We invite you to submit early nominations to the corporate secretary no later than [January 10](#). You can nominate yourself! While nominations will be taken from the floor at the members-only dinner, nominations made prior to the dinner allow the secretary to verify each nominee and get their acceptance of the nomination. If you're interested in running or in learning more about the responsibilities of being on the Board of Directors, please contact the President (president@basquecenter.com) or the Secretary (secretary@basquecenter.com).

2026 MEMBERSHIP DUES

If you have not yet paid your 2026 membership dues, your membership is now expired. Renewal dues for 2026 are \$50 per adult until [January 31](#). To renew memberships send/drop off a check or cash to the Basque Center bar. Please contact secretary@basquecenter.com for new memberships, which are \$60. Those who do not renew memberships by January 31, are considered new members. No membership dues will be accepted at the January dinner as it is only open to members who have paid by January 15.

BASQUE CENTER DECORATIONS

Many thanks to Bryan Day and Albert Totorica for decorating for Christmas in the basement and the exterior of the Basque Center. The same is extended to the Basque Foundation Board & Staff for the interior decorations. Inside and out and top to bottom, our home has a festive look!

2026 GENERAL MEETING & ELECTIONS

The general meeting, which serves as the annual membership meeting for all Euzkaldunak members, begins at 7:30 PM on [January 24](#). The agenda will include:

2025 Financial Report

Euzkaldunak Activities Report

2025 NABO Report

2025 Jaialdi Report

Announcement of Euzkaldunak Board

Announcement of the Euzkaldunak NABO representative.

The five Directors completing their term are Isana Bengoetxea, Joseba Criswell, Mike Franzoia, , Travis Wright, & Ricardo Yanci. We appreciate all their contributions for the betterment of the Basque Center and the Basque community.

MORZILLAK FOR SALE

Come by the Basque Center Bar and pick up a package of this year's morzillak! Morzillak are frozen so you don't have to rush home, you can stay for a drink at the Bar. Price is \$10 for a package of 4 morzillak, or \$18 for two packages.

DECEMBER DINNER/SHEEPHERDERS BALL THANK YOU

A big thank you to the Boise United Rugby Club for hosting the December Holiday dinner last month. The December dinner is always very well-attended and busy, so we very much appreciate the help! A special thank you to Rick & Sharon Gutierrez of Gutierrez Family Farm for the donation of this year's lamb. Thanks to the Auctioneer, Kurt Weitz, and auction spotters, Steve Achabal, Martin Bilbao, Johnny Boyd, Ryan Boyd, Jeremy Malone, and Tyler Smith. Thank you to the Basque Foundation Board & Staff and milesker to Amuma Says No and hori bai! for providing the dance music!

SHEEPHERDERS BALL DONATIONS

(Received to date)

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SHEEPHERDERS BALL DONATIONS, CONTINUED

Theresa Toward
Louis & Jean Uranga
Matt Wilsey

DINNER RESERVATIONS

Reservations for monthly dinners open at noon on the first day of the month in which the dinner falls. They close at 8 PM on the Tuesday prior to the Saturday dinner. It is preferred that you make your reservations through the Basque Center website. If you are unable to do so, please text or call your reservation to the phone number in the newsletter. Reservations need to include your name and phone number, and the names of all those in your dinner party. Thank you!

JAIALDI MERCH UP FOR GRABS AT JANUARY DINNER

Sometimes it really does pay to be an Euzkaldunak member. Not only do you get your annual members dinner when you renew, but this year you'll also have a chance to pick up some free 2025 Jaialdi merchandise as a small thank-you for all the time and heart our members volunteered this summer to make Jaialdi 2025 a success! We still have a selection of leftover Jaialdi merchandise items, and we would much rather see them used and enjoyed than stored away until the next Jaialdi, so we are giving the rest away! During the January members dinner, everything will be set out upstairs in the card room, and members are welcome to take what they like. Quantities will be limited, so it will be first come, first served. Come browse, grab something fun, and help us give the last of the Jaialdi swag a good home.

58th ANNUAL CALDWELL EUZKALDUNAK CHARITY DANCE

The Caldwell Euzkaldunak Charity Organization will hold its main fundraiser on **Saturday, January 17** at the O'Conner Field House in Caldwell. A traditional Basque dinner for 500 guests will be served followed by performances by the Txantxangorriak Musicians, Herribatza Dantzariak, and the Oinkari Basque Dancers. This year's co-chairmen are Zac Taylor and Cameron



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CALDWELL CHARITY DANCE, CONTINUED

Gabiola. There will be a live auction, a lamb auction, and a silent auction. Afterwards the floor will be opened up for dancing. Pre-sold dinner tickets cost \$45 and will get you in the door to enjoy the festivities and the traditional Basque meal. Sodas and chorizos will be available for sale and there will be a no-host bar. Contacts for tickets or to donate to the fundraiser are:

Jared Asumendi (208) 249-2537

Brennan Gabiola (208) 989-1952

Chris Clary at (208) 488-5803.

You can buy Raffle and Dinner Tickets online at caldwellbasquecharities.square.site. The money collected at this event returns to the community to help those in need. Please come out and enjoy this Charity Event! The doors open at 5 PM and the food line starts about 6 PM. IKUSI ARTE!

NABO EUSKARA CLASSES

Is learning Basque one of your 2026 New Year's resolutions? Are you hoping to continue your Euskara learning in the new year? Well, NABO Euskara has you covered. Registration for Spring classes is now open with a myriad of beginner levels to choose from. Deadline to register is **January 10** so don't miss out! For complete information on each level, registration, or to learn more at our website at www.naboeuskara.org/registration. Be sure to explore the website for more information and FAQs. There are also Euskara classes offered at some of our [NABO member clubs](#). For information on these, please visit the [Basque Museum and Cultural Center](#), [Txoko Ona](#), [Zazpiak Bat Basque Club](#) in Reno, and [Basque Club of Utah](#).

VALENTINE'S ART AND WINE NIGHT

This Valentine's look no further for a fun date night or evening with friends! Come on down to the museum on **February 12** at 6 PM for a unique art project using pressed flowers. Special guest artist, Lindsay Rae, will guide you through the process of creating beautiful Basque symbols with an array of dried flowers. Register early and lock in your spot! Member discount available-contact abbyg@basquemuseum.eus.

EUSKAL KAZETA PAID MEDIA INTERN WANTED

The college student intern will be responsible for writing news articles and producing social media posts relating to the Basque culture for the non-profit news organization Euskal Kazeta. The intern will work under the guidance of professional journalists, but strong self-management skills are needed. The intern is expected to have a strong interest in the Basque culture. The job will be remote and you can set your own hours. We expect 5-7 hours a week. Some flexibility in job responsibilities exists as this is a small business and could also use help with different facets of the business. Other possibilities include video production, photography, fundraising and grant writing. Student must have ability to write engaging and accurate content and conduct research. \$575 stipend paid at end of internship, which runs for eight weeks, February-April 2026. Apply online via the Handshake application or send your resume with a cover letter to euskalkazeta@gmail.com.

Application Deadline: **January 23, 2026**

BASQUE MUSEUM BRISKA NIGHT

Join us on **January 8** at 6 PM for an open game night- featuring Briska! No experience required and if you are an old pro, it is your chance to come and show your skills. This event is FREE and open to all.

BASQUE CENTER BLOOD DRIVES

Please consider donating blood to save lives at the Basque Center! Donors will be welcomed on February 2, April 6, June 8, August 10, October 12, and December 7 (all Mondays) in the Dance Hall between 1 and 6PM. Visit redcrossblood.org or use the Blood Donor app and the sponsor code *Basque*.



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Sunday, January 4 @ 3:30 PM

Sunday, January 11 @ 3:30 PM

Sunday, January 18 @ 3:30 PM

Sunday, January 25 @ 3:30 PM

Sunday, February 1 @ 3:30 PM

Finals - Saturday, March 14 @ 2:00 PM

Mus / Feast of St Joseph Dinner:

Saturday, March 14 @ 6:00 PM

You must be a Euzkaldunak Member to participate

No Cost to Participate

Sign Up Forms at the Basque Center Bar

2026 Euzkaldunak NABO (4-Kings) Mus Tournament

Saturday Feb 7 @ 8:30am

*Cost: \$40.00 (inc lunch) per entrant
Sign Up Forms at Basque Center Bar*

(601 W Grove St, Boise ID 83702)



EUZKALDUNAK BRiSKA TXAPELKETA

THE BASQUE CENTER, BOISE ID

Sunday, March 8 @ 4:30 PM

Sunday, March 15 @ 4:30 PM

Sunday, March 22 @ 4:30 PM

Finals - Saturday, April 18 @ 2:00 PM



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BOISEKO GAZTEAK 2025-2026

The dancers did a great job at the Winter Show performance on December 7! Thanks for the support from all the families and friends in the audience. The lively outdoor atmosphere was amazing! We couldn't have done it without all the massive help we received during the fall 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, and to Txantxangorriak for their opening set. Thanks to all the teachers and musicians that worked hard throughout the fall - it paid off at the end! We also appreciate the parent volunteers for their chorizo prep and distribution, helping to bring out chairs, and collecting the canned donations for the food bank. Lastly, we want to thank Euzkaldunak and the Basque Museum for helping us close the street, providing the chorizos, and arranging the surprise visit from Olentzero!

As a reminder, we are on a break until 2026. The next practice will be held on **Tuesday, January 6** at 7PM in the usual locations.

2026 Calendar:

- 1/6 - Practice resumes at 7PM (each Tuesday until March 3)
- 3/8 - Spring Show at 1PM (Basque Block)
- 7/28 - Practice at 7PM
- 8/1 - San Inazio performance (Basque Block)

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AUGUST 1ST
San Inazio Weekend
Warm Springs Golf Course



Signups for Euskaldunak members only:
Monday, January 5th, 2026
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BOISE FRONTON NEWS

Welcoming New Players For Spring 2026 Pala! Leagues will start in February 2026, and we are always accepting new women and men players! The women's league, especially, is seeking new or returning pilotaris to grow our leagues, including a beginner's league. If you've played pala or baleen in the past, we want you! If you've never played pala, we want you, too! No prior experience is necessary, and you do not have to be Basque to join Boise Fronton Association (BFA). BFA membership is \$50 for new members for the first year and \$100 per year for year-round access to the Fronton. Pala league games are held at the Anduiza Fronton on the Basque Block once per week (Mondays are Men's A, Wednesdays are Women's League, Thursdays are Men's B). The Spring 2026 season runs February through May, with league finals occurring the same day as the Euzkaldunak May Monthly Dinner. BFA Members enjoy access to the Fronton to book practice time in between league games. If you are even just a little bit pala-curious, we invite you to contact boisefronton@gmail.com or speak to Johnny Boyd, Mateo Franzoia, Crash Magnuson, or Lael Uberuaga, your friendly BFA commissioners, by January 15 for additional information and how to sign up. See you at the Fronton!

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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, January 26**, to appear in the next newsletter. For mailing address changes, contact Patty Gabica at secretary@basquecenter.com.

2026 EUZKALDUNAK EVENTS

1/24: General Members' Meeting & Elections

2/21: February Dinner (tentative)