

SCÉAL ÉILE

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

From the Chairman

A Chairde,

March comes and goes, with a bittersweet flavor to it.

By now, we all know that our member Margaret Lynch has passed over to be with her beloved Frank. For those of us who had the great fortune to know and spend time with her, this passing is a heavy loss. I like to comfort my thoughts of this gentle woman with the image of her and Frank dancing a Sliabh Luachra set. It's nice to think of the two of them together.

Well, I was happy to see that we had a great crew turn out to help build our float for the St. Patrick's Day Parade. It was nice to have a core of veterans, but equally as nice to see some first-timers there as well. Together we built a float that with the addition of dancers and musicians, we placed third. Congratulations to a job well done! In addition to the parade, C.C.E. does a series of community performances at a few different rest homes in San Francisco to end out the month.

We had a great big turn out for our March ceili. There were sets and ceili dancing to the wonderful music of Andrew MacNamara and Rory McNamara. It's great to see so many people come out and support the ceili, and I hope to see you all at the next one.

At the ceili, CCE awarded the Kevin Mallen scholarship to Saoirse Brownfield-Magee and Sean O'Donnell. Congratulations to both of you!

So that's all for now, except to say, see you all at the convention in Atlanta. It's not too late to sign up.

Slán,
Kasey

Events this Month

CCE Night at the UICC - On Saturday April 21st CCE will host another night of dancing at the UICC. Lessons from 7:30PM; Dancing begins @ 8:30 to live music by 'Banish the Dogs'. Contact Michael Riemer (riemer@ce.berkeley.edu) or see attached flyer for more information.

Children's Ceili - On Sunday April 22nd a children's ceili will be held at the United Irish Cultural Center, 2700 45th Avenue, San Francisco, from 4-6PM. Comhaltas Members: Free. Non Comhaltas Members: \$5 per child or \$10 for two or more. Contact: Maureen Murphy: 415-661-0351. See attached flyer for more information.

Clifford-Hoban's Ceili - The CCE chapter in Santa Cruz/Monterey is holding a ceili on April 29th. It will be held at Cayuga Vault, 1100 Soquel Avenue in Santa Cruz, Introductory lessons start at 6PM; Set dancing from 6:30-9PM to live music (all dances taught through first). Suggested Donation: \$10 CCE members / \$15 general. For more info contact: Linda Preston (lindflan@yahoo.com), Michael Murphy (415-786-1337 or irishboogieman@yahoo.com) or Janet Herman (fasola@cruzio.com). You can also visit Clifford-Hoban's website at www.folkplanet.com/cce

South Bay - The Britannia Arms in Cupertino will be the scene of Set dancing on the 11th and 25th. Dancing to LIVE music begins at 8 PM and goes until 10PM. Donations: \$5.00; Proceeds go to the band and the dance leader. Contacts: Michael Murphy, 415-786-1337 or irishboogieman@yahoo.com (for dancing info., directions) and Britannia Arms, 408-252-7262.

North Bay - Finbar Devine's Irish Pub in downtown Petaluma is the scene for set dancing on occasional Sundays in the North Bay. Set and Ceili dance lessons will be from 4-6PM. Contact Connie, Kasey, or Mary McD for more information.



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CCE members mingle at the Emerald Extravaganza.

Song and Storytelling

The next Singing and Storytelling session will be hosted by Harold & Cathy on Friday April 6th at 8PM in Santa Clara.

964 Capitola Way,
Santa Clara, CA
(408) 247 3326

On May 4th John Hopkirk will host in San Carlos.

Special Events

The Wind that Shakes the Barley This film about the Irish war for independence in 1920 won the Best Film at the Cannes Film Festival. It opens in San Francisco on April 6th.

See www.ifcfilms.com/barley for info.

Member News

We welcomed a visitor from the Tokyo CCE branch on St Patricks day. Coco Miyazawa is a set dancing instructor that Patty Hoyt met on her travels in Tokyo. Coco walk along the parade route with us, brought special Japanese goodies for the post-parade party and joined us at the Plough and Stars for set dancing. The next time you're in Tokyo look her up for CCE dancing Tokyo style.

Condolences

Our sincere sympathy to member, Sheila Walsh on the passing of her sister, Bridget Guerin on December 23, 2006. We remember Sheila, Bridget and their family in our prayers. Bridget was also a cousin of our member, Joanne Harnett.

Michael Regan, a long-time member of our branch passed away on February 15, 2007. Mike was a great supporter in the Irish Community. We offer our condolences to his wife, Patricia and all the family.

Our own Margaret Lynch passed away the night of the St. Patrick's Grand Marshall Dinner. Margaret was surrounded by family and friends that evening. At the funeral mass, Father said, "After a lovely evening in which she received awards in honor of Frank, Margaret said I am going to have a talk with Frank tonight...little did she know she really would". Margaret will be missed by all of us, especially at her regular spot with Katherine Scanlon at the door to welcome everyone. Our thoughts and prayers are with Margaret and Frank's families.

General Meetings

The next General Meeting of the Membership will be Tuesday May 1st at 7:30pm at the United Irish Cultural Center.



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DÉ DOMHNAIGH SUNDAY	DÉ LUAN MONDAY	DÉ MÁIRT TUESDAY	DÉ CÉADAOIN WEDNESDAY	DÉARDAOIN THURSDAY	DÉ h-Aoine FRIDAY	DÉ SATHAIRN SATURDAY
April 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Seisiún - Plough and Stars	<u>General Meeting</u> Joannie's			<u>Set Dancing</u> Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band	<u>Song Seisiún</u> Harold & Cathy Santa Clara	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Seisiún - Plough and Stars	<u>Slow Seisiún</u> Ireland's 32		<u>Set Dancing</u> Britannia Arms Cupertino 8PM w/ Birds in the Bush	<u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Topsy House		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Seisiún - Plough and Stars		Slow Seisiún - Plough and Stars		<u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band		<u>CCE Night</u> UICC 7:30PM
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
<u>Children's Ceili</u> UICC 4-6PM Seisiún - Plough and Stars			<u>Set Dancing</u> Britannia Arms Cupertino 8PM	<u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Topsy House		
29	30	May 1	2	3	4	5
<u>Clifford-Hoban's Ceili</u> Cayuga Vault, Santa Cruz 6-9PM Seisiún - Plough and Stars	<u>Junior Seisiún</u> Ireland's 32			<u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band	<u>Song Seisiún</u> John Hopkirk San Carlos	

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

I.O.O.F. Hall - 113 South B Street, San Mateo

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

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

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

Britannia Arms - 1087 South De Anza Blvd, Cupertino (South Bay), (408) 252-7262

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 Calendar - pweb.jps.net/~jgilder/plough.html

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



**COMHALTAS CEOLTÓIRÍ ÉIREANN
THE COOLEY-KEEGAN BRANCH**

CHILDREN'S CÉILÍ

- WHEN:** SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2007
- WHERE:** UNITED IRISH CULTURAL CENTER
2700 45TH AVENUE, SAN FRANCISCO
- TIME:** 4 TO 6 PM
- MUSIC:** Live Irish Traditional Music, Singing,
and Céilí dancing
- ADMISSION:** Comhaltas Members: FREE
- Non Comhaltas Members: \$5 per child
or \$10 for two or more children

For Information, contact Maureen Murphy (415) 661-0351

Please visit our website at: sf.ccewest.org



COMHALTAS CEOLTÓIRÍ ÉIREANN The Cooley-Keegan Branch

COMHALTAS NIGHT

Comhaltas (CCÉ) is a worldwide organization, based in Dublin, Ireland, dedicated to preserving and fostering the traditions of Ireland, through music, song, dance, storytelling & language. Founded in Mullingar, Co. Westmeath, 50 years ago, CCÉ has over 400 branches throughout Ireland, Britain, the U.S., & many other countries. Visit the San Francisco Cooley-Keegan Branch at: <http://sf.ccewest.org>

- WHEN:** Saturday, April 21st, 2007
- WHERE:** United Irish Cultural Center*
2700 45TH Avenue, San Francisco (Bar area)
- TIME:** 8.00 pm to midnight
- MUSIC:** Banish the Dogs (traditional music)
- ADMISSION:** No Admission Fee

*The restaurant is open for dinner from 5 pm to 9 pm. Please call for reservations:
415-661-2700, ext. 100

*For Information, contact Josephine Brogan at (415) 681-4803 or email:
Josephinebrogan@yahoo.com*



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.

2nd and 4th Wednesdays:

- Britania Arms in Cupertino: Lessons at 7:15; Dancing at 8PM: Live Music. Dancers are encouraged to contribute \$5 to support the live music.



Seisiún



Slow Seisiún:

- Ireland's 32, starting at 7:30pm on the 2nd and last Mondays 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 the calendar for exact details.

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