



EUZKALDUNAK

2026

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SEPTEMBER

Monthly Member Newsletter

FROM THE KITCHEN

The Welcome Back Dinner is scheduled for [Saturday, September 19](#). The dinner will be prepared by Chef Jesus Alcelay. The doors will open to the dining room at 6 PM with dinner being served buffet-style at 6:30 PM.

September dinner menu

Tossed salad with Oñati dressing
Beef Bourguignon
Steelhead salmon
Au gratin potatoes
Homemade bread and butter
Wine and coffee

Monthly Dinner Prices

Members and guests (over 10): \$25
Children (10 and under): \$10

Please make your dinner reservations using the reservation link on the Basque Center website at basquecenter.com/monthly-dinner/. If you are unable to make your reservation online, please call or text your reservation to 208-572-0604. Online dinner reservations for the September dinner will have a pre-pay option and are non-refundable. Reservation cards may also be picked up at the table in the dining room near the payment table at the door and paid for in person by cash, check, or credit card. The deadline for dinner reservations is [Tuesday, September 15](#), no later than 8 PM. Please note that reservations called into the bar will not be accepted, reservations emailed in will not be accepted, and reservations left after 8 PM on September 15 will not be accepted. If you need to cancel all or part of your reservation that deadline is also Tuesday, September 15 at 8 PM. Cancellations should be called or texted to 208-572-0604.

SEPTEMBER DINNER BABYSITTING

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.

MAY DINNER THANK YOU

Eskerrik Askto Jesus Alcelay, Miren Urresti Laughrin, and the Cottonwood Grille team for preparing and serving a delicious meal! Eskerrik Askto the Euzkaldunak Board, family, & friends for hosting the May dinner. Special thanks to:

Jessica Bilbao
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Ben Donahue
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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!

SAN INAZIO THANKS FROM EUZKALDUNAK CLUB PRESIDENT

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would once again like to thank our membership and everyone that participated in another successful San Inazio. This year we were able to have both Amuma Says No play music on Saturday night, and hori bai! perform on Sunday evening. The festival also featured great entertainment and performances by bertsolariak Martin Goicoechea & Oier Pastor, Txantxangorriak, Boiseko Gazteak, and Oinkari Dantzari Taldea.

Thank you to the volunteers who gave their time to work at the booths and behind the scenes. No matter the task, your volunteer efforts help ensure a smooth and successful weekend. I would personally like to thank those who helped with the Thursday setup and Sunday takedown without being asked. A big thank you to Ed Orbea and Ricardo Yanci, for coordinating the food booth all weekend, and special thanks to San Inazio Chair Joseba Criswell.

Your hard work and organization made the festival a success and your willingness to help whenever needed was very much appreciated.

ESKERRIK ASKO, DANORI!

Mike Franzoia

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HAUNTED CANDLELIGHT TOUR

Dare to step into the Shadows? Join us on October 22 at 6 PM at the Cyrus Jacobs-Uberuaga Boardinghouse for a spine-tingling candlelight tour through its darkest corners. Every creaky floorboard and whispered legend awaits. This event is free and open to all who dare. Just show up and be ready for a fright.

BASQUE CENTER BLOOD DRIVES

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BOISEKO GAZTEAK 2026-2027

REGISTRATION

It's now time to get ready for the 2026-2027 season! Online registration for Boiseko Gazteak will begin on **Tuesday, September 8**. It will be accessible until **Tuesday, September 22**. You may access the online registration forms using this link:

basquecenter.com/community/boiseko-gazteak/

In order to dance with Boiseko Gazteak, parents/guardians (NOT grandparents) must be members of Euzkaldunak. If you are not currently a member of Euzkaldunak, you may become a member by contacting Patty Gabica (secretary@basquecenter.com) or by registering for Euzkaldunak membership during the Boiseko registration on the evening of September 22.

Teachers & Musicians Wanted: The board is looking for teaching volunteers to assist the directors for each age group. This program cannot continue without the people who are committed to teaching every Tuesday night for nine weeks before Christmas and nine weeks after Christmas. Teaching is also a great opportunity for current high school kids to earn volunteer hours. Please think about joining the crew that continues to pass on our culture to these wonderful kids year after year. Similarly, we are also looking for musicians (txistu, accordion, & tambourine) to provide live music during practices and performances. If you are interested, please contact Jill Aldape (208-866-8883 or jillaldape@icloud.com).

2026-2027 Calendar

- 9/8 - Online registration begins
- 9/15 - Boiseko teachers' & musicians' meeting
- 9/22 - Onsite registration at 7PM, including new costume measuring and used costume buying/selling (Basque Center)
- 9/29 - First practice at 7PM (and practices are every Tuesday except the weeks of the election and Thanksgiving)
- 11/7 - Euzkaldunak Morzilla Dinner, hosted by Boiseko Gazteak (Basque Center basement)
- 12/6 - Winter Show at 1PM (Basque Block)
- 12/19 - Shepherders Ball (Basque Center)
- 1/12 - Practice resumes at 7PM
- 3/7 - Spring Show at 1PM (Basque Block)
- 7/27 - Practice at 7PM
- 7/31 - San Inazio performance (Basque Block)

THE BASQUES IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION WITH DR. XABIER IRUJO

Join us on [September 10](#) at 6 PM at the Basque Center for a special presentation by Dr. Xabier Irujo as he explores the largely overlooked role played by the Basques during the American Revolutionary War. Dr. Irujo will discuss Basque maritime and commercial networks, the contribution of sailors, merchants, privateers, and military personnel, and the strategic importance of Basque ports and resources in supporting the military cause. The struggle for American independence has been largely studied, but the Basque contributions have received comparatively little attention... until now. Come for the history but stay for a performance by the Oinkari Basque Dancers and pinxtos! This event is free and open to all.

EUSKAL KAZETA PAID MEDIA INTERNSHIP

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, but work should start in October and run through December (8 week session). 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. A \$575 stipend will be paid at the end of the internship. Apply by sending your resume with a cover letter to euskalkazeta@gmail.com. Deadline is [Tuesday, September 8](#).





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BOISE FRONTON NEWS

Recap of San Inazio pilota festivities

21 players from Boise, California, and Euskal Herria participated in the San Inazio Pilota Festival, held at the Anduiza fronton during San Inazio. In-person attendees, as well as virtual viewers around the world via online streaming, had an opportunity to watch not only pala and esku exhibition games, but also a professional esku pilota tournament! The Euskal Herria 4 ½ Handball Tournament featured professional players Amaia Aldai, Enara Gaminde, Madalen Etxegarai and Naroa Agirre, with Enara Gaminde winning in the final match and earning the title of Txapeldun. If you missed the games but want to watch recordings of the livestream, you can visit the BFA Youtube page at youtube.com/@bfaboise.

Eskerrik Asko, fronton volunteers!

Like many Boise Basque events, pretty much everything happening at the Fronton is 100% volunteer-run, including all the behind-the-scenes work for the San Inazio pilota games and league tournaments throughout the year. A special shout-out to the following players and organizers for volunteering their time and resources to put on the San Inazio Pilota Festival:

- **Pilota Players:** Mike Aphessette, Patrick Bidegaray, Hayes Bidegaray, Ryan Boyd, John Cortabitarte, Mateo Franzoia, Angie Gribble, Bryanne Gribble, Jake Jaureguay, Aubrey Kirtley, Michael Lejardi, Andrew Miller, Ben Monasterio, Alberto Reyes, Lael Uberuaga, Eneko Uribe, Lur Ziarrusta
- **Fronton volunteers:** Hayes Bidegaray, Patrick Bidegaray, Johnny Boyd, Ryan Boyd, Pedro Cortabitarte, Mateo Franzoia, Bryanne Gribble, Jake Jaureguay, Aubrey Kirtley, Michael Lejardi, Anne-Marie Mansisidor, Alex McKinley, Bo Norton, James Sangroniz, Lael Uberuaga
- **Organizational support:** Special appreciation goes to Euzkaldunak and Leku Ona for funding the room and board, and Carrie Magnuson with the downtown

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YMCA for providing guest passes to visiting athletes.

- Munduko Pilota Batzarra for funding the flights for the athletes, and a special thank you to Lur Ziarrusta for the promotion and continuation of this tournament in Boise.

Goian Bego - Jerry Aldape & BFA

Jerry Aldape, former Treasurer of Boise Fronton Association, pilotari, and long-time champion of pilota and other Basque activities in Boise, passed away this summer. Since then, BFA has received donations in his memory from Liz Lejardi and the Basque Museum and Cultural Center. BFA is very appreciative of these thoughtful donations, which will honor Jerry by directly supporting the continuation and growth of Basque pilota in Boise.

Fall Pala Leagues Have Begun

Fall pala is underway! With Men's A, Men's B, and Women's leagues, the fronton is busy this fall, with league finals happening on **Saturday, December 19** (and open to the public!) If you're curious about joining the Boise Fronton Association, either in a future seasonal league or just as a member to book pickup games, contact boisefronton@gmail.com. New players are always welcome!

OINKARI SAGARDETEGI-NOVEMBER 21

Mark your calendars! The Oinkari Sagardotegi Dinner is back! Please join us on [Saturday, November 21](#), as we transform the Basque Center into our own Sagardotegi! Entry includes a traditional Sagardotegi dinner, a silent auction, a night full of txotxing, and more! Tickets will go on sale in October and will only be available for purchase through the Oinkari website, oinkari.org/sagardotegi. For more information or questions, please contact alexandra@oinkari.org.

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OINKARIS WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

The Oinkari Basque Dancers will welcome new members on [September 20, 27, & October 4](#) at noon at the Basque Center. All potential new members must be at least 14 years old by September 1 or a freshman in high school. Oinkaris only accept new members during this time period and new dancers must attend at least one (but preferably all three) of the practices. No prior Basque dance experience is necessary. Please wear athletic clothing. All Oinkaris must be members (or children of members, if under the age of 18) of Euzkaldunak. If you have any questions, please email our Dance Directors, Michael Lejardi and Amaya Herrera (michael@oinkari.org, amayaherrera@oinkari.org)

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Carolyn Aguirre
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Javier Lete

Antonio & Teresa Larrocea

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Donations, including memorials, help fund our travel, costumes, & equipment. Eskerrik asko to our supporters, especially the following:

In memory of Jerry Aldape

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August member birthdays:

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September member birthdays:

Abigail Acarregui, Joanna Aizpitarte, Michelle Alzola, Tamara Shapiro Ansotegui, Toni Ansotegui, Shana Aphessette, Kathy Arana, Irene Baalson, Nate Baumann, Steve Beitia, Doug Bender, Bryan Berggren, Erik Berggren, Alice Beristain, Maite Biain, Aitor Bidaburu, Genie Brolhier, Leandra Burns, Sandy Cameron, Dolores Hormaechea Chapman, Henar Chico, Delcy Crane, Tara Eiguren, Teresa Franzoia, Kristina Franzoia, Gina Gamboa, Kristopher Gandiaga, Jude Gary IV, Alaina Gavica, Preston Glaisyer, Alexander Goyhenetche, Matthew Harvey, Creed Herbold, Jacq Herring, Marianne Hickman, Tomas Holbrook, Maite Iribarren-Gorrindo, Susan Mendiola Jaca, Treyvlin Jones, Alicia Knox, Joni Krakau, Celeste Landa, Erica Larrea, Jon Larrea, Doug Larzelier, Dan Lasuen, Miguel Legarreta, Jose Luis Lejarcegui, Liz Lejardi, Julian Lete, Jess Lete, Miren Maguregui, Anne-Marie Mansisidor DeCouto, Mary Jo Aldape Maxam, Lukas Allen Miller, Isla Nelson, Erin Nicklos, Abi Norton, Bo Norton, Aisea Odencrantz, Norma Odiaga, John Odiaga, Surine Odiaga-Gremling, Pedro G Ormaza, Kamryn Landa Phay, Julie Muguira Preston, Ben Rhoades, Edu Sarria, Cathy D Seamons, Gav Shapiro, Marne Navarro Sieber, Declan Teegarden, Tony Totorica, Renee Uberuaga, David Uberuaga, Jean Uranga, Jason Whitehead, Maria Willacy, Theresa Willerup, Sophia Wolfe, Andy Wood, Ellie Ysursa, Rob Yzaguirre, Daniela Aizpitarte Zaczek, Steve Zatica, Jon Zubizarreta

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.

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Jaclyn Lasuen,
 Newsletter Editor

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