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Upcoming Events

- Jan. 29 - Women's Club Dinner
- Jan. 31 - Members' Free Lunch and Mus Tournament
- Feb. 7 - 8HZ Radio Show 11:00am
- Feb. 13-14 - BCC's 34th Anniversary
- Feb. 27, Mar. 5 - Hunter Education Course
- Mar. 6 - 8HZ Radio Show 11:00am
- Mar. 11 - Basque Film Series 7:30pm
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- Mar. 20 - Erramu Eguna (Palm Sunday)
- Apr. 8 - Basque Film Series 7:30pm
- Apr. 17 - Michel Etcheverry Concert
- May 6 - Basque Film Series 7:30pm
- May 8 - Mother's Day Luncheon
- Jun. 11 - NABO Mus Finals at the Iparreko Ibarra Basque Club

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SCHOLARSHIP WINNER:

Anika Terpstra: Sierra College

My Basque Identity

Being Basque isn't just a title, it's a lifestyle. It is a lifestyle where you get to form connections and close relationships with people who live all over the country. It's a lifestyle where everyone can come together and have an incredible day dancing, playing Mus, eating and participating in events that embodies what it means to be Basque. There is a certain amount of pride that I hold knowing where I come from and what my true identity is. There are so many people who go through their days not knowing the background of how they got their last name or where their family came from. They don't get the strength that comes from knowing what their heritage is.

Identity is defined as the qualities, beliefs, etc., that make a particular person or group different from others. There are hundreds of qualities that come to mind when I think of the Basque community. Some of the most prevalent are that we are all faithful, loyal, nurturing and most of all hardworking. My Amatchi and Aitatchi were able to come to America purely by the hard work that they put forth every single day. They learned the language, learned the American culture and through all this remained loyal to their Basque heritage, Catholic faith and made sure that their children and grandchildren would grow up knowing what it means to be Basque. They made sure of this by practicing traditions and helping construct the Basque Cultural Center in South San Francisco so that we would all have a place to go to experience what it is to be Basque.

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I have had the pleasure of growing up going to the Basque Cultural Center and going to all of the Basque picnics up and down California, through Nevada, Idaho and even through the Basque country. Through these I have made life-long friends and connections. Recently I have run into so many people that I have met through the Basque community, who don't live near me and it's like running into family. These are people that I have grown up with, and spent numerous summer weekends with dancing to traditional Basque music and "Basqu-ing" in our culture. When traveling through the Basque Country it was so amazing that I was able to connect with people and participate in the dances and festivities and not feel like an outsider. I felt like someone who truly belonged and understood what it means to be Basque.

Overall it is important to know and maintain my Basque identity so then I am able to pass my love for this culture onto my children one day so then the Basque community continues to thrive through the future generations. Because without knowing our culture and practicing it, the Basque community can't continue to thrive as it does now and the Basque culture to me is something that is so important.



WOMENS' CLUB NEWS



The BCC Women's Club would like to thank everyone who generously donated items for the Christmas Toy Drive during our Santa luncheon. The South San Francisco Fire Department made a special visit to the BCC to pick up the toys which were distributed to deserving families throughout SSF during the holiday season. Mil Esker!

The Women's Club annual dinner will take place at the Basque Cultural Center on **Friday, January 29, 2016** with no host cocktails starting at 6:30 PM followed by dinner at 7:00 PM. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Mayte Ocafrain at [650 589 2973](tel:6505892973) or email her at goxoki@sbcglobal.net before **January 23, 2016**.

Bring your mom or daughter or a friend. "The more the merrier".

HIRU KIROL

The Basque Cultural Center Pilota committee is organizing a Hiru Kirol tournament to start sometime in **March**.

Hiru Kirol, which means "three sports" in euskera, combines a pilota player's enduring ability to play paleta goma, paleta Argentina (balin) and eskuz (with a softer goxua ball) in a individual match against another player. For more information on the tournament and if you are willing to participate, please contact Xabier Berrueta at xabier-berrueta1@yahoo.com or 650 9222474.

HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE

From the ancient time of whaling to today's shooting of woodpigeon along the Pyrenees, ehiza has been part of Basque culture. Even today a number of American Basques go back to the Basque Country every fall for hunting season and many families continue the hunting tradition in new world. However, hunting in US requires a bit more than grabbing aitona's old shotgun and joining him in the field. The new generation of hunters needs to complete and pass a basic hunter safety/education course before purchasing a hunting license.

The purpose of Hunter Education Course is to promote safe, knowledgeable and responsible hunter conduct, to emphasize the importance of wildlife management, laws and regulations, and to encourage the safe handling of firearms and bow hunting equipment. This course is idea for new hunters and children but is a valuable experience for anyone who enjoys the outdoors and has an interest in conservation. For veteran hunters, the course serves as a refresher and enables you to hunt all 50 states and Canada. There is no minimum age requirement to take the course, but young children may find the exam demanding. Parents are encouraged to participate in the course with their child.

This year we will be offering a 10-hour conventional classroom style course that will be taught over two sessions at the BCC, February 27 and March 5 from 1pm to 6pm. For more information and enrollment, please contact Gabino at gabinoalonso@yahoo.com (preferred) or 650-307-3369.

Class size is limited.

8 HERRIALDEAK ZUZENEAN - 8KZ



The Basque Diaspora monthly radio show, 8 Herraldeak Zuzenean (8 Provinces Live) will return from its summer break on **Sunday, February 7th, 11:00am PST (8:00pm CET - Central European Time)**. The show is hosted by Benoit Etcheverry hosts the show with Robert Acheritogaray, Esther Ciganda along with Benoit's daughter Lilia and son Antton. It is broadcast in Euskara, French, Spanish and English.

Listen in at the following website: <http://euskalirratia.info/>

<http://gureirratia.eu/http://tunein.com/radio/Gure-Irratia-905-s25939/>

To call into the show from the US dial: 011 33 5 59 59 60 30 or you can email the show at irratia@8probintz

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