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Upcoming Events

- Aug 2-Zpeiz Mukaki -Lapurdi Dance Group
- Aug 23—3rd Annual Angel Island Picnic
- Aug 27– Euskara Classes begin 7:30 pm
- Aug 29-30 BCC Euskal Etxeko Jaialdia
- Aug 30-Memorial Mass for Aita Tillous
- Sep 13– Women’s Club meeting 10:30am
- Sep 13-Marin-Sonoma Annual Basque Picnic
- Sep 19– Youth Committee Hike and Picnic
- Sep 19– Marin Bike Ride
- Sep 26 -BCC Pilota Bazkaria in the Solarium
- Oct 3– 12th Annual Golf Invitational
- Oct 24-Iparreko Ibarra October Besta
and Mus Tournament
- Nov 7– BEO Basque Culture Day

Euskara Classes

Thursday Evenings at 7:30 pm

August 27—December 17

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EUSKARA CLASSES

Euskara classes are starting once again. Conversation, grammar and vocabulary can be learned and practiced in an intimate environment with a native from Donosti. Classes are once a week, **Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm** - they will begin **Thursday, August 27 and go until Thursday, December 17**. The price is \$30 per student for the semester. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the instructor at aitorinarra@gmail.com.

BCC WEBSITE

The new BCC website for membership, cultural and educational activities will be moved to www.SFBCC.us. The website address for the Restaurant business will continue to be www.BasqueCulturalCenter.com and will be updated later within the next year.

BEO BASQUE CULTURE DAY

The next installment of the BEO Basque Culture Day will be on **Saturday, November 7th** at the Basque Cultural Center and will have a literary theme. The day will start in the early afternoon with a presentation by Gerald Hirigoyen of his new book, *Pintxos*, and there will be samples to taste. Next, there will be the re-dedication of the BEO Basque Library, which will be followed by the presentation of the second edition of the San Francisco Urazandi book (*Gardeners of Identity: The Basques of the San Francisco Bay Area*). Author Christine Echeverria Bender will then give a detailed presentation on Basque whaling in North America, which is the basis of her latest historical novel. More details will be presented in next month’s newsletter.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2009 BAY AREA NABO JUNIOR MUS TOURNAMENT WINNERS

13-17 DIVISION

1ST PLACE:

**AMAIA ETCHEVERRY
VICTORIA LANGLANDS**

2ND PLACE:

**CEDRIC DUHALDE
ERIK KVARNA**

12 AND UNDER DIVISION

1ST PLACE:

**CHLOE DUHALDE
MICAELA RIBI**

PILOTA BERRIAK: LATEST NEWS

The **2009 NABOKO PILOTA TXAPELKETA** is being held at the BCC on August 28-29th with players from Bakersfield, Boise, Chino and San Francisco. Semi-final paleta goma games between San Francisco & Boise will be held Friday at 5pm, with finals in esku, baleen and paleta goma being held on Saturday starting at 8am. For further information please contact Evelyne Etcharren, NABO Pilota Chairman, at 415.850.6733. The Kantxa will be closed from 8/27 at 5pm until 8/30 to accommodate practice and game times.

The summer **CO-ED BALEEN** tournament semi-finals and final will be played on Sunday, August 16th at 3pm. The fall tournament will start up in September. Games are played on Sunday afternoons from 3-7pm. If you are interested in playing, please contact Marianne Martinon at arotz@pacbell.net or 650.355.7506. All ages are welcome.

The men's **Class A** NABO goma tournament final will be held on Thursday, August 13th at 7pm. A big thank you to Aitor Berrueta for organizing all class A tournaments!

The men's **class B** paleta goma tournament will start in September. If you wish to participate, please contact Xabi Berrueta at 650.922.2474.

Come to our BCC "**PILOTARIEN BILTZARRA**" BBQ Lunch in the Solarium on Saturday, September 26th at 12pm with music by Idoia Urruty. All ages welcome! Price for adults is \$25.00 and \$7.00 for gazteak under 12. For more information, please see the enclosed flyer, or contact Nathalie Barreneche at 650.226.3317.

Gazteak handball (ages 6+) will start on Saturday, September 5th from 8:30-10am. Please contact Gratien Etchebehere at 650.796.2328 or Johnny Curutchet at 650.922.3567 with any questions.

NEW MEMBER

Zorionak to our newest member:

Judith Carriquiry
Associate Member

**When you have the opportunity,
please congratulate her!**

THIRD ANNUAL ANGEL ISLAND BASQUE PICNIC

Please join us on **Sunday, August 23rd** for the 3rd Annual Angel Island Basque Picnic. Bring your meal, and we will BBQ it for you. Please also bring something to share. To coordinate, please contact Valerie Arrechea at etcharren@msn.com before August 15th.

YOUTH COMMITTEE EVENT

The Youth Committee is hosting a hike and picnic to Mt. Tamalpais in Marin. The hike is scheduled for **Saturday, September 19th**. If you are interested in attending, or would like more information, please contact Arantxa Arriada at msarriada@yahoo.com or 650-302-0925. All ages are welcome!

ZPEIZ MUKAKI - BASQUE MEN DANCING IN KILTS!

Sunday, August 2nd, 3:30pm - After Lunch

Zpeiz Mukaki, a Basque Dancing group, from the province of Lapurdi, will perform at the San Francisco Basque Cultural Center on August 2nd. Zpeiz Mukaki are eight dancers accompanied by six musicians. They perform traditional Basque dances to the music of classic Basque rock tunes of the early 1990s and dance in kilts.





SAN FRANCISCO BASQUE CULTURAL CENTER
25th Anniversary - Saturday, February 17th, 2007

BCC 25TH ANNIVERSARY GROUP SHOT AVAILABLE

The BCC has obtained the rights to the 25th anniversary group shot and can now make them available again. If you would like to purchase an 8 inch by 24 inch print, please mail a check, made payable to the BCC, in the amount of \$20 to Anita Arduain (226 Bryce Avenue, South San Francisco, CA 94080). Orders received by **August 18th** can be available for pick up at the BCC festival on the 29th & 30th or can be mailed. This picture is on display at the BCC outside bulletin board. For questions or more information on this print please contact Philippe Acheritogaray at 415-924-2151.

BIKE RIDE IN MARIN COUNTY

Reminder for all of those interested in another fabulous bike ride coming up in **September 19, 2009** Saturday morning at 9AM.

Start warming up those legs as this will be a 25 mile ride starting in Mill Valley just across the Golden Gate Bridge. The meeting place will be on the block where Marcel Etcheverry and Gerald Hirigoyen live. The views will include the Tiburon area as well as Corte Madera and Mill Valley. I had a preview with Marcel and Gerald and there will be some places to stop and look at San Francisco from across the Bay while having a capuccino, latte or whatever your poison may be. The ride will also be both fun and challenging with some rolling hills and not too many vehicles. As with the last bike ride in May, the reward will be a delicious surprise meal provided by Marcel and our famous Gerald Hirigoyen (owner of Piperade and Bocado Restaurants in San Francisco). If you don't think the views are worth it I guarantee you the finale will be.

Please let me know if you are interested in riding or helping on a sag wagon. This information is important so we can finalize our plans for the ride. You can call Leon Sorhondo at 415-285-0748 or email me at: lrissartara@yahoo.com or euskalduna@aol.com

EUSKARA CORNER

The Basque language was not written until the 16th century, but that was not an obstacle to creating a rich oral literature, kept alive up to the present times by the "bertsolaritza" and the pastorals.

REUNION FOR 59-61 YEAR OLDS

We are hoping to have a get together on **November 21, 2009** at the BCC for those that were born in 1948, 1949, and 1950. That would be for those of us (who have not reached the memory loss) who will be turning 59, 60, and 61 years old.

We do not know everyone in these age groups so if you are interested in attending, helping plan the event, or have any questions please contact Leon Sorhondo at lrissartara@yahoo.com or at 415-285-0748. We would love your help in organizing a nice event, so please contact Leon if you would like to be a part of the planning committee.

BCC REGULAR MEMBERSHIP

21 YEARS OLD

This is a correction to last month's information on BCC Regular Membership for persons 21 years of age. The opportunity is as follows:

1. The fee for a Regular Membership for children of Regular Members who are 21 years of age shall be \$1,000, until their 22nd birthday.
2. The fee for a Regular Membership for persons who are 21 and who are of Basque ancestry shall be \$1,500, until their 22nd birthday, and this Regular Membership will be nontransferable for ten (10) years.

Please contact Anita Arduain for more information or for membership applications. 650-583-7018.

PILOTARIEN BILTZARRA

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH

Please join us for Aperitif, Lunch and Music
in the Solarium

ALL AGES WELCOME!

Aperitif at 12pm

followed by

BBQ Lunch

animated by Idoia Urruty

Menu: Soup, Charcuterie, BBQ Steak, French Fries,
Vegetables de Txapeldun's, Salad, Cheese,
Dessert & Wine - \$25.00

Menu Gazteak (under 12): Soup, Charcuterie, BBQ
Chicken, French Fries, Vegetables de Txapeldun's
& Dessert - \$7.00

To make a reservation or for more information
please contact Nathalie Barreneche at
650.226.3317 or Oroz25@yahoo.com
by Sept. 18th

AUPA PILOTA



Basque Cultural Center
INVITATIONAL
is back

DETAILS

Sharp Park Golf Course in Pacifica

Saturday October 3, 2009

First Tee Time: 11:00 a.m.

Deadline to signup is September 4, 2009

Cost: \$125 per golfer

Limited to 60 golfers

Price includes:

Green fees, carts, dinner, favors, raffle / golf prizes,

SIGN-UP

Make checks payable to Basque Cultural Center

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