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# SCÉAL ÉILE

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



## Chair's Message



A Chairde,

The upcoming Convention (April 16-19, 2020) requires serious funding and to kick start our Fundraising campaign we are hosting a Valentine Dance on February 16<sup>th</sup> at St. Thomas More Hall, 50 Thomas More Way, San Francisco.

Join us for a fantastic night of music and dancing to the hits of the Eagles, and more, with the wonderful Jesse Brewster Trio (Acoustic trio from the Marin County based Band, the Illeagles). No host bar. Doors open at 7:30. Admission \$35.

Tickets for sale on Eventbrite:

<https://comhaltasfundraiser.eventbrite.com>  
or from Josephine Brennan 415-305-1409,  
Josephine Brogan 415-264-8856 or Joannie  
O'Leary 415-279-7359

We hope that you will support this fundraiser. Promises to be a great night. See flyer attached to this scéal.

On Sunday February 17<sup>th</sup> Mary McDonagh and Micheál Minihane host a "Hooley" in Petaluma. Join them for an afternoon of music, singing, dancing, party pieces and more. It takes place at 518 B Street, Petaluma (Womans Club Petaluma) from 2-6pm. Tickets \$20, children free with adult supervision.

Slán,  
Josephine Brennan



## Saint Patrick's Season



March is quickly approaching which means we should start planning for St. Patrick's Season 2019.

If you are interested in being involved in any way by performing, building the float, marching, etc., you must come and see Kasey or Connie and let them know what you would like to do.

Dates are as follows:

Performances at retirement homes:

March 2 —Veterans' and St. Anne's;

March 10 — Laguna Honda and Alma Via;

Parade practice —TBA;

March 15 — Build float at Cunningham's  
Moving and Storage (includes lunch);

March 16 — Parade. Note: To dance in the parade, you must be a paid member of CCÉ.

Contact info:

Kasey Curtin 707-280-1235,

Connie Lynch 707-318-9200.

Come join in and let's make this a great season!



## Irish Language Class



New 9 week Irish Language class starts on January 26<sup>th</sup> at the United Irish Cultural Center, San Francisco. Registration in advance is required. Please contact Josephine Brogan at [josephinebrogan@yahoo.com](mailto:josephinebrogan@yahoo.com) or 415-264-8856 for further information.



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)



## Events each Month



**San Francisco** - On Thursdays, CCÉ hosts set dancing classes at the UICC from 7:30 pm to 9.15 pm. This is followed by more dancing at the Plough & Stars from 9.30 pm to 11:30 pm -- except for the first Thursday of the month when there is no class, just dancing at the Plough & Stars from 8.00 pm -11.00 pm ~ \$5 donation suggested. Contact: Josephine Brogan at josephinebrogan@yahoo.com or 415-264-8856.

**South Bay/Peninsula** - Tuesday night set dancing (with a smidgen of céilí style) at Lilly Mac's in Sunnyvale (upstairs); 187 S. Murphy Avenue between Evelyn and Washington Avenues. It is every Tuesday (except 3rd Tues. of the month); 8-10pm; Suggested donation is \$7. Mostly live bands. Contact: Michael Murphy at 415-999-6062 or irishboogiemano@gmail.com.

**North Bay** - Mary McDonagh and Mícheál Minihane teach set dancing on the second and fourth Fridays of the month at Brosnan School of Irish Dance in San Anselmo from 7-9pm. There is a \$5 donation suggested for this class. Mary and Mícheál also teach at the Redwood Cafe in Cotati on the second and fourth Monday. Contact: Mary McDonagh at cladaghdancer@gmail.com or Mícheál Minihane michealminihane@yahoo.com.

**East Bay** - Starry Plough in Berkeley hosts céilí dancing on Mondays. Lessons from 7-9pm and dancing to live music from 9-11pm. Contact: John Slaymaker at rinnce.mor@gmail.com.

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



CCÉ has a facebook group where we can share photos, ask questions and generally discuss all things Irish music and dance. In the search field at the top of your facebook page enter **Cooley-Keegan Branch**, select it from the list of choices and join the group.

Or, you can enter the following URL:

[facebook.com/groups/316504905030686](https://facebook.com/groups/316504905030686)



## Song and Storytelling



The next Song and Storytelling Seisiún will be hosted on February 1<sup>st</sup> by Michael Jones

412 Winding Way  
San Carlos, 94070  
650-622 9598  
mfj@ieee.org

The March Seisiún on the 1<sup>st</sup>, hosted by Susan Keith  
765 San Pierre Way  
Mt. View 94043  
650-391-5542  
susanmaria.keith@gmail

In April the seisiún is on the 1<sup>st</sup> and hosted by Maureen Murphy  
1959 17th Avenue  
San Francisco  
415-564 7188  
moemurphy59@yahoo.com

Contact Michael Jones for info about seisiúns at mfj@ieee.org. Seisiúns start at 7:30pm.



## Saint Patrick's Céilí



Join us on Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at the United Irish Cultural Center, St. Patrick's Ballroom from 6:30pm – 9:30pm to continue the celebrations of the St. Patrick's Day Season. Donation at the door is \$15/per adult. Children accompanied by adults are free. Please also see the attached flyer for additional details.

This is one of three céilís the Cooley-Keegan branch sponsors each year and promises to be the highlight of the season!

We will celebrate the Launch of our April 2020 Comhaltas North America Convention in San Francisco. (see 2020 Convention section in this Seal for an update.)



Another online group where events are planned is meetup.com at the following URL:

[meetup.com/irishdance](https://meetup.com/irishdance)



## Irish Hooley and Social



### First North Bay Irish Hooley and Social

Get your tickets early!

A gathering for all that love Irish music, singing, dancing, and recitations. All are welcome! Come enjoy the craic!

Sunday 17th February 2019, 2pm.-6pm  
Petaluma Woman's Club 518 B St.,  
Petaluma, 94952

Tickets \$20 in advance. Contact  
Mary McDonagh [cladaghdancer@gmail.com](mailto:cladaghdancer@gmail.com).,  
Mícheál Miniñane @ [michealminihane@yahoo.com](mailto:michealminihane@yahoo.com),  
or Kasey Curtin @ 707-280-1235



## Irish Culture Bay Area



What if you could view all the many Irish Events, Arts & Cultural programs in the San Francisco Bay Area and beyond in one place? NOW YOU CAN AT <http://irishculturebayarea.com>

Catherine Barry has been successful in her endeavors to collect all the many facets of our Irish Community in this One Stop information website. You will also see links to the various events which are updated on a daily basis. "Bay Area Irish Culture.com" seeks to unite the SF Bay Area Community in coordination and planning of events. It is a marvelous idea and we urge you to check it out. You will be amazed at the wealth of information. The website does not require membership and you can request to be put on the email list. It does survive on donations, should anyone be so inclined.



## Member News



We extend sincere sympathy to Pat Cremin and family on the passing of his mother, Bridie, on January 4th. Leaving her native County Mayo as a teenager, Bridie traveled to England to work, and later returned to Ireland before starting her adventure from Cobh to Brooklyn, Chicago and finally San Francisco. Bridie's faith and family were of the utmost importance. All through her 90 years, Bridie "enjoyed the moment, content with the day God set before her". May she be blessed with eternal rest.

We send our thoughts and prayers for peace to members Leslie Murdock and Kathy Hall in the passing last November of Leslie's mother, Marjorie Murdoch in the Isle of Man, at the age of 96. What a beautiful sentiment of a life well-lived as noted in her obituary..."Dance as if no one were watching, Sing as if no one were listening and Live every day as if it were your last".

Our thoughts and prayers are with our long-time supporter and member, Kathy McDonagh on the passing of her dear sister, Nancy Kearney in Ireland. Kathy was devoted to her sister and was able to spend time with Nancy this past year. May her gentle soul rest in peace.

Who has been missing from the dance floor...what ever happened to... Roseann & Al Clavelli? It will be a while longer too as Roseann recovers from recent elbow/arm surgery. Roseann you'll have to mind the Orderly in Residence known as "Big Al" while recuperating for a while yet. All Good Wishes for a complete recovery Roseann. In the meantime, haven't they figured a way to virtually set dance yet?



## 2019 CCÉ Convention



2019 North American CCÉ Convention is in Parsippany, New Jersey

We have been notified that the Convention this year will be held in conjunction with the Mid-Atlantic Fleadh competitions on June 7-9, 2019. There is currently no information regarding set and céilí workshops or dances. No food & event package will be offered.

The Convention will play a much smaller role of this weekend than usual. At this time, we only have the hotel reservation contact information which is: Your HiltonLink Link is:<http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/E/EWRPHHF-COM19-20190606/index.jhtml>

See Josephine Brogan at dancing or email her at: [josephinebrogan@yahoo.com](mailto:josephinebrogan@yahoo.com) for updates.



## Wren Boys 2018



Some of the following highlights from Wren Boys 2018 explain why this Western Ireland tradition that we have been upholding since 1985 in San Francisco is so special:

We Cooley-Keeganites have been visiting the Lundy's house for 20+ years, and each year offers something different. This year, Lundy's had a mellow tone with a more intimate atmosphere. But as usual, there were beautiful songs sung. Seamus Lundy entranced us with his legendary reciting (with musical accompaniment, no less). A céilí tradition with Lundy guests continues by dancing up a storm with The Siege of Ennis. The master of ceremonies, Mícheál Minihane, led a catchy figure from the Auban Set.

The Captain of the Wren is very proud of the musicians and dancers who smiled brightly, and performed at a high energetic level. I'm so honored to be associated with such grand musicians and dancers.

Another Wren Boy institution is the Keehan's residence. This time they hosted a record number of guests. It was as if a crowded sports stadium was poured into this Parkside home. Our roving musicians joined the in-house band, and they played lively jigs, polkas, and reels for the set dancers. Vincy Keehan and a young man named Mikey O'Shea delighted the audience with lovely songs. Mikey sang in Irish. It was miraculous how we carved suitable space out of the small, crowded room to dance The Walls of Limerick. It was the Wren Boys and the Keehan guests at their ambitious best!

What better way is there to end such a successful December 26<sup>th</sup> evening than to play and dance outside in front of the Scanlon house on Cole Street in the crisp, open air? That was followed by enjoying goodies in Katherine's warm, inviting house and a hilarious Wren song by Robert Rodriguez.

The Captain of the Wren would like to thank Julie Horner for her growly rendition of "Dirty Old Town" at Parkside Tavern. Much heartfelt thanks goes out to the Wren musicians: Julie, Doug Lowder, Josh Reilly, Chris Dillingham, Richard Ferry, Michael La Guardia, and Tom Slickman.

Much appreciation is well deserved for our gracious, generous, and hospitable hosts: Maureen & Seamus Lundy; Missy & Vincy Keehan; Katherine Scanlon and Grandchildren helpers; Maureen Murphy; Parkside Tavern; and the 4 Deuces.

I hope to see you on the Wren in 2019!

~ Captain of the Wren



## CCÉ 2019 Membership



### THERE IS STILL TIME TO RENEW YOUR 2019 CCÉ MEMBERSHIP

Thanks to all who have already renewed. Our Membership runs from January 1 to December 31st. As a benefit of your 2019 membership, the Treoir magazine from Ireland will be sent out in March, June and November. Please let Joannie know if you do not receive yours.

Single Membership: \$40.00

Multi-Membership: \$50.00 (2 or more in household or family)

Here are ways you can renew:

- Renew online through our website and remit payment through PayPal: [sf.ccewest.org](http://sf.ccewest.org);
- Renew online through our website and send your check to our PO Box (We do NOT bill).
- Complete your membership form and either give it with your check or cash to Josephine Brogan at set dancing or mail it with your check to our PO Box.

If you have any questions, please contact Joannie at 415-664-6579 or [joannieoleary@msn.com](mailto:joannieoleary@msn.com); Or talk with Josephine at dancing. Thank you for your support.

CCÉ Membership, Attn: Joannie O'Leary, P O Box 16244, San Francisco, CA 94116





## AND THE BELLS WERE RINGING OUT FOR CHRISTMAS DAY!!!

The excitement in the air at the December Céilí was electric with the debut of the marvelous “Golden Gate Céilí Band”. From the very first tune, we knew this was going to be a magical night thanks to the outstanding 12 member band, newly formed by co-leaders Autumn Rhodes and Tim Hill.

It has been a dream of many of these Bay Area musicians to “...start a big old-fashioned céilí band to play for dances and to bring some of the lesser known Irish musicians out of the woodwork.” In addition to playing for the fun of it, the Golden Gate Céilí Band has set their sights on representing the San Francisco Bay Area at the Midwest Fleadh to bring greater awareness and recognition of Irish music and musicians in Northern California!

At the December céilí, with set dances, céilí, and waltzes...their lively tunes brought everyone out dance after dance! We could not be more proud of and look forward to hearing more great music from our very own Golden Gate Céilí Band. (see photo)

It was “welcome home” night with surprise attendance by the one and only Frank Rooney, and Marty and Nonie O’Dowd, their daughters and son-in-law, Noelle & Pat McGowan and Carrie Vella and grandchildren Sophia & Caitlyn Vella and Kathleen, Fiona and Cailleigh McGowan (see photo). A “few” years ago Noelle and Carrie and their siblings were fond of attending our céilís with Marty, Nonie & Frank and have now brought their children to “keep the traditions alive”. The 5 girls added great sparkle to the Carolers who entertained during our break. (see photo)

Michael Murphy led the enthusiastic dancers through several céilí & set dances and managed to bring even our smallest of visitors through the Haymakers Jig with the help of our Youth Officer, Caoimhe Lyons.

The Cooley-Keegan Carolers led everyone in songs of Christmas Cheer, and Mícheál Minihane and the band kept us hopping with the Clare Lancers before the evening came to an end...all too soon.



### Golden Gate Céilí Band

Back row: Deirdre McCarthy (drums), Peter Persoff (piano)  
Front row: Tim Hill, Vinnie Cronin, Ben Saylor (flutes) Doug Lowder, Erin Shrader (fiddles) Hector Bragado, Richard Mandel (banjos) Autumn Rhodes (concertina)  
Felim Egan, Barry O’Connell (accordions)



**Cooley-Keegan Carolers:**

Michael Jones, Deirdre McNamara, Caoimhe Lyons, Josephine Brogan, Blossom, Eileen O'Malley, Patrick O'Malley, Vella & McGowan ladies.



**Christmas Carolers:**

Sophia & Caitlyn Vella and Kathleen, Fiona and Caileigh McGowan





**Frank Rooney, Marty & Nonie O'Dowd and grandchildren.**



## Big Draw Results



- 1st Prize: €5,000  
Ticket No. 9726 Seller: CCÉ Eochaille, Co. Cork  
Winner: Karen Scott
- 2nd Prize: €500  
Ticket No. 13646  
Seller: SLIA - St. Louis Irish Arts, CCÉ North America,  
Winner: Tila Smith
- 3rd Prize: €250  
Ticket No. 18975 Seller: Rinn Mhic Ghiolla  
Rua/ Warrenpoint CCÉ, Co. Down  
Winner: Theresa Mc Court,
- 4th Prize: Luxury Weekend at Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann 2019  
Ticket No. 8847 Seller: CCÉ, Ballyhoura, Co. Limerick  
Winner: Daire Sheehy
- 5th Prize: 4 Tickets for the Brú Ború Show and Dinner  
Ticket No. 1031 Seller: CCÉ, Inis Cathaigh, Co. Clare  
Winner: Diarmuid Donnellan
- 6th Prize: 4 Tickets for the Brú Ború Show and Dinner  
Ticket No. 21733  
Seller: CCÉ, Ballynacargy, Co. Westmeath  
Winner: Avril Molloy
- 7th Prize: A Collection of 10 Traditional Music CDs & DVDs  
Ticket No. 9744 Seller: CCÉ, Eochaille, Co. Cork  
Winner: Pat Arnott

Unfortunately, San Francisco didn't have any winners but our Branch netted \$776 from the sales. Thanks to everyone who participated by selling and buying tickets. This is a wonderful annual fundraiser for our Branch as we get to keep 80% of our ticket sales.



## Branch Meetings



CCÉ Cooley-Keegan branch meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month, 7:30pm, Location TBD. Upcoming meeting dates: February 5<sup>th</sup> and March 5<sup>th</sup>. All members are encouraged to attend.

For further information, contact Maureen Callanan [mcallanan2354@gmail.com](mailto:mcallanan2354@gmail.com).



## 2020 Convention Meetings



Meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month, 7pm at the UICC. Upcoming meeting dates: February 19<sup>th</sup> and March 19<sup>th</sup>.

Contact any of the Cooley-Keegan board members if you'd like to get involved in what is going to be an incredible and memorable event!

**Convention dates: April 16 - 19, 2020.**  
**<https://www.cceconvention2020.com>**

For more information contact Maureen Callanan: [mcallanan2354@gmail.com](mailto:mcallanan2354@gmail.com).

# Feadhra 2019

De Dombnach SUNDAY	De Luan MONDAY	De Mairt TUESDAY	De Céadaoin WEDNESDAY	Deardaoin THURSDAY	De h-Aoine FRIDAY	De Sathairn SATURDAY
Jan 27 <u>Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars	28 <u>Céilí dancing</u> Starry Plough	29 <u>Set Dancing</u> Lilly Mac's, Sunnyvale <u>Seisiún</u> Plough and Stars	30	31 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Emperor Norton Céilí Band	Feb 1 <u>Song Seisiún</u> Michael Jones 412 Winding Way San Carlos, 94070 650-622 9598 mfj@ieee.org	2
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10 <u>Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars	11 <u>Set Dancing</u> Redwood Cafe Cotati <u>Céilí dancing</u> Starry Plough	12 <u>Set Dancing</u> Lilly Mac's, Sunnyvale <u>Seisiún</u> Plough and Stars	13	14 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Cúlarán	15	16 <u>Valentine Dance</u> St. Thomas More Hall San Francisco. <b>Fundraiser for 2020 Convention</b>
17 <u>Irish Hooley and Social</u> Petaluma Woman's Club 518 B St., Petaluma, <u>Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars	18 <u>Céilí dancing</u> Starry Plough	19 <u>2020 Convention Meeting</u> UICC 7pm <u>Seisiún</u> Plough and Stars	20	21 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Topsy House	22 <u>Set Dancing</u> Brosnan Dance Studio San Anselmo	23
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17 <u>Happy St. Patrick's Day</u> <u>Block Party</u> UICC  <u>Seisiún</u> -	18 <u>Céilí dancing</u> Starry Plough	19 <u>2020 Convention Meeting</u> UICC 7pm <u>Seisiún</u> Plough and Stars	20	21 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Topsy House	22 <u>Set Dancing</u> Brosnan Dance Studio San Anselmo	23
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**Brosnan School of Irish Dance** - 11 Belle Avenue, Suite B, San Anselmo, CA 94960 [brosnanschool.com](http://brosnanschool.com)

**Lilly Mac's** - 187 S. Murphy Ave, Sunnyvale (between Washington and Evelyn Avenues) 408-732-0200 [lillymacs.com](http://lillymacs.com)

**Plough and Stars** - 116 Clement Ave. (Between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>), San Francisco, 415-751-1122 [theploughandstars.com](http://theploughandstars.com)

**Redwood Cafe** - 8240 Old Redwood Hwy, Cotati CA 94931 707-795-7868 [redwoodcafe.com](http://redwoodcafe.com)

**UICC** - United Irish Cultural Center - 2700 45<sup>th</sup> Ave. (At Sloat Blvd.), San Francisco, 415-661-2700 [irishcentersf.org](http://irishcentersf.org)

**Starry Plough** - 3101 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 510-841-2082 [starryploughpub.com](http://starryploughpub.com)

You can also visit the following website for events:

**San Francisco CCÉ - Cooley-Keegan Branch** - [sf.ccewest.org](http://sf.ccewest.org)

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY ACTIVITIES FOR 2019

- **Friday March 1, 2019**
- Grand Marshal Dinner | 6.00 pm No Host Cocktail 7.00 pm Dinner
- **Saturday March 2, 2019**
  - 10.00 am Veteran's Retirement Home
  - 2.00 pm St. Anne's Little Sisters of the Poor
- **Friday March 8, 2019**
  - 11.00 am Flag Raising at Mayor's Office
- **Sunday March 10, 2019**
  - 9.00 am Laguna Honda Hospital
  - 2.00 pm Alma Via Retirement Home
- **Saturday March 16, 2019**
  - 9.00 am St. Patrick's Day Mass & Reception
  - 11:30 am St Patrick's Day Parade
  - 3.00 pm - 6.00pm Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner
- **Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019**
  - 11.00 am- 4.00 pm Block Party
- **Sunday April 14, 2019**
  - 10.00 am Fr. Peter Yorke Day
- **Sunday, June 9, 2019**
  - 11.00 am Kate Kennedy Day
- **Sunday, September 15, 2019**
  - 12:15 pm Robert Emmet Day



**Valentine Dance**  
**St Thomas More Hall**  
**February 16th 2019**  
**Doors Open 7:30pm**

***Dance the night away!***

**Join us for a fantastic night of music and dancing  
to the hits of the Eagles and more with the  
wonderful Jesse Brewster Trio  
(Acoustic trio from the Illegals)**

**Tickets \$35**

**No Host Bar**

**Valentine Dance Sat Feb 16th 2019**

**St Thomas More Hall, 50 Thomas More Way**

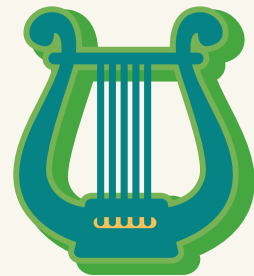
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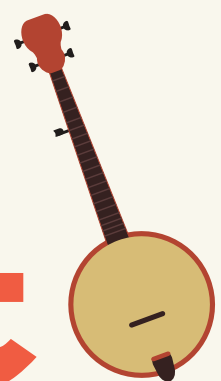




THE FIRST



# IRISH HOOLEY & SOCIAL



FEBRUARY 17, 2019  
SUNDAY 2PM-6PM



518 B St. Petaluma, CA 94952

LOOK FORWARD TO SINGING, DANCING,  
AND MIGHTY CRAIC

TICKETS \$20 EACH

KIDS UNDER 12 FREE WITH ADULT SUPERVISION



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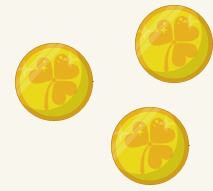
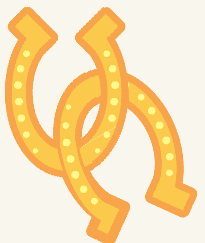
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The San Francisco Cooley-Keegan Branch

## ***ST. PATRICK'S CÉILÍ***

**SUNDAY, MARCH 31<sup>TH</sup>, 2019**

United Irish Cultural Center  
2700 45<sup>TH</sup> Avenue, San Francisco

**6.30 pm to 9:30 pm**

**MUSIC: TBD**

**Adults: \$15.00    Children: Free**

**Everybody is welcome**

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## Set Dancing



### **Mondays:**

- Starry Plough in Berkeley: Céilí dancing on Mondays. Lessons from 7-9pm and dancing to live music from 9-11pm. Contact: John Slaymaker (rinnce.mor@gmail.com)

### **Tuesdays:**

- Lilly Mac's in Sunnyvale (except for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday). Lessons: 7:30pm; Dance to live music 8-10pm. \$7 suggested to support the live music. Contact: Michael Murphy (415-999-6062)

### **Special Events:**

- Redwood Cafe in Cotati.  
Contact: Mary McDonagh (cladaghdancer@gmail.com), Mícheál Minihane (michealminihane@yahoo.com)

**1<sup>st</sup> Thursday:** Plough and Stars in San Francisco at 8pm. Music by the Shannon Céilí Band. \$5 suggested to support the live music.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> through last Thursdays:**

- Lessons at the United Irish Cultural Center (UICC) in San Francisco at 7:30pm in the bar area. Taped music:
- Plough and Stars in San Francisco at 9:30pm.  
Live traditional music featuring Topsy House, Emperor Norton Céilí Band and other fine bands.  
Dancers are encouraged to contribute \$5 to support the live music.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays:**

- Brosnan School of Irish Dance in San Anselmo: From 7-9pm. There is a \$5 donation suggested for this class.  
Contact: Mary McDonagh (cladaghdancer@gmail.com), Mícheál Minihane (michealminihane@yahoo.com)



## Seisiún



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

**Song and Storytelling Seisiún:** Held on the first Friday of each month, See **Song and Storytelling** section for details..

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