

# Zazpiak Bat

Reno Basque Club Newsletter / Issue 5

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## Reno's Athletic Bilbao

*Lorenzo Trimble*

I wanted to share a little news and information about our team, Athletic Bilbao. Hopefully this comes in time to be included in the newsletter.

We strive to be like the infamous team in the Spanish professional league, La Liga, our roster includes several Basques. Additionally, we have done our best to model our uniforms like theirs. We have been having a great season winning the first four games, so that we have twelve points and a goal differential of 19 points. We would love all the support we can get. Our games are at 1 p.m. for the next seven Sundays except October 14. The next four games are at the South Valley's Sports Complex, and then the next two games are at the Golden Eagle Sports Complex. One can follow our team online at [snsoccer.com](http://snsoccer.com) and then clicking on "Teams," found along the right side of the website. Then on the next screen click on Athletic Bilbao in the Silver group. There one can find our team page

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*Team Athletic Bilbao. Photo provided by Lorenzo Trimble.*

## Basque News

—The *New York Times* recently published an article on 63-year-old shepherd, Henry Etcheverry, near Rupert, Idaho. Here's a snippet of the article:

“Mr. Etcheverry is one of the last Basque shepherds left in the American West, where there were once hundreds, if not thousands, like him. He learned the business from his father, Jean Pierre Etcheverry, who emigrated from the Basque Country, a region in the Pyrenees Mountains comprising parts of southern France and northern Spain, in 1929. Back then sheep outnumbered Idahoans seven to one, a peak that coincided with the tail end of Basque immigration to the western United States. Tens of thousands settled in Idaho, Nevada, California, Utah and Wyoming, many finding work in the sheep trade or establishing boardinghouses and restaurants catering to Basque herders. Though a precise tally is elusive, Basques once roamed Idaho's sheep ranges in formidable numbers. Today, just two or three remain.”

The full article can be found on [NYTimes.com](http://NYTimes.com), and search for “Basque.”

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with our logo, team photo, roster, and table of standings for the season.

If you have any question please email or call Lorenzo at [lotrimble@gmail.com](mailto:lotrimble@gmail.com) or [775-742-2662](tel:775-742-2662).

## Basque News

—In September, the *Reno Gazette-Journal* reported that John and Rose Ascuaga of John Ascuaga's Nugget in Spark will receive the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Bishop's Humanitarian Award from Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada.

Originally from Idaho, The Acuaga's have been donating to Catholic Charities for 50 years.

The full article can be read on RGJ.com, and search for "Ascuaga." Or click the link on our Facebook page.

—Want to learn Basque? There are several ways you can, including online courses, youth programs, and courses through the mail.

The University of Nevada, Reno has language and culture classes available on campus and online. Look at [basque.unr.edu](http://basque.unr.edu) to see what would work for you.

NABO website is also a great resource for learning Basque for adults and children. Even if you're an adult, the children's resources are helpful in learning basic Basque grammar. Visit [www.nabasque.org/PAGES/education.htm](http://www.nabasque.org/PAGES/education.htm) and click on the images to take you to different learning pages.

For our members in San Francisco, the SF Basque Cultural Center offers a variety of programs and activities, such as korrika, pilota, and mus. Visit them at [www.sfbcc.us](http://www.sfbcc.us).

## Basque Club Website

Currently our website is down for reconstruction. We will announce when the new site is up and running.

## Sunshine

All sunshine reports were first published by *Reno Gazette-Journal*

**Alberto Chamarro** peacefully passed away on September 13, 2012. He was born on November 21, 1927 in Irurita, Navarra, Spain. Alberto came to the United States in 1952 and herded sheep in Arizona and California.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Justa in 1998.

Alberto is survived by his sons, Frank and George of Reno, and his brother, Jesus, who resides in France.

**Mary Adele "Tia Mary" Mentaberry Yrueta**, was born June 29, 1917 to Damiena Goitiandia Mentaberry and John Mentaberry. She was the eldest daughter of nine children. She is survived by her sister and two brothers, her daughter, Deanna (Bob) Prida and Mary's grandchildren, Steven and Tina (Bobby) Hurst and great-grandchildren, Brandon and Courtney reside in Flagstaff. Her daughter, Ruby (Bill) Lowery and grandsons John, and Joe (Lisa) and great-grandchildren, Kyla and Malia, reside in Nevada.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Yrueta, parents, and brothers, John Mentaberry Jr. (Angela), Fausto (Joyce) Mentaberry, Henry (Barbara), George and sister Annie (Frank) Bengoa.

**Clara O. Fondi** passed on August 22, 2012. She was 94 years old. Clara was born in the Caserio Anacabe near the village of Ondarroa, Spain to her parents Eugenio Orueta and Evarista Anacabe. In 1921 Clara, her younger sister Asuncion and her parents immigrated to the United States. Clara's brother John was born prior to the family's move to Ely, NV.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Mike Fondi in 1936. Clara and Mike had one child, Michael E. Fondi of Carson City, Nevada. She is survived by three grandsons, Michael David of Las Vegas, Anthony Paul (Connie) of Carson City, and Jonathan M. (Carrie) of Reno, Nevada. She is also survived by six great-grandchildren.

## 2012 Calendar of Events

### October

Oct. 13 (Sat.): Rocklin festival and Kantari Eguna

Oct. 14 (Sun.): Santa Rosa fall festival

### November

Nov. 3 (Sat.): Basque Educational Organization

Nov. 10 (Sat.): Reno Membership San Martin Dinner

TBA: Cenarrusa Foundation dinner event

### Sunshine continued....

**Gilbert Dominique Ayarbe**, who has died age 85, was a teacher, surveyor, Army veteran, brother, uncle, husband, father and grandfather.

He was born to Basque immigrants Grace and Pete Ayarbe on October 25, 1926. He joined the army in 1944 where he trained as a parachuter. He served in Japan as a peace keeper after World War II.

Gilbert Ayarbe died August 19, 2012 surrounded by family. He is survived by his wife, Twylah; daughters, Carrie Ayarbe Fields and Heidi Ayarbe; sons in law, Rick Fields and Cesar Giraldo; granddaughters, Sydney and Kyra Fields and Amelia and Elisa Giraldo Ayarbe; brothers Joe Ayarbe and Jean Ayarbe; and nieces and nephews Joseph Lynn Ayarbe, Susan Ayarbe Skeffington, Karen Ayarbe Pintar, John Ayarbe and Elizabeth Ayarbe-Perez.



*July 21, 2012, Annual July Basque Festival at Wingfield Park in Reno, Nevada. Members of the community participate in an open dance. Photos by Claude Sendon.*

**Jose Rivera**, age 88 passed away October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 at Carson Valley Senior Living of complications from Alzheimer's. He was born on June 22<sup>nd</sup> in 1924 in Sumbilla, Navarra, Spain. He was the second son of four children. He had three sisters, Esperanza the oldest, Pilar and Amalia the youngest. He came to the U.S. in 1952 and worked as a shepherd for two years and then he moved to Los Angeles to work in the meatpacking industry (Farmer John) for twenty-two years. He loved traveling with his wife, especially cruising with John and Mary Manterola, fishing and playing mus with his Basque friends and family.

Jose is survived by his wife, Emilia Malle, of 56 years, his son, Tony, daughters, Mary Rey and RoseAnne Rivera, grandchildren, Esteban and Dioni Rey, sisters, Esperanza and Pilar, brother-in-law Miguel Graciarena, Sister-in-law Mary Manterola, and Tomi Malle.

He was preceded in death by his father Leandro and mother Dionisia and his youngest sister Amalia Graciarena.

### San Martin Dinner

On Saturday, November 10, 2012, we will be holding our San Martin's dinner. The location will be 775 Gastropub, located at Meadowood Mall. Starting time will be 6 p.m. with cocktails and dinner following at 7 p.m. Menu is a choice of lomo or cod, the price will be \$30.00 for adults and \$12.00 for children 6-12. Please RSVP via club website or by calling 775-750-1113 or 775-673-4947. Hope to see you all there!

"A gastropub is a tavern serving high quality beers, wines and spirits, accompanied by great food utilizing fresh local ingredients.

"775 features a chef driven, seasonal menu with innovative and unique dishes. In addition to the current seasonal house menu, Chef Auriane prepares weekly chef's specials. The new weekly specials menu is available every Friday." -

<http://www.775gastropub.com/>

## Board of Directors

*The board meetings are scheduled for the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 P.M. at the Santa Fe Restaurant, Reno, Nevada. However, the June meeting will be held on the first Tuesday. All are welcome.*

**President:** Joe Rosevear (2012–2013)

**Vice President:** Javier Narvarte (2012–2013)

**Secretary:** Lauri Narvarte (2012–2013)

**Treasurer:** Margurite Wilson (2012)

**NABO Rep:** Paul Etxeberri (2012)

**NABO Rep:** Margurite Wilson (2012–2013)

### Board Members:

Christine Aramini (2012)

JoxeMallea-Olaetxe (2012)

Jennifer Etcheberry (2012-13)

Lorenzo Trimble (2012-13)

Paul Iñaki Etxeberri (2012)

Paul Woodin (2012–13)

Tori King (2012)

Jack Yturiaga (2012)

### Committees

Dance Instructors: Marylou Etcheberry and Jennifer Etcheberry

Membership: Margurite Wilson

NABO Calendar/Cookbook Sales: MaryLou Urrutia

Newsletter and Social Media: Robyn Oxborrow

Nominations and Elections Committee: Gloria Castillo,

PierretteCalleja, and recruiting a volunteer to chair it

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