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Monthly Member Newsletter

FROM THE KITCHEN

The May Mother's Day Dinner will take place on [Saturday, May 16](#). 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 alternatively prepay online with your reservation.

May Dinner Menu:

Salad Oñati

Prime rib served with creamy horseradish and chimichurri

Shrimp pil pil

Parsley potatoes

Dessert

Homemade bread and butter

Wine

Dinner Prices

Adults (11 and up): \$25

Children (10 and under): \$10

Reserve seats for dinner on the Basque Center website, basquecenter.com/monthly-dinner. If you are unable to make your reservation online, please text or call 208-572-0604. Babysitting service is available from 6-8 PM for children ages 1-10 *by reservation only*. Children may not join the fun downstairs if they are not registered with your dinner reservation. Children must remain in the basement through dinner. Children who do not need babysitting are welcome to sit upstairs with their family. The final deadline for dinner

reservations is 8 PM on [Tuesday, May 12](#). Any reservations called into the bar or submitted after 8 PM on May 12 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.

APRIL DINNER THANK YOU

Eskerrik Askto to Jesus Alcelay, Miren Urresti Laughrin, and the Cottonwood Grille team for preparing and serving a delicious meal!

Eskerrik Askto to the Center for Basque Studies, family, & friends for hosting the April dinner.

Special thanks to:

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DINNER HOSTS

Basque Foundation Inc. would like to thank the families and organizations who have hosted a monthly dinner, and we always need additional assistance. To get involved, please email vicepresident@basquecenter.com!

BASQUE CENTER BLOOD DRIVES

Please consider donating blood to save lives at the Basque Center! Donors are welcome [June 8](#), [August 10](#), [October 12](#), and [December 7](#) (all Mondays) in the Hall from 1-6 PM. Visit redcrossblood.org or use the Blood Donor app and the sponsor code *Basque*.

OINKARI MUS TOURNAMENT

Calling all alumni! The Oinkari Mus Tournament will take place on **Saturday, May 16**. Open to all current & former dancers, and the current Oinkaris are hoping for bragging rights. Registration fee is \$30, and check in starts at 8 AM in the Basque Center Card Room. Coffee, snacks, and a solomo lunch will be provided! We can't wait to spend the day with you!

KARMELE- A FILM BY ASIER ALTUNA, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE BASQUE MUSEUM

Join us on **May 19** at 6 PM at the Basque Center for a showing of the incredible film *Karmele*. This is a story of sustainability, resilience, and dignity in the face of oppression—a journey woven through culture, music, and art. Based on the real experiences of Karmele Urresti and Txomin Letamendi and inspired by the novel, "Elkarrekin Esnatzeko Ordua" (Time to Wake Up Together) by Kirmen Uribe. This event is free, donations accepted. Open bar and concessions! Synopsis: Karmele and her family take refuge in France after being expelled due to war. There, she is invited to take part in the Basque cultural embassy in exile, seeking to fight through music and dance. She meets Txomin, a professional trumpeter, and falls in love. After living for some time in Venezuela, they return to their homeland to fight against the dictatorship, hoping to reclaim everything that was taken from them.

LAGUNAK ON THE LINKS!—GOLF TOURNAMENT IN MOUNTAIN HOME

Euskal Lagunak Mountain Home Basque Association invites you to participate in the 9th Annual Chorizo Scramble! On **June 6** at 1 PM, come play a 4-person scramble at Desert Canyon Golf Course in Mountain Home. Please arrive early to register. Cost is \$75 per player and includes some food and drink options. Carts will be available for rental and rescue packages can be purchased to ensure your best game. Keep your eye out for our silent auction prizes and hot new merchandise. For more information or to contact a board member with any questions, see our event page via this link: bit.ly/mhgolf26. We look forward to welcoming you to Mountain Home!



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San Juan Eguna Basque Festival

Txoko Ona, Homedale, ID

Saturday, June 20

Free Admission

12:00 PM | Tony Larrocea 8 King Mus Tournament

5:00 PM | Gates Open

6:00 - 7:30 PM | Dance & Musical Performances
by Oinkari Basque Dancers, Herribatza Danzariak
and Txantxangorriak

7:30 PM | Children & Adult Games

Live Music by hori bai!

9:30 PM | Bonfire & San Juan Zortzikoa

Chairs and shade canopies are welcome. Please leave pets and outside food & beverages at home. Contact John Lejardi at (208) 573-2495 to learn more and register for mus. You can also visit the event site: txokoona.org/san-juan-eguna

KIDS' INTERACTIVE DAY AT BMCC

Looking for a fun family day this summer? Come on down to the Basque Museum on **June 20**, 11 AM-3 PM for an activity-packed day where history comes alive and culture is celebrated. Kids can explore & play while learning a bit, too! Reduced admission: \$2 per person or \$8 per family!

2026 NABO MUS (4-KINGS) QUALIFIER TOURNAMENTS

5/2 - Basque Museum

5/16 - Oinkari (must be Oinkari or alumni)

5/30 - Ontario

6/20 - NABO Mus Finals (San Francisco, CA)

EUZKALDUNAK BRISKA RESULTS

This year's 2026 Briska tournament saw 5 teams advance to the playoffs: Paytan & Shane Dennis, Domingo Asumendi & Sergio Gabicagogeascoa, Ana & Mikel Asla, with Matteo Wilsey & Martin Bilbao coming in 2nd place to the txapeldunak, Alenna Knox & Alberto Bilbao. Zorionak!

LEGACY AWARD NOMINATIONS

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 2026 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 commitment to the Basque Center. Email your letter to secretary@basquecenter.com, drop it off at the Basque Center Bar, or mail it to Basque Foundation, Inc. Attn: Legacy Award, 601 W Grove St, Boise, ID 83702. The deadline for submissions is **July 15, 2026**. The board will review all nominations. Recipients, if any, will be announced at the September dinner. Thank you!

LIMITED EDITION HAT EVICTION NOTICE



Our limited edition hats have been loitering in the shop long enough... so it's time for them to find new heads to live on. Fair warning: once these hats are gone, they are gone. Not "back next month," not "maybe another run." More like "remember those cool hats we used to have?" So if you've been thinking about grabbing one from the Basque Center Bar, now's your chance for only \$25 before they disappear forever. Side effects may include looking cooler than usual, compliments from strangers, or friends asking, "Where'd you get that hat?" Get one while you still can...because when the last one walks out the door, that's the end of the story.



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Spring pala finals May 16

The Boise Fronton Association's spring pala season is almost over, with 26 teams competing in their league tournaments. The tournament final games for all leagues will take place on [Saturday, May 16](#) 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 16 finals are open to the public and free to attend. Come and support your local pala players before the monthly dinner!

San Inazio pilota games

Look to the July Newsletter and social media posts for pilota match details and matchups.

Fall 2026 pala leagues

Our next pala league season begins in September. If you have any interest in playing pala for the Fall 2026 season (beginners welcome!), please look out for an email from your league commissioner or contact boisefronton@gmail.com by August 31.



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The 2026 San Inazio Festival is just 3 months away, and we're gearing up for another incredible celebration of Basque culture, food, and community spirit! To make it all happen, we need your help. Our Beer and Food Booths are always a highlight of the festival—but they can't run themselves. We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to lend a hand, share some laughs, and help serve up the flavors and fun that make San Inazio so special. There are still food booth shifts available on Saturday, and beer booth openings on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday! Whether you can spare an hour or an afternoon, your time and energy make a real difference. The success of San Inazio depends on the support of dedicated volunteers like you—we truly can't do it without you! Join us in making this year's festival one to remember. Let's make 2026 San Inazio our best year yet—together! If you're interested in volunteering, please use the links below.

Food Booth: bit.ly/saninaziofood26

Beer Booth: bit.ly/saninaziobeer26



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This Mother's Day month we honor the women who gather us, feed us, and bring our families together.

Eskerrik asko, Ama Gracias, Mamá Thank you, Mom

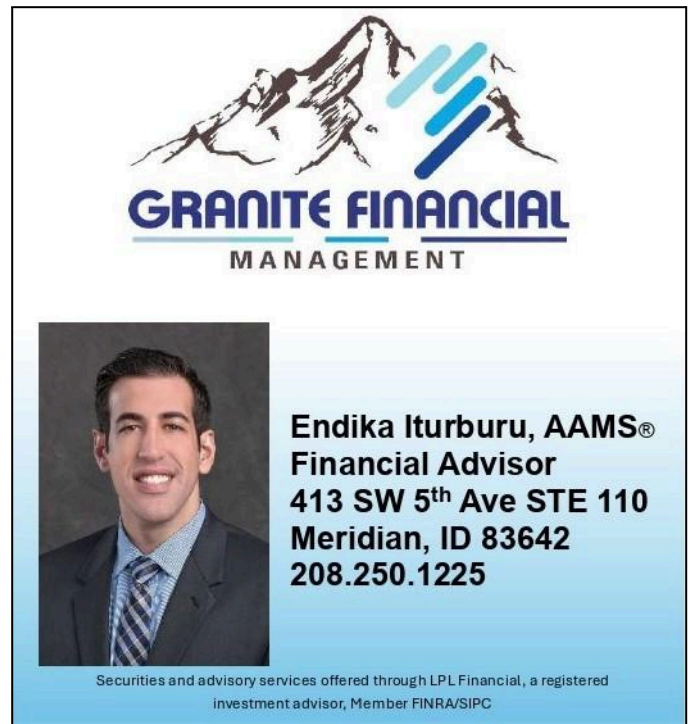
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Secretary's note: If you don't see your birthday during your birthday month and would like it to show up in the list above, please send an email to secretary@basquecenter.com. Apart from the member birthday list, we still gladly accept one-time announcements like births, anniversaries, graduation, or other special recognition of members. For these special announcements, email newsletter@basquecenter.com.

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

2026 EUZKALDUNAK EVENTS

5/16: Mother's Day Dinner
7/31–8/2: San Inazio
8/1: Basque Open Golf Tournament
9/19: September Welcome Back Dinner

10/17: October Dinner
10/25: Children's Halloween Party
11/7: Morzilla Dinner / Bazaar / Bingo
12/19: Shepherders Ball