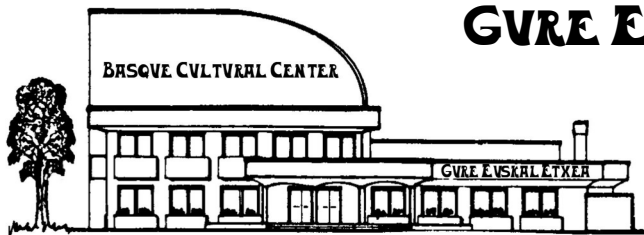


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BCC RESTAURANT CLOSED

The BCC restaurant is closed again with the July 13th gubernatorial order to cease all dine in restaurant services. Take out service will no longer be offered as well.

MEMBERS' SUNDAY LUNCH

The members' Sunday lunch has resumed every Sunday. **RSVPs are required.**
- 650-583-8091 - www.BasqueCulturalCenter.com.

YOUTH

Interested in thinking of projects and events for our Youth to participate in? We would like to invite teenagers, parents and educators to participate in a zoom meeting on August 15th at 11:30 am. We would like to plan a few social and community events for our youth, with their input and feedback. For more information please contact Yvette Mindeguia at (650-201-0927) or Valerie Arrechea at (415-859-1154).



BUILDING AND GROUNDS UPDATE FOR THE KANTXA

In October 2019, the Buildings and Grounds committee met and gave initial approval of repainting the kantxa. At the time, the World Cup of Trinquete in Oloron, France was ongoing and there were conversations with the International Federation of Basque Pilota (FIPV) regarding potential future pilota events in the United States. The US Federation of Pelota met with Roberto Elias who is the FIPV Architect for the Americas. A mutual decision was to meet sometime in early 2020. (The Kantxa story is continued on page 2)

Upcoming Events

In compliance with the San Mateo County shelter-in-place order, the BCC's Board of Directors continues to exhibit caution for all member activities.

EUSKAL ETXEKO JAIALDIA CANCELED

Due to the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 virus, the BCC August Festival - Euskal Etxeko Jaialdia - is canceled this year.

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KANTXA STORY CONT.....

Roberto came to the to the BCC Anniversary in Feb 2020 for two purposes. One was to get an overall assessment of what it would take to get the court to 2020 world championship regulation standards. Second, to research if South San Francisco and the surrounding area is capable to support an international tournament (hotels, restaurants, etc). During the BCC anniversary and following week thereafter, Roberto met with members of the BCC Building and Grounds committee, giving his official report about our kantxa. His detailed report indicated many items that are necessary for a world championship caliber facility, inclusive of repainting, reconfiguring the playing surfaces and correcting the brightness/focus of the lights, just to name a few. He reminded that the color standards for a world championship caliber facility are either forest green or blue.

With the research given by Roberto, it was decided by the BCC Buildings and Grounds Committee and the Board of Directors along with viewing other examples of kantxas in the Basque Country and worldwide, the best color for the court as a multi-use facility would be a shade of blue. This color was selected with the thought of incorporating minimum FIPV standards, selecting both a darker color other than beige-white, and a color that assists with the brightness needed because of the current insufficient illumination of the lights. The court project started in June and was completed by mid-July. There already has been positive feedback worldwide of the updated kantxa within Gure Euskal Etxea. We look forward to the day when our BCC members and guests worldwide can use the kantxa once again.

BASQUE CULTURAL CENTER MEMBERS

Some of our more senior members may need assistance during these challenging times – for example, with picking up groceries and prescriptions – the Board will gladly help coordinate with those willing to provide help. Please contact Valerie Arrechea at (415) 859-1154 for more information.

TAI CHI CLASSES

Tai Chi Classes led by Leon Sorhondo and Dan Sampi- or will resume at the Basque Center on the first week of August and will meet every Friday and Saturday from 11am to noon. This is not a martial arts class and is mostly a follow the leader class. Exercises are slow and the focus in on proper balancing and movements.

Classes will follow Covid guidelines: immediate temperature check, hand washing before start, and proper distancing. Reserving a spot is critical as distancing allows a limited number of participants. Contact Leon: email - irisarrtara@yahoo.com or text/phone 415.235.9017.

FALL TXIRRINDULARI BIKE RIDE

September 26, 2020

There is plenty of time to warm up and get in shape for the next bike ride that starts at the Sorhondo's home near Twin Peaks in San Francisco. The Bide Txiki/short route is 25 miles and the Bide Lize/longer more challenging ride is 32 miles - unless any rider wants to add 2 extra miles to the top of Twin Peaks !!!

Both groups will bike to the Basque Cultural Center, then return to the Sorhondo's for lunch. This time there is a third less rigorous 12 mile option if you have someone pick you up at the Basque Center.

If you don't wish to ride but would like to be a part of the event, you can be a SAG (support and gear) member. One or two SAGs drive a vehicle with a bike rack and help give directions, cheer on, and give assistance with changing flat tires, providing drinks and snacks, etc. Needless to say the purpose of the ride is Basque community exercising together and bringing the best of your talents to the Basque meal which is the only payment required. Contact Leon with questions and interest in participating: email - irisarrtara@yahoo.com or text/phone 415.235.9017.

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