

SCÉAL EILE

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

From the Chairman

A Chairde,

I hope this newsletter finds everyone in good health and looking forward to the coming of fall.

I am proud to say that our membership continues to grow. As you know, your membership is at the heart of our organization. What you might not know is that a tremendous amount of time is spent collecting membership forms and fees and forwarding them to Ireland so that we all can receive our Sceal Eile and Treoir magazine on time. This is done by a small group of volunteers who work continuously behind the scenes to keep up. With our limited volunteer staff, we cannot afford to remind folks month after month to renew. So I am asking for your help in this effort.

October is our month to solicit membership renewal. Most memberships have a renewal date of January 1. Some of you have joined during the year. Because we are a volunteer and nonprofit organization, we have restructured our renewal process as follows:

If you receive your monthly Sceal Eile by U.S. Post, YOUR RENEWAL DATE IS SHOWN ON YOUR ADDRESS LABEL. A membership form is enclosed with this issue for January 8 renewals. PLEASE return as soon as possible.

If you receive your monthly Sceal Eile by e-mail, we will be e-mailing you an individual notice in October advising your renewal date is January 8 and asking you to renew on-line. We will do the same for those members whose memberships expire during the year.

On behalf of the volunteer staff and myself, thank you for your continued support and understanding. Let us all do our bit to help out with this effort.

Slan, Kasey

Events this Month

CCE Night at the UICC - On Saturday, October 20th, 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).

South Bay - The Britannia Arms in San Jose (near Cupertino border) September 12th and 26th. Set dancing with a wee bit of ceili from 8-10:20PM 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 (415-786-1337 or irishboogieman@yahoo.com).

North Bay - Finbar Devine's Irish Pub in downtown Petaluma on October 14th and 28th. Set and Ceili dance lessons will be from 4-6PM. Contacts: Connie Lynch (707-823-7378; cerrydancer@juno.com), Kasey MillerE (707-769-8552). Finbar Devines is hosting the traditional Irish band Quin on October 6th.

East Bay - Starry Plough in Berkely 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.

Song and Storytelling

The next Singing and Storytelling Seisiún will be hosted by Michael Jones on Friday October 5th.

412 Winding Way,
San Carlos
650-622-9598

Cathy & Harold will host in Santa Clara on the first Friday in November, the 2nd.



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)



Congratulations to Jenny and Jonathan

Their wedding and reception were grand affairs and we all wish them health and happiness.

Children's Irish Music Workshop

An Irish music workshop for children will occur on Saturday afternoon, October 13th from 2PM to 4:30PM. The event will be held in the East Bay at the Freight and Salvage Coffeehouse (a famous folk music performance venue in Berkeley). The workshop is being co-sponsored by Comhaltas and the Freight and Salvage.

The afternoon will include singing, demonstration of instruments, short whistle workshops, and some dancing too. See attached flyer for more information.

Irish Pipers Band

"Keeping the Tradition Alive" through Irish music is an aim of Comhaltas. We support the Irish Pipers Band of San Francisco who have been active in our community since 1932. They are forming a youth band (8-14 years) and will be holding a fund-raiser on Saturday, December 8th at the UICC. For information, contact John Flynn: 650-355-0346.

Membership Corner

Time to renew your membership if your address label shows "1/1/08". Forms are enclosed. Dues remain \$35.00 for an individual membership; \$45.00 for two or more in household. Please mail your form and check in, or renew on-line, as soon as possible. Please consider a Gift Membership for a friend (call Joannie at 415 664-6579). We appreciate your support.

Welcome to new members: Courtney Carroll and Family; Bernie Doherty/Tony Hennessy Family; Kimberly Duggan Family; Siobhan Haskell Family; Sandra Ann Hirzel; Kathleen Kearney Family; Patrick Lafferty Family; Jennifer Mahoney; Bill Ngai; Joyce Pennell and Robert Walker; Valerie Rose; Imelda Sheehan; Burt Hutten Family; Molly Burke Family; Michael Draginis; Cathy/Padraig Kelly Family; Maire/John Sheeran Family; Jennifer Walters; JoAnn/Patrick Dana Family; Peter/Paula Mandell Family; John Slaymaker.

Member News

In Memoriam

The Cooley-Keegan Branch wishes to express heartfelt sympathy to Barbara Oceanlight on the loss of her dear mother, Betty Jean Schroer who passed away recently. We will remember Barbara, Mrs. Schroer and all the family in our prayers.

We were saddened at the sudden passing of Mary Looney. She was a great lady who was active in nearly every aspect of our Irish Community. Mary was a staunch supporter of Comhaltas through the years. We extend our condolences to all of Mary's family.

Kevin Mallen Scholarship

This is open to all children who are CCE members and provides scholarships for traditional Irish music lessons. Applications are available on the website or by calling Josephine (415 681-4803) or Joannie (415 664-6579). Entry deadline is December 31st, 2007. Scholarships will be awarded at March Ceili 2008.

General Meetings

The next General Meeting of the Membership will be Tuesday October 2nd 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	DÉARDAIN THURSDAY	DÉ h-Aoine FRIDAY	DÉ SATHAIRN SATURDAY
Sept 30 Seisiún - Plough and Stars	Oct 1	2 CCÉ Meeting UICC 7:30PM Seisiún - Plough and Stars	3	4 Set Dancing Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band	5 Song Seisiún Michael Jones San Carlos	6 Quin - Finbar Devine 8:30PM
7 Seisiún - Plough and Stars	8 Slow Seisiún Ireland's 32	9	10 Set Dancing Britannia Arms Cupertino 8PM	11 Set Dancing UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band	12	13 Children's Irish Music Workshop Freight and Salvage 2PM
14 Set Dancing Finbar Devines Petaluma 4-6PM Quin - Plough and Stars	15	16 Slow Seisiún Plough and Stars	17	18 Set Dancing UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Ceili Chicks	19	20 CCE Night UICC 8:00PM
21 Seisiún - Plough and Stars	22 Junior Seisiún Ireland's 32	23	24 Set Dancing Britannia Arms Cupertino 8PM	25 Set Dancing UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Topsy House	26	27
28 Set Dancing Finbar Devines Petaluma 4-6PM Seisiún - Plough and Stars	29	30	31	Nov 1 Set Dancing Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band	2 Song Seisiún Cathy & Harold Santa Clara	3

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, Cupertino (South Bay), (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

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



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:

- 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 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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