



EUZKALDUNAK

2025

MARTXOA MARCH

Monthly Member Newsletter

FROM THE KITCHEN

The March Mus Dinner is scheduled for [Saturday, March 15](#). The dinner will be prepared by Chef Jesus Alcelay and hosted by The Board of Directors. The doors will open to the dining room at 6 PM and dinner served buffet-style at 6:30 PM. Prior to entering the dining room, please pick up your reservation ticket in the bar so that you may pay in cash, check, or credit card at the door. You may prepay online with your reservation.

March Dinner Menu:

*Tossed salad with Oñati dressing
Basque tripacallos
Cod Oriotarra
Pork chops with pimientos
Clams & rice
Dessert
Homemade bread and butter
Coffee and wine*

Dinner Prices

Members and Guests: \$25
Children (10 and under): \$10

Reserve for dinner on the Basque Center website, basquecenter.com/monthly-dinner. If you are unable to make your reservation online, call 208-572-0604. Babysitting service is available for children ages 1-10 for \$10. Children must remain in the basement through dinner. Children may not join the fun downstairs if they are not on the list. Children who do not need babysitting may sit upstairs with their family. The deadline for reservations is [8 PM on March 11](#). Reservations called into the bar or left after March 11 will not be accepted.



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FEBRUARY DINNER & BINGO THANK YOU

Thank you to Oinkaris for hosting the February dinner & Bingo!

A special Eskerrik Asko to:

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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!

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 open at 6 PM on March 1 and spots fill up fast, so mark your calendar. For more information and to fill out the Intent to Participate Application, visit the NABO website via this link: bit.ly/udaleku25.



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2025 NABO MUS (4-KINGS) QUALIFIER TOURNAMENTS

- 3/8 Mountain Home
- 3/9 Elko
- 3/15 Gardnerville
- 4/22 Gooding
- 4/12 Oinkari (must be/have been an Oinkari)
- 4/26 Santa Rosa (Paradise Valley, NV)
- 5/3 Basque Museum
- 5/24 Ontario
- 6/14 NABO Finals (Los Banos)

EUZKALDUNAK 4-KINGS NABO MUS QUALIFIER

The Euzkaldunak 4-King Mus tournament was held on Saturday, February 8, at the Basque Center. Twenty-four teams participated and enjoyed lunch at Leku Ona, prepared by Chef Asier Garcia. Special thanks to Tyler Smith, Martin Bilbao, and Ana Mendiola for their help. Congratulations to txapeldunak Andres Lejardi & Sergio Gabicagogeascoa and runners-up Steve Achabal & Edu Sarria. With more than 21 teams playing, we are able to send 2 teams to represent Euzkaldunak at the NABO Mus Finals in Los Banos, California on Saturday, June 14.

EUZKALDUNAK 8-KING MUS TOURNAMENT

The 2025 8-King Euzkaldunak Tournament has been underway since January 7, with 22 teams participating this year. The finalist teams (below) will compete for the honor of being the 2025 Mus Txapeldunak on Saturday, March 15 at 2 PM.
Javier Arrieta / Josa Mari Eguren
Edu Sarria / Steve Achabal
Sabino Beascochea / Sergio Gabicagogeascoa
Nick Bicandi / Xanti Alcelay
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TXANTXANGORRIAK & BOISEKO GAZTEAK **SPRING SHOW - MARCH 9**

Mark your calendars for the Spring Show on [Sunday, March 9](#). Weather permitting, we're going to hold the performance outside on the Basque Block! Dancers & Musicians should arrive in costume at 12:15 PM. Txantxangorriak will start the performance off at 12:30 PM, with the dancers following at 1 PM. Remember, we spring our clocks forward one hour that Sunday morning. Be sure to tell your family and friends! Please bring a can of food for our contribution to a local food bank. Don't forget to dress for the weather!

2025 Calendar:

01/07-03/04 - Practice at 7PM
03/09 - Spring Show at 12:30PM (Basque Block)
07/28 & 29 - Jaialdi 2025 practices at 7PM
08/02 - Jaialdi 2025 performance (Expo Idaho)

OINKARI KEGS 4 A KAUSE

Support your local Basque dancing group in the absolute easiest way possible—come out and have a few beers. How could it be? Join us at Payette Brewing (733 South Pioneer Street) on [Monday, March 24](#), from 6-10 PM for Kegs 4 a Kause. Payette will donate 50% of profits from draft beer sales in the Tap Room that evening to Oinkaris! Please help us spread the word, whether by sharing on social media or calling your friends and family, and we can make our own party. Talk about the most effortless fundraiser ever...we'll see you there!

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 [April 14](#), [June 9](#), [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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Book now: Jaialdi ticketed events

Tickets to Sports Night, Festara, Dantzaldi, and Expo Idaho events are live on the website! Check the [Schedule & Tickets](#) page for details. Tickets are sold directly through the participating venues (Idaho Central Arena & Expo Idaho) but all ticket purchase links will be listed on the Jaialdi website for easy access.

Volunteer signups open soon

Did you know Jaialdi is staffed entirely by volunteers like you? Jaialdi 2025 volunteer signups open the first week of March, and we'd love for you to be part of the magic ✨. Expect to see volunteer shifts for food and beverage booths, setup, teardown, and more. All volunteer shifts will be posted on the Jaialdi website when the shift schedules go live in early March.

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

BERMEOTARRA SEEKS HOST FAMILY

Seventeen-year-old Enaitz from Bermeo is seeking a Boise area host family (or families) for the 2025-2026 school year. He has always had an interest in studying abroad, and most especially in Idaho. He states that his great uncle lived and worked in and around Boise as a shepherd, arriving in 1910. Having heard his many stories, Enaitz is interested in having an American experience himself. He says that he has decent English skills, but he would love to improve them. He stays active by surfing and hiking, and he loves meeting new people and spending time outdoors. Most of all, however, he is enthusiastic about music and he sings and plays guitar in a local band. He would like to become a music producer in the United States and share his passion for music. He believes that living abroad would help him grow as a person and connect to his own family story. He is excited to share his culture and language, and meet new people. His family is willing to offer monthly compensation to his hosts. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Nekane Arrubarrena at (208)891-8504 or nekane2014@hotmail.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 will be 16 by the time that he visits us and is interested in Basque dancing and sports (especially soccer and pilota, among others). 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. He is looking into coming July 1 through the first week of August. If you are able to host (or help host) Ander or have ideas for his volunteering, please contact Juliana Aldape (208-850-8687 or julaldape@gmail.com) who can provide more information.



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NEW MEMBERS

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- Darla Aramburu
- Rachel Aramburu
- Colleen Back
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- Nicole Coleman
- Noel Goyhenetche
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Brick 2:

Brick 3:

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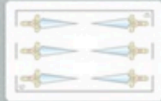
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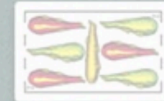
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Sunday, March 16 - 4:30 PM
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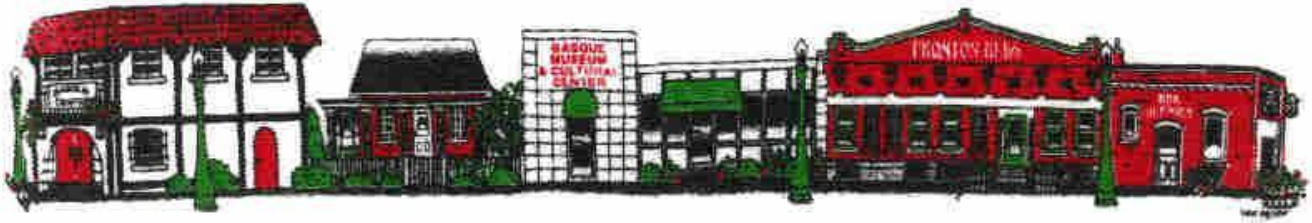
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Jaclyn Lasuen,
Newsletter Editor

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, March 24**, to appear in the next newsletter. For mailing address changes, contact Patty Gabica at secretary@basquecenter.com.

2025 EUZKALDUNAK EVENTS

3/9–4/6: Euzkaldunak Briska Tournament
3/15: March Mus Dinner & 8-King Mus Finals
4/19: Anniversary Dinner/Dance & Briska Finals
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