



GURE CLUB'EKO BERRIAK



March 2009

Club Website: www.utah-basque.com

Next Basque Club Meeting

Date: Friday, March 27, 2009

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Mary & Jean's home
449 Shamrock Drive
Murray, Utah

Topics: Report on the blood sausage dinner and the Dinner Dance preparations. We will also have a report from the dancers.

Bring your favorite snack and plan to attend!



Dinner Dance on April 18

The 26th annual dinner dance will be held on Saturday, April 18th at St. Ambrose Hall, which is located at 1975 So. 2300 East in Salt Lake City. The Social will begin at 6:30 pm and the dinner will be at 7:30 pm. The cost of the dinner is \$20 for Adults and \$8 for children 12 and under.

The menu will be: Leek & Potato soup, Salad, Roast Pork with a Tomato Sauce, Rice with Clams, Green Beans and our famous Éclair for dessert.

The club will hold a raffle for Basque items and we will also have a performance by our dancers, Utah'ko Triskalariak. Music will be provided by Jean Flesher.

We would like to send a very heartfelt thanks to Cristina Sangroniz and Cirbie Lee for being the chairs for this event. Also, we would like to send a special thanks to Jean Flesher for providing the music.

And we would also like to thank all of the volunteers who make this event one of the highlights of the year for the club.

Changed Your Address?

If you know of a member who has a new address, or if you know someone who might be interested in joining the club, please inform Catherine or Genifer.

We want to send a sample newsletter to anyone who is interested in our club. Please contact Genifer or Catherine.

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Upcoming Events

April 1	April Fool's Day
April 5	Palm Sunday
April 5	Mus at 1:00 pm
April 7	World Health Day
April 9	First day of Passover
April 10	Good Friday
April 12	Easter
April 16	Last day of Passover
April 18	Dinner Dance
April 22	Earth Day
April 22	Administrative Professionals Day
April 25	Mus Tournament at noon
May 7	National Day of Prayer
May 10	Mother's Day
May 16	Armed Forces Day
May 15-17	Living Traditions Festival
May 25	Memorial Day

Club Elects New Officers

The Basque Club of Utah elected new officers who will serve for the next two years.

Elected to be president was Phil Archibeque. Catherine Barajas was re-elected as treasurer, Stephanie Argoitia was re-elected as vice-president and Genifer Graff was re-elected as the secretary.

The board recently held a budget meeting to set the budgets for all chapter events and to determine the chapter goals for the rest of the year.

Congratulations to all of our board members on your election. Thank you for volunteering your time and for all of your efforts.

Please Notify Monique Flesher

Monique Flesher has asked that she please be notified when something happens to any club member that needs acknowledgement of any kind. She would like to be notified of good and sad happenings.

Please contact Monique via email at moniqueflesher@hotmail.com or phone (435) 654-6683.

Club Officers to Elect New NABO Delegate

The recently-elected officers of the Basque club of Utah will be choosing a new delegate to represent our club at future NABO meetings. If you or anyone you know is interested in this position, please notify one of the club officers by March 27th.

The first NABO meeting will be here in Salt Lake City in conjunction with the dinner-dance on April 18th.

As always, all travel expenses for the delegate to NABO meetings are paid by the club.

Volunteer today!

Basque Language Instructor Wanted

NABO is looking for a volunteer for each club to teach Basque to club members. If you are interested in becoming the Basque language instructor for our club, this is a great opportunity.

The teacher must be fluent in Basque and he or she must agree to work on the Basque instruction for 3 hours a week from Sep 15 to Dec 15th and from Jan 15th to May 15th. The instructor must also commit to attending a barnetegi or intensive Basque course twice a year for one week in January and July.

If all of the requirements have been met, the instructor will receive around \$500 annually.

This program will be free for you as long as you complete 80% of the program.

If you are interested, please contact Pilar Shortsleeve in our club or visit the website www.ikasten.ikasbil.net.



Calling all Mus Players!

Did you know that our club has started playing Mus in preparation for our annual tournament? John Cendagorta is looking for anyone, young or old, who is interested in playing Mus. If you play Mus well enough, you could represent our club at the national Mus Tournament in Chino, CA on July 11.

The club will play Mus on Sunday, March 29 at Marc and Josette Gaztambide's house at 1 pm. They will also play on Sunday, April 5 at Jean and Monique Flesher's house in Heber at 1 pm. The tournament will be held on Saturday, April 25 at the Cendagorta home in Draper.

For more information please contact John Cendagorta at 801 571-2258 or by email at cendagj@comcast.net.

NEWS!!

Congratulations to:

- **Melissa Falvo**, on her recent engagement.

Thinking of you and a Speedy Recovery to:

- **Damion Lee**, who was involved in a snowboarding accident.
- **Fred Smith**, (son of Josephine Smith), who suffered from a couple of brain attacks or strokes.
- **Carina Barajas**, who had a bad ankle sprain.
- **Patrick Maxfield**, who had his tonsils removed.
- **Albert Urquidi**, who had a very serious eye accident.

Welcome Back to:

- **Stephanie Archibeque**, who returned from Kuwait on February 8. Thank you for your service for our country.

Condolences to:

- **The Urquidi, Aguerre and Lonardo Families**, on their loss of Cathy Urquidi. Cathy is the wife of Pete Urquidi and the mother of club members Nancy Aguerre and Albert Urquidi. Cathy and Pete owned the Hogar Hotel here in Salt Lake City. The hotel, which has been closed since the 1970s, was a Basque boarding house for local shepherders.

Cathy was a long-time club member and will be greatly missed.

- **Linda Irissari**, on her losses over the past couple of months. She has lost her mother and a couple of friends.

Thank you to:

- **Pantxo and Nancy Aguerre**, who allowed our club volunteers to make the blood sausage at their home for the Odolki Jatea (Blood Sausage dinner).
- **Larry Osoro, Javier Guerricabeitia and Jean Flesher**, who cooked the sausages for the Odolki Jatea .



Pilota Camp in San Francisco

The San Francisco Basque Cultural Center is hosting an all day Ikaspilota or Pilota camp this summer for youth ages 7 through 16. Instruction will be provided by a visiting teacher from the Basque Pilota Federation.

The Camp will be held on June 15 through June 20 in San Francisco at the Basque Cultural Center which is located at 599 Railroad Ave in South San Francisco.

Activities will include:

- Introduction/instruction of pilota (starting with handball for all genders)
- Focus on skills development, classroom instruction & physical conditioning
- Lunch will be provided every day
- A special activity on one or two of the afternoons

The cost of the camp per applicant is \$100. For more information please contact Xabier Berrueta by email at xabieberrueta1@yahoo.com.

Volunteer for the Living Traditions Festival!

The annual Salt Lake Arts Council Living Traditions Festival will take place on May 15-17 in Salt Lake City near the public library. The festival attracts over 35,000 visitors who enjoy two stages of continuous music and dance, crafts demonstrations and crafts sales. Approximately 600 artists from some forty Salt Lake Valley ethnic communities will share their heritage.

The Basque Club of Utah will be selling Basque food to raise money for our club activities over the three day period. Many volunteers will be needed to make this event a success. Please make sure to mark your calendars so that you remember to volunteer to work in the booth.

The event chair has not been determined, but will be shortly. Please answer an enthusiastic "YES" when you are called on to participate in the Living Traditions Festival.

In addition to the booth, our dancers, Utah'ko Triskalariak, will be performing on Sunday, May 17. Please check the local newspapers for times about the dance performances.

Odolki Dinner Held

The eighth annual Odolki Jatea (Blood Sausage Dinner) was held March 7th. It was a great time and the food was fantastic. Many thanks to everyone who helped prepared the sausages and to Pantxo and Nancy Aguerre for the use of their home the weekend before the dinner. It was a lot of work and everyone truly appreciates your efforts.

Many thanks also to Jean Flesher, Larry Osoro and Javier Guerricabeitia for cooking at this fun event.

View photos at the club's website, www.utah-basque.com/Oldoki-2009.pdf



Thanks again to everyone who put on this successful event.

Udaleku Dates Announced

Udaleku, the Basque culture camp, will be held in Chino, CA from June 28 through July 11.



Participants will be lodged with local Basque families. To be eligible for Udaleku, participants must be at 10 – 15 years old. Udaleku participants will have the opportunity to learn Pelota, Pala, Basque Dancing, Txistu, Mus, Euskera, and Basque Singing. Instructors will be coming from around the United States, Argentina and Euskadi

Participants must arrange their own transportation to and from Chino, CA. The tuition is \$300 which includes room, board and all instruction. The Basque club of Utah will pay \$150 of the tuition for club members to attend the event.

Tuition and the enrollment application must be submitted by May 1, 2009. If the cost of the tuition is a problem, The Aita Martxel Tillous Youth Financial Aid Fund may be able to assist members in attending the camp.

In less than two weeks participants will learn about all aspects of Basque culture. It is also a great way to form lasting friendships throughout our Basque community.

More information on the camp, financial assistance and the enrollment application can be found on the NABO website at www.nabasque.org.

Club Picnic on June 28

The annual club picnic will be held on June 28, 2009. The picnic will be held at Big Bear Park in Sandy. The address is 9695 Onyx Ave. (950 E.).

Look in the mail for a flyer with more information on the picnic.

NABO Convention in Reno, NV

The Basque club of Reno and the Center for Basque Studies at the University of Nevada, Reno are proud to host the 2009 NABO convention on July 24 through July 26.

For more information about the convention, please visit the NABO website at www.nabasque.org/reno2009.htm.

Gaztealde on July 10 – July 18

Gaztealde is the NABO program for young adults ages 16 through 20. The program includes master level instruction on dance, music playing, Euskara studies and culinary workshops. The event will be held at Fort Worden State Park on the Olympic Peninsula near Seattle, WA.

In addition to the instruction, students will also have a chance to kayak, hike and play on the beach daily. Bonfires, cook-outs, camping and visiting local sites will also be included. This will be an excellent opportunity for Basque young adults to enjoy the Pacific Northwest, while hanging out with new Basque friends and learning more about your Basque culture.



The first day and night will be an overnight stay in Seattle, with tours of the Space Needle, Pike's Place Market (where they throw the fish), the EMP (Experimental Music Project Museum), Txori & Harvest Vine restaurants and The Spanish Table store.

There is so much to do and see in the Emerald City, you may consider extending your stay or coming early.

The cost of the program is \$185 per participant and does *not* include air travel or the entrance fee to Space Needle or the restaurant meals in Seattle.

For more information visit the NABO website at www.nabasque.org.

Support the Creation of the Internet Domain .EUS for the Basques

Recently, we received a request from PuntuEUS Elkarte. This group is a non-profit association that was established to obtain a domain (.EUS) for online Basque cultural and linguistic websites. PuntuEUS Elkarte is made up of several organizations including EITB, Euskaltzaindia and the Basque Public University (UPV/EHU).

Following the example of the Catalan community, which successfully obtained their own domain (.CAT), PuntuEUS Elkarte are trying to obtain a unique Basque domain for the Basques.

The Catalan community support was instrumental in the creation of the CAT domain, and the Basque group is reaching out to all Basques to help them establish the EUS domain.

This may not seem like an important item but it is very valuable to have the EUS internet domain specifically for the Basques. It further validates that we are independent from Spain and France.

To help this cause and show your support, please sign the online petition at www.puntueus.org/en/support/.



MEETING ON MARCH 27, 2009!
DINNER DANCE ON APRIL 18, 2009!

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Address Correction Requested