

SCÉAL ÉILE

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

From the Chairman

A Chairde,

Wow! That was a few hot days last month, and many people are still recovering. But hey! Don't let that stop us from doing the things that we all enjoy doing - Namely playing tunes and dancing!

Coming up in August, in addition to our regular dancing, seisiuns and U.I.C.C. night, we have a special Children's Music Workshop on the 13th of August. It should be a lot of fun.

And looking further ahead, in September we have the Irish Language Immersion Weekend on the 22nd - 24th.

After that, it's right in to the holiday season.

Well, that's all for now.

Slán, Michael

Song and Storytelling

The next Singing and Storytelling session will be hosted by Michael Duffy and Kelle DeForrest on Friday August 4th

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Belmont

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Friday September 1st Imelda White will host in Mountain View. Tel: 650-964-7643

Gaeilge - Irish Language

Ní bheidh Lá Gaeltachta againn sa mhí seo. No Lá Gaeltachta this month.

Deireadh Seachtaine Gaeltachta 2006 (San Francisco Bay Area Irish Language Immersion Weekend) September 22-24, 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 again this year!!!

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

OneSourceGraphics.com/Gaeilge/DeireadhSeachtaine.html
or 510 881 5958, cce_gaeilge@ccewest.org

General Meetings

The next General Meetings of the Membership will be on the Tuesday August 1st and September 5th at 7:30pm at the United Irish Cultural Center.



FOUNDED IN 1951, COMHALTAS CEOLTÓIRÍ ÉIREANN IS IRELAND'S PREMIERE CULTURAL MOVEMENT. WHEN YOU JOIN COMHALTAS, YOU JOIN PEOPLE IN MORE THAN 400 BRANCHES WORLDWIDE IN SUPPORT OF THE TRADITIONAL IRISH ARTS OF MUSIC, DANCE AND LANGUAGE. WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS. PLEASE CONTACT THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY FOR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION OR VISIT US ON THE WEB AT [HTTP://SF.CCEWEST.ORG](http://sf.ccewest.org)

The Convention Corner

The July Convention Meeting centered around fund-raising efforts. Kasey emphasized the importance of folks volunteering to help in this effort. She is looking for interested parties to head and help on various committees. Perhaps you are good at organizing, decorating, stuffing envelopes, distributing flyers, etc. Kasey would love to hear from you so this will be a fun project for all. She can be reached at 707 769-8552 or by e-mail at kaseywme@yahoo.com.

Fund raising events in the works are:

- 1) House Party in Petaluma on September 3
- 2) Night at the Plough and Stars Pub, October 28
- 3) Emerald Extravaganza on February 17, 2007.

Specific details and flyers on the first two events will be available shortly. We meet every month, so please come along to O'Learys, 1475 34th Ave., SF at 7:30pm on Monday, August 21st to give a hand. For info, call Joannie at 415 664-6579. Thank you.

Celtic harpist Dennis Doyle will be presenting a concert on Sat. Aug. 26

Events this Month

There is no Set dancing at the Plough and Stars on August 3rd.

Comhaltas Night - Saturday, August 19th at the United Irish Cultural Center, 2700 45th Avenue, San Francisco, from 8pm to midnight. Admission: Free. Live music.

South Bay - The Britannia Arms in Cupertino will be the scene of Set dancing on the 9th and 23rd. Lessons at 7:15 PM; 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 (for menu and restaurant/bar info.). Music by Birds in the Bush on the 9th and Gan Ainm Ceili Band on the 23rd.

North Bay - Finbar Devines Irish Pub in downtown Petaluma is the location for Set dancing in the North Bay. Contact Connie, Kasey, or Mary McD. for more information. Pub info is at [//www.finbarspetaluma.com/](http://www.finbarspetaluma.com/).

Childrens Music Festival

With a toot on the flute & a twiddle on the fiddle...

Introducing our first Children's Music & Singing Workshop - Sunday, August 13, 2006 at the United Irish Cultural Center. Registration: 12.30 pm to 1.00 pm. Classes from 1 pm to 4 pm. Mini Ceili at 4 pm. Cost: \$20 per participant. \$50 for family (more than 2 participants). Please contact Maureen Murphy at 661-0351 or Josephine Brogan at 681-4803 for an application form. Depending on the interest, we hope to set up regular classes

See you there!

Member News

Congratulations to Brian Cleary and the Celtic Dance Ensemble who performed beautifully in the San Francisco Ethnic Dance Festival June 17-18th. The 3 sold-out performances feature the very best of dance troupes in the SF Bay Area and we are proud of all our friends who produced such a wonderful show.

Our sincere sympathy and prayers are extended to Bernie Flynn, her mom, Roberta and family on the passing of Bernie's grandfather, Bert Zaro.



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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.

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. 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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August 2006

DÉ DOMHNAIGH SUNDAY	DÉ LUAN MONDAY	DÉ MÁIRT TUESDAY	DÉ Céadaoin WEDNESDAY	DÉARDAIN THURSDAY	DÉ h-Aoine FRIDAY	DÉ SATHAIRN SATURDAY
30 Seisiún - Plough and Stars	31	Aug 1 <u>CCÉ Meeting</u> UICC 7:30PM	2	3 Plough & Stars No Set Dancing Fiddle virtuoso from Sligo Oisín Mac Dairmada	4 <u>Song Seisiún</u> Michael Duffy and Kelle DeForrest Belmont	5
6 Seisiún - Plough and Stars	7	8	9 <u>Set Dancing</u> Britannia Arms Cupertino 7PM w/ Birds in the Bush	10 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Topsy House	11	12
13 Childrens Music Workshop UICC 12:30-5PM Seisiún - Plough and Stars	14 <u>Slow Seisiún</u> Ireland's 32	15	16	17 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band	18	19 <u>Comhaltas Night</u> UICC 8PM
20 Seisiún - Plough and Stars	21 <u>Convention Planning</u> See notice above	22 Slow Seisiún - Plough and Stars	23 <u>Set Dancing</u> Britannia Arms Cupertino 7PM w/ Gan Ainm Ceili Band	24 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Topsy House	25	26
27 Seisiún - Plough and Stars	28 <u>Slow Seisiún</u> Ireland's 32	29 <u>Song Seisiún</u> Plough and Stars	30	31 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band	Sept 1 <u>Song Seisiún</u> Imelda White Mountain View	2

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

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