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Upcoming Events:

- UW Lang Day,
March 5th @ Seattle
- Spring Dinner/Elections,
March 27th @ Seattle
- Jaialdi 2010,
July 27th-31st @ Boise
- Summer Picnic
Sept. 11th @ Seattle

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www.seattleuskal.org

Seattle Euskal Etxea (SEE)
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SEE-SPRING DINNER & ELECTIONS MARCH 27TH



Our annual Spring Dinner will be held at the beautiful PRAG House, residence to SEE member Nora Leech. In addition to food and drink we'll be hosting the Annual Mus Tournament, Elections to the Board and a vote including a proposed revision to the SEE bylaws. Please plan accordingly if you would like to play mus, vote, etc...

12:30pm Mus Registration (\$20 per team)

1:00 Mus Tournament (according to NABO)

4:00 Socializing

5:00pm Elections and bylaw voting.

5:30pm Dinner – Entree, bread, salad and beverages are provided.

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. \$20 Members, \$25 Non-members, \$40 Member Family; \$50 Non-Member Family (12 and under free). **747 16 Ave E Seattle, WA 98112.** Please contact Amaya Michelena at secretary@seattleuskal.org or 321-662-8049 to RSVP or with any questions.

by: Amaya Michelena



GOT CHORIZO? NAHI DUZU SOME?

When was the last time you enjoyed a warm, wonderful, chorizo? Was it fried with eggs and a coscorra of bread; Was it barbecued and slipped into a warm bun; Or did you enjoy it in a stew along side some patatak and some of your favorite vegetables? Unless you are fortunate enough to make your own, its probably been a while since you have had one. Why wait for a SEE event to get your fix when you can pre-order genuine Gem Pack Basque chorizos to take home to your own family and share with your friends? Quantities are limited as these will be hand carried from Boise, ID, but if there seems to be suitable interest we'll see about getting more regular shipments made to the WA area. \$4/lb (1lb = 5 chorizos) . **Pre-order by e-mailing Joe G with a quantity at vicepresident@seattleuskal.org**

by: Joe M. Guerricabeitia



MUS TOURNAMENTS-LOCAL, NATIONAL, INTERNATIONAL

Local-

SEE's mus tournament will be held March 27th, in conjunction with the Spring dinner.

This tournament will determine SEE's representatives to the NABO national tournament and will be played in accordance with NABO mus rules: www.nabasque.org/pdf/NABO_mus_rules.pdf

National-

The National NABO mus tournament will be held June 12th in Winnemucca, Nevada. The national mus tournament is always hosted by the prior years national winners. In 2009 this honor went to the first female pair of national mus winners from Winnemucca, Nevada.

by: Joe M. Guerricabeitia

International-

The international tournament will be held in 8/28-9/6 in LA: See www.nabasque.org/LA-MUS-2010.htm



JAIALDI 2010 -INTERNATIONAL BASQUE FESTIVAL



Jaialdi was first celebrated in 1987 as a one-time event to celebrate the old and new, local and international aspects of Basque culture. Held at the historic former Idaho State Penitentiary (now a state park), Jaialdi '87 attracted 30,000 enthusiastic visitors. The festivities included a parade, symposium, Mass, street dance, sports exhibitions, cultural performances, souvenir booths, and food and drink.

In 1990, the governor of Idaho requested that the Basque community hold another Jaialdi as part of the state's 100th anniversary celebrations. The 1990 Jaialdi took the same format, but with a few minor changes and improvements. The 1990 festival was so successful that the current every-five-years format was established. Jaialdi is always held during the last weekend of July, which coincides with the Boise Basque community's celebration saint, San Inazio de Loyola.

The goal of Jaialdi is to celebrate Basque culture through dance, song, music, education, food and more. Jaialdi is an easy word to remember and say: It describes a week of gathering and taking part in a memorable time.

Jaialdi 2010 Official Schedule of Events

July 27-28th, 5-11 pm @ Basque Block, FREE-"Welcome to Jaialdi" Featuring food, drink and strolling musicians.

July 29th, 7pm July 29 @ Qwest Arena, \$12-"Sports Night" Three weight lifters from Euskal Herria will be lifting cylinders weighing 250-400 pounds and balls weighing 250 pounds. Three wood choppers from the region will compete against each other, and 20 farm sports competitors will participate in feats of strength such as throwing bales of hay, lifting wagons and carrying milk cans.

July 30, Noon-6 pm @ Basque Block, FREE- "Basqueing on the Block," Featuring food, drink, strolling musicians.

7pm @ Morrison Center, Tickets TBD-"Festa'ra," This performance will feature two dance groups from the Basque Country, the Oinkari Basque Dancers, bertzolariak and an interpretive performance by the Trey McIntyre project.

10am-6 pm @ Fairgrounds (Expo Idaho), Tickets TBD-"Basqueing at the Fairgrounds," More than 36 dance groups from 6 Western states on 2 indoor stages. Vendors with unique novelties, souvenirs and clothing will set up shop in the air-conditioned portion of the Expo building. Food and drink will be available, along with sports events near the outdoor fountain. Sheep wagons will be on display.

July 31, 7pm @ St. John's Cathedral, FREE- San Inazio Mass in Euskara featuring the Oñati & Oinkari dancers.

9 pm-1:30 am @ Fairgrounds (Expo Idaho), Tickets TBD-Featuring music by Amuma Says No and others.

Aug 1, 11 am-5 pm @ Fairgrounds (Expo Idaho), Tickets TBD-"Basqueing at the Fairgrounds," Dancing, weight lifting, and vendors.

Adapted from:: <http://jaialdi.com/wordpress/?p=75>

TREASURER'S 2009 REPORT

Overall, SEE more or less broke even for the year, meaning our revenues and expenses were nearly the same. As the purpose of our organization is to promote Basque culture and organize events, to be able to break-even is a good thing. Considering the Seattle Euskal Etxea hosted its first NABO Board meeting during the year, which cost the club \$1,130 in food and equipment rental, it makes our operating results for 2009 even more impressive. Hosting the NABO meeting was a landmark event for us as it increased our exposure within NABO, which will hopefully give our club members more opportunities in the future to take part in NABO sponsored cultural events and entertainment. Given the response of NABO delegates during the meeting, the club definitely made a lasting positive impression.

For revenues, it is important to note that we received \$651 in Basque Government grants during 2009. We are not expecting to receive any grant money during 2010. Revenues for the spring and summer events are namely food, raffle

ticket revenue, and mus fees. As you see the expenses are nearly equivalent for these two events; SEE does not make any significant money on the spring and summer events. This means we are making enough to cover our costs, which is our goal.

For expenses, we spent \$409 in membership drive/newsletter costs. This cost is namely postage and printing costs for the inserts. We also spent \$359 and \$324 for the mus tournament in Chino and the attendance in the Reno NABO meeting. These expenses are namely the portion of airline and hotel costs that the club covers to attend these events. I believe it is important to have representation at the annual mus tournament and NABO meetings as due to our geography and small Basque community, we can easily be forgotten by NABO if we do not have representation.

Our cash balance at December 31, 2009 was \$2,995. It is important to maintain a cash balance of this amount to give us the ability to pay for Basque entertainment/music if it becomes available, specifi-

cally through NABO. Based on the membership forms that all of you fill out, the board knows entertainment at events is something many people would like to see.

Regarding the outlook for 2010, we are expecting similar membership revenue as in prior year, based on responses so far. Due to the additional insert in this year's membership packet, we incurred slightly more costs in membership drive expenses. As we are not expecting any grant revenue this year, we may have to cut costs in 2010 for newsletter expenses, and the portion the club covers for NABO meeting expenses. The newsletters are effective in announcing events, however, they are costly. The best way for members to keep up with the club and the club activities is through the club website www.seattleeuskal.org.

The only reason we are able to keep our costs so low is due to the donation of space, time

specifically the Michelena families, Nora Leech, and Ray Aspiri. We should all be very thankful to these members and all members who donate so much time, effort, and resources to keep the Basque culture alive and well in Washington.

by: Gaizka Mallea

INCOME STATEMENT FOR 2009	
Revenue	
Membership Drive	1,304
Spring Dinner	1,109
Summer Picnic	1,200
Basque Gov't Grants	651
Total Revenue	\$4,264
Expenses	
NABO Meeting	1,130
Spring Dinner Expenses	1,108
Summer Picnic Expenses	897
Membership Drive/Newsletter Expenses	409
Mus Tournament in Chino	359
Reno NABO Meeting	324
NABO Membership Dues	221
Other	346
Total Expenses	\$4,792
Net Income(Loss)	-\$528
Cash Balance at 1/1/09	\$3,524
Net Loss	-\$528
Cash Balance at 12/31/09	\$2,995

GUERNICA—BOOK CLUB REVIEW HITS CLOSE TO HOME

Have you ever had the opportunity to participate in a book group where two members were "related" to characters in the book? At the January 18th joint Book Club and SEE Club review of the book, *Guernica*, the author Dave Boling presented the fascinating family saga of the Basque town in 1937. Basque Club member Joe Guerricabeitia's grandfather was Justo Murelaga, the iconic Basque man, to Boling, from whom he created his "Justo" character. Also, John Etulain's father had traversed many of the trails that character "DoDo" used to slip refugees and supplies past the Spanish Guardia.

Boling, a sportswriter, shared his story of writing his debut historical-fiction novel and the incredible instant success it has received, being published in 13 languages thus far and winning awards including the Pacific NW Booksellers Association award for fiction.

The SEE members present answered many of the questions posed about Basque's by the Book Club members who praised the vivid and powerful novel. Our thanks to hostess, Kit Phillips and author, Dave Boling for a special evening. by: Angela Stewart



SEE PROPOSED BYLAW REVISION AT SPRING DINNER

In a recent review of the Seattle Euskal Etxea bylaws the Board determined that the club has been out of compliance with several provisions for some time. In order establish compliance and ease the burden on future Board members the SEE board has compiled a list of suggested revisions to be presented for a vote at the Spring Dinner on March 27, 2010. Many of the changes are small, but the desire is to maintain the original intent of the by-laws without over defining and burdening the SEE Board with minutia which do not contribute to the clubs over all mission of promoting and perpetuating the Basque culture. Please see the SEE website for a summary of changes and come to the Spring dinner for an additional review and vote on revisions. By Joe M. Guerricabeitia

AITA TILLOUS MEMORIAL MASS VIEWING APRIL 24th @ 3:00 PM

It has been nearly a year since the passing of Aita Tillous. Born Martxel Tillous in Eskiula, Xiberoa, Aita Tillous served the US Basque communities from 1994 until his cancer prevented him from doing so.

Following his calling Aita entered the priesthood and began work as a missionary for 26 years in Africa. Returning to Europe he served four years as the Basque chaplain for the Basque community of Paris from where he came to the

United States.

Aita Martxel was the last in a line of earlier Basque chaplains. His ministry as chaplain to the Basques of the United States had him criss-crossing the country averaging 60,000 miles a year! He usually spent 200 nights a year sleeping in his van—with the license plate "Pottoka"—as he traveled from his base in San Francisco, California to the scattered Basque communities of eleven states of the American West. All of this

to serve the spiritual needs of Basque-Americans—from celebrating Mass in the Basque language to baptizing, marrying Basque couples and consoling us at funerals.

In order to honor his memory SEE members Toni Sabarots Etulain and Jon Etulain will be hosting a viewing of the **Aita Tillous Memorial Mass, Saturday April 24th @ 3:00pm**. More details will be posted as they become available. Please contact Toni with questions: asabarots@seanet.com

Adapted from:

www.nabasque.org/NABO/tillous.htm



Aita Tillous (1934-2009)

NABO NEWS—BASQUE NEWS OUTSIDE WASHINGTON

Udaleku-June 21st-July 2nd @ SF, CA; Applications due by May 1st; Tuition \$300; Financial aid available; Questions: kcamino@unr.edu

Beti Gazte-July 3rd 4pm-8pm @ Elko, NV; Ages 15-25; 1st event to bring together Basque youth; Questions bilbao.post.haravrd.edu

Jaialdi/Pilota Txapalketa-July 27th-Aug 1st @ Boise, ID (see back for details); Pilota tournaments will be held July 29th & July 30th

Kantari Eguna-October TBD @ Rocklin, CA; Members of all clubs, including children, encouraged to participate.

Basques-Hidden in Plain Sight Exhibit- Feb 6th-May 9th @ Ellis Island; www.basqueexhibit.com

Miami Basque club joined NABO-Zorionak gure Miamiko lagun berriak! www.euskaletxeaqofmiami.org

Basque Online Bookstore-University Nevada Reno basquebooks.myshopify.com

Kaixo Matia 'Hello Love'-New Basque singles website launched. Visit www.kaixomatia.com to meet your euskaldun berri or baserritarra!

by: Joe M. Guerricabeitia

SEE SUMMER PICNIC—SEPTEMBER 11th—SAVE THE DATE!

The annual SEE summer picnic will be held Saturday, **September 11th, 2010 at Lake Sammamish State Park**. The park is located on the edge of the city of Issaquah, Washington in King County. The park includes diverse natural wetlands, a large great blue heron rookery and the salmon-bearing Issaquah Creek. The park has one of the largest freshwater beaches in the greater Seattle area, so bring your swimsuit if you'd like to swim! This year's festivities would not be complete without traditional Basque BBQ, of lamb and chorizo accompanied by plenty of red wine, and other savory summer delights! We are very fortunate to consistently have a delicious buffet at our events, which reflects our members' generosity and culinary passion. Please feel free to bring an item to share at the picnic, it is always appreciated and enjoyed! This year's entertainment will include mus, dancing, raffle prizes and other activities to be announced. More details will be posted on the SEE website in the near future, and we will also be sending an Evite out to determine the number of guests planning to attend. If you would like more information about Lake Sammamish, please visit www.parks.wa.gov for directions and campsite information. Camping is allowed at this site, but reservations are required. Please email president@seattleeuskal.org if you have any questions. SEE you there!!

by: Danielle Bock-Grande