

SCÉAL EILE

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE COOLEY-KEEGAN BRANCH OF COMHALTAS CEOLTÓIRÍ ÉIREANN

From the Chairman

A Chairde,

Happy days and happy times for C.C.E.--our last two events were brilliant--just brilliant! I can't say enough wonderful things about our Tin Whistle recital. To a "standing room only" crowd, the children played their tunes and DELIGHTED us all. One just had to look at their teacher's (Conall O'Raghallaig) face to know that he was pleased and proud. There was overwhelming support from the local Irish musicians' community as all came together for a seissun afterwards. We are truly blessed to have such a commitment from our seasoned musicians who help pass on their gifts of our traditions.

Our other event was the picnic at West Portal Park. This was a day of perfect weather filled with plenty of good food and friends. There was no shortage of fun activities with this group. With a boombox on hand, we got a few figures. Geli, Cole and Sean kept all our toes tapping with their tunes. Oh, and there were balls and fresbees flying in the field. All in all, a great day was had. We are thinking of having another picnic in September. DON'T MISS IT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The Irish Herald/Gael newspaper is a wonderful resource for information of Irish news and events in the San Francisco Bay Area and beyond. We are grateful to Publisher, Sean Canniffe, and contributor, Liam Reidy, for an article in this month's paper about the CCE Children's Tin Whistle Recital. Check it out and let them know how much we appreciate this type of exposure.

While you are at it, check out the information on a tremendous project at Treasure Island by the S. F. GAA (Gaelic Athletic Association). Several of our young aspiring traditional musicians are also involved in Irish sports. A huge volunteer effort is underway to build four fields for our Irish community and this deserves enormous support.

Thank you
Slán, Kasey

Events this Month

CCE Night at the UICC - On Saturday, July 19th, CCE will host another night of dancing at the UICC. Dancing begins at 8:00PM to live music. Admission is free. Contact: Michael Riemer (riemer@ce.berkeley.edu). See attached flyer for more details.

South Bay - The Britannia Arms hosts dancing in San Jose every Wednesday. Set dancing with a wee bit of ceili from 8-10:30PM to live music. No lessons but an instructor on-hand to assist and lead sets. Join us for free on the first visit; a \$5 donation suggested for returning dancers. Contact: Michael Murphy at irishboogieman@yahoo.com.

North Bay - Finbar Devine's Irish Pub in downtown Petaluma hosts Set and Ceili dance lessons on occasional Sundays. Contacts: Connie Lynch (707-823-7378; cerrydancer@juno.com), Kasey MillerE (707-769-8552).

East Bay - Starry Plough in Berkeley hosts ceili dancing on Mondays. Lessons from 7-9PM and dancing to live music from 9PM to 11PM. Contacts: John Slaymaker or Gretchen Holm.

See calendar page for address, phone number and web page for all venues.

Future Events

The Scéal Eile won't be published in August but the normal monthly events will still be held including: CCE night on Aug 16th; Thursday lessons at the UICC followed by dancing at the Plough and Stars; Wednesday dancing at Britannia Arms; Monday dancing in Berkeley. Come out for a grand time.

Save the date -- the Fall CCE picnic will be in September. Look for details in the September Scéal Eile.



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The Tin Whistle recital was a big success.
Congratulations to the musicians and the instructors!

Member News

Congratulations are in order to Jaime Lundy who was selected as the San Francisco Rose of Tralee at the UICC in May. Jaime and her family (Seamus, Maureen, Marlene and Killian) always warmly welcome the CCE Wren Boys to their home each St. Stephen's night. Jaime is a talented, wonderful representative of our community and we wish her all the best for a wonderful time in Tralee.

June is Graduation time.... so to one & all of our Graduates & their families...Yeah!!!! You Did It...(This is where dancing a little jig comes in real handy!!!) Have a great summer!!!!

Congratulations to Nancy & Steve Goulding on their recent May wedding....All the Best & Much Happiness from your CCE friends...

Our prayers for improved health are extended to Anne Quilter who was in hospital lately. Anne is a great supporter of all our events and also organizes the outings for the Silver Gaels through the UICC. We hope you are back in action soon, Anne. God Bless.

Song and Storytelling

The next Singing and Storytelling Seisiún will be held on September 5th. Have a great summer. If you would like to host a singing and storytelling seisiún contact Michael Jones at mfj@ieee.org.

An Chaeilge

Deireadh Seachtaine Gaeltachta 2008, uimhir a 10! (San Francisco Bay Area Irish Language Immersion Weekend, 10th annual!) September 26-28, 6pm Fri. - 4:30pm Sun. Venue: United Irish Cultural Center, San Francisco.

Increase your confidence and fluency in Irish, or make a good start on learning it! Four class levels, beginner to advanced.

The Deireadh Seachtaine Gaeltachta features intensive tutorials focusing on spoken language and increasing fluency. Teachers are native speakers of Irish. Bring instruments & voices for sessions each evening -- playing music, & sharing songs, poetry, stories & craic in Irish.

Info & registration form available at <http://www.OneSourceGraphics.com/Gaeilge/DeireadhSeachtaine.html> or contact 510 881 5958, or cce_gaeilge@ccewest.org

General Meeting

There will not be a General Meeting of the Membership in July. The next meeting will be on August 5th at 7:30 at the UICC.

Membership Corner

Memberships are accepted year-round. Please check your mailing label to see your expiration date. Thanks for your support, Joannie (415 664-6579 or joannieoleary@msn.com).



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Set Dancing



1st Thursday: Plough and Stars in San Francisco at 8:00pm. Music by the Shannon Céilí Band.

2nd through last Thursdays:

- Lessons at the United Irish Cultural Center (UICC) in San Francisco at 7:30pm -- check at bar for room. Taped music:
- Plough and Stars in San Francisco at 9:30pm. Topsy House typically plays on the 2nd, 4th and last Thursday; Shannon Ceili Band on the 1st and 3rd Thursday. Dancers are encouraged to contribute \$5 to support the live music.

Wednesdays:

- Britannia Arms in Cupertino: Dancing to live music between 8-10PM. Dancers are encouraged to contribute \$5 to support the live music.



Seisiún



Slow Seisiún:

- Ireland's 32, starting at 7:30pm on the last Monday of each month. This is intended for beginners learning to play traditional Irish tunes, and the last Monday each month features the kids in our community. Starting at 9:00pm more experienced musicians are encouraged to join in on the faster paced, more Traditional Seisiún which follows. All are welcome to come listen as well. Contact Michael Riemer or Michael Duffy for more information.
- Plough and Stars, starting at 8:30 on the **second to last** Tuesday of each month. This Seisiún follows the same format as the Ireland's 32 Slow Seisiún.

Seisiún: - 8:30 Sundays at the Plough and Stars, various hosts.

Song and Storytelling Seisiún: Held on the first Friday of each month, check above for details.

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July 2008

DÉ DOMHNAIGH SUNDAY	DÉ LUAN MONDAY	DÉ MÁIRT TUESDAY	DÉ Céadaoin WEDNESDAY	Déardaoin THURSDAY	DÉ h-Aoine FRIDAY	DÉ Sathairn SATURDAY
June 29 <u>Seisiún -</u> Plough and Stars	30	July 1 <u>Seisiún -</u> Plough and Stars	2	3 <u>Set Dancing</u> Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band	4 <u>Song Seisiún</u> --none this month--	5
6 <u>Seisiún -</u> Plough and Stars	7	8 <u>Seisiún -</u> Plough and Stars	9 <u>Set Dancing</u> Britannia Arms Cupertino 8PM	10 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band	11	12
13 <u>Seisiún -</u> Plough and Stars	14	15 <u>Slow Seisiún -</u> Plough and Stars	16 <u>Set Dancing</u> Britannia Arms Cupertino 8PM	17 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ surprize group	18	19 <u>CCE Night</u> UICC 8:00PM w/ Live Music
20 <u>Seisiún -</u> Plough and Stars	21	22 <u>Song Seisiún</u> Plough and Stars	23 <u>Set Dancing</u> Britannia Arms Cupertino 8PM	24 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Topsy House	25	26
27 <u>Seisiún -</u> Plough and Stars	28 <u>Junior Seisiún</u> Ireland's 32 7:30	29 <u>Seisiún -</u> Plough and Stars	30 <u>Set Dancing</u> Britannia Arms Cupertino 8PM	31 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Barry O'Connell & Vinnie Cronin	Aug 1 <u>Song Seisiún</u> --none this month--	2

Ireland's 32 - 3920 Geary Blvd. (Between 3rd and 4th), San Francisco, (415) 386-6173

Plough and Stars - 116 Clement Ave. (Between 2nd and 3rd), San Francisco, (415) 751-1122

U.I.C.C. - 2700 45th Ave. (At Sloat Blvd.), San Francisco, (415) 661-2700

Britannia Arms - 1087 South De Anza Blvd, San Jose (near Cupertino border) (408) 252-7262

Starry Plough - 3101 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley (510) 841-2082 starryploughpub.com

Finbar Devines - 145 Kentucky St, Petaluma (North Bay), (707) 762-9800 finbarspetaluma.com

Nikki's House - Call or e-mail for directions: (510) 881 5958 or gaeilge@ccwest.org

Beckett's Irish Pub - 2271 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley (510) 647-1790 www.beckettsirishpub.com

You can also visit the following websites for events:

San Francisco CCE - Cooley-Keegan Branch - sf.ccwest.org

Santa Cruz CCE - Clifford-Hoban Branch - www.folkplanet.com/cce

Plough and Stars - theploughandstars.com

U.I.C.C. - www.irishcentersf.org

Starry Plough - www.starryploughceili.com