

SCÉAL ÉILE

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

From the Chairman

A Chairde,

Convention! What a great time!!! 28 members (I believe) from our branch attended, and of course there were people from other branches. Lots and lots of people, the banquet was wonderful, and we were all delighted with the sparkley dessert. There was plenty of fun to be had: music, dance, workshops, and the local sights to explore. Next year, the convention will be in New Jersey. You can bet that our branch will continue to be the largest group attending.

On the local level, I am so excited to announce that the Cooley-Keegan branch of S.F. has started six weeks of tin whistle classes. We are presently in the fifth week. Two students from these classes performed one of the tunes they had learned at the Children's Ceili on April 20. Congratulations to Michael Riemer for heading this effort. There is energy being put into possibly starting a fiddle class to follow the whistle classes. There will be a discussion of this at the membership meeting on June 5th at the UICC at 7:30. All members are encouraged to attend and participate. It is with membership volunteer participation that keeps our branch moving.

Another piece of the music program that is to be commended is the on-going children's music seisiun at Ireland's 32 the last Monday of every month. This was started by Michael Duffy and Michael Riemer. They and a group of very dedicated adult musicians, families, and friends come together to play and listen. This is a wonderful opportunity for the community to gather together and keep the traditions alive. All are welcome to join us.

Slán,
Kasey

Events this Month

CCE Night at the UICC - On Saturday May 19th CCE will host another night of dancing at the UICC. Dancing begins @ 8:30 to live music. Contact Michael Riemer (riemer@ce.berkeley.edu) or see attached flyer for more information.

Children's Ceili - On Sunday May 20th 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.

South Bay - The Britannia Arms in Cupertino will be the scene of Set dancing on the 9th and 23rd. 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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Song and Storytelling



The next Singing and Storytelling session will be hosted by John Hopkirk & Anne Murphy on Friday May 4th at 8PM in San Carlos.

145 Highland Ave.
San Carlos, Ca. 94070
650-593-0843



Member News



MidWest Fleadh

The Cooley-Keegan Branch is very pleased to have three members representing us at the MidWest Fleadh in St. Louis the weekend of May 12-13, 2007. We wish the very best of luck to Sean O'Donnell (accordion), Paul Matthews (Sean nos singing) and Darcy Noonan (fiddle). How wonderful to have these fine, talented folks be a part of this event that has eluded us for so long!

KALW Fund Raising Drive

We received the following from KALW's JoAnn Mar thanking our branch for supporting their recent fund raising drive:

"OUR STALWART PHONE VOLUNTEERS deserve a round of applause. A big thanks to Florence Keighran and her friends with Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann of San Francisco for answering our pledge lines."



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 is playing now in San Francisco.
See www.ifcfilms.com/barley for info.



General Meetings



The next General Meeting of the Membership will be Tuesday June 5th 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 29 Seisiún - Plough and Stars	30	May 1	2	3 <u>Set Dancing</u> Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band	4 <u>Song Seisiún</u> John Hopkirk San Carlos	5
6 Seisiún - Plough and Stars	7 <u>Slow Seisiún</u> Ireland's 32	8	9 <u>Set Dancing</u> Britannia Arms Cupertino 8PM w/ Birds in the Bush	10 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Topsy House	11	12
13 Seisiún - Plough and Stars	14	15 Slow Seisiún - Plough and Stars	16	17 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band	18	19 <u>CCE Night</u> UICC 7:30PM
20 <u>Children's Ceili</u> UICC 4-6PM Seisiún - Plough and Stars	21	22	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>Clifford-Hoban's Ceili</u> Cayuga Vault, Santa Cruz 6-9PM Seisiún - Plough and Stars	28 <u>Junior Seisiún</u> Ireland's 32	29	30	31 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band	June 1 <u>Song Seisiún</u>	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 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, MAY 20, 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



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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