

SCÉAL ÉILE

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



From the Chairman



A Chairde,

Summer is upon us, and besides World Cup Football in the early morning hours, that means the season for many of us to travel and “vacate”. I know for a number of our young musicians that means travel to a regional Fleadh here in the US, to compete and hopefully qualify to take part in the Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann later this August in Cavan! If you haven't heard about the Fleadh, it is about the biggest thing that Comhaltas does as an organization - some details are mentioned in this issue, but you can check out the pictures and stories in your copy of the Treoir from last fall, too... Several of our members have already qualified for this year's competitions by winning in New York in May, and others are heading to the Midwest fleadh this month. We wish them all the best of luck with their next steps!

Less competitively, many of us make our ways to music camps, retreats or just long weekends full of music and dancing. I know a good few of our members traveled to the Ferry's ranch a few weeks ago for a large, fun weekend of Moon in June. For myself, I am off in just a few hours to the first ever Golden Toad music camp in Occidental - which should be a wonderful mix of Irish, Scandinavian and Middle Eastern music and dance. Although its a new camp, they have lined up some wonderful music teachers and performers, and it will be exciting to try out something new!

Best wishes to you all, that you find some time to get away from the daily routines and enjoy a holiday of your choosing! When you return, maybe you can write up a short note about it, and we can include it in a future Sceal...

Slán, Michael R.



Events this Month



CCE Night at the UICC - On the third Saturday of July, the 17th, CCE will host a night of dancing at the UICC (*Note: There will not be a CCE night in August*). Music begins at 7:30 with dancing at 8PM to live traditional Irish Music. Admission is free. Contact: Michael Riemer (riemer@ce.berkeley.edu).

South Bay/ Peninsula -: Two locations: On the first and third Wednesdays at Angelica's Bistro in Redwood City; On the second and fourth Tuesdays at Lily Mac's in Sunnyvale. Lessons: 7:30; Dance to live music 8-10. \$5 donation suggested. Info: Michael Murphy at irishboogiemanager@yahoo.com 415-999-6062.

East Bay - Starry Plough in Berkeley hosts ceili dancing on Mondays. Lessons from 7 to 9PM and dancing to live music from 9 to 11PM. Contact: John Slaymaker.

North Bay - Mary McDonagh and Micheal Minihane teach Set Dancing on the second and fourth Friday of the month at Brosnan School of Irish Dance from 7 to 9PM. There is a \$5 charge for this class. Tea and cakes or sweets will be served. Contact: Mary McDonagh (irishsetdancer@yahoo.com), Micheal Minihane (michealminihane@yahoo.com)

Children's Ceilis - Children's Ceilis are occasionally held at the Irish Cultural Center. Stay tuned for the next one in the fall. Contact Josephine Brogan at 415-681-4803 or josephinebrogan@yahoo.com.

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



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)

Song and Storytelling

The next Singing and Storytelling Seisiún will be hosted by Amelia Hogan on July 2nd
715 Oakland Ave, apt 205
Oakland, CA 94611
(831) 331 3705

On August 6th Harold & Cathy Jones will host
964 Capitola Way
Santa Clara
(408) 247 3326

On September 3rd Jeremy Friedenthal will host in Campbell.
956 Apricot Ave
Campbell
(408) 888 8370

CCE Classes

CCE sponsors the following classes at the UICC:

Adult Irish Language
Children's Tin Whistle
Children's Fiddle
Children & Adult Bodhran

We are taking a break for the summer. For more information, please contact Josephine Brogan at josephinebrogan@yahoo.com or 415-681-4803. Pre-registration is required for all classes.

Festivals in Ireland

The Big Party of the Summer, the Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann will be held this year in Ballyconnell, Co. Cavan from August 16-22. "The Fleadh" provides a meeting place for over 10,000 musicians who carry on the great tradition of playing and cherishing our music, songs and dances. When the competitions are over, many impromptu sessions take place which often last until the early hours. Dancers number in the hundreds and visitors are treated to an abundant bouquet of Irish traditions. Please visit <http://www.Fleadh2010.ie>.

UICC Closure

The United Irish Cultural Center (UICC) will be closed from August 9th through August 23rd. This means there won't be a CCE Night in August and classes normally held at the UICC on the 12th and 19th will be replaced by an early start at the Plough and Stars on those nights.

Thank You's

From Jenny Mahoney -- Thank you to all who volunteered for the recent KALW pledge drive in May. Special thanks to Sheila Walsh, Judy Forrest, Linnea Sepe-Forrest, Dave O'Mara, Elizabeth Jennings, and Tim Sullivan for their work in taking pledges. For those who were not able to make it out for this pledge drive, there will be another pledge drive in the fall and volunteers are always very welcome.

From Mary McD -- Micheal, Lisa and myself would like to thank all who came and supported our first ceili in Marin County. We appreciate the support. A special thanks to the musicians: Michael R, Darcy and Willie; and to Joannie who helped with the food and never danced and to Moe who brought a friend from work.

Thank you, Thank you. Micheal, Lisa and myself appreciate the support.

God bless Micheal, Lisa and Mary McD...

Deireadh Seachtaine Gaeltachta

Deireadh Seachtaine Gaeltachta 2010, uimhir a 12! (San Francisco Bay Area Irish Language Immersion Weekend, 12th annual!) October 1-3, 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, beginner to advanced.

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 when we will be playing music, & sharing songs, poetry, stories & craic in Irish. We'll also have a few dances Saturday night, taught in Irish by Brían O Brion, and a short extra workshop on Sean-nós singing presented by Éamonn O Dónaill.

Registration form enclosed. Info & registration form also available at

www.OneSourceGraphics.com/Gaeilge/DeireadhSeachtaine.html

or contact us at 510-881-5958, or cce_gaeilge@ccewest.org

General Meeting

General Meetings of the Membership are normally held on the first Tuesday of the month except during summer months. The next one will be on September 7th starting at 7:30 at the UICC. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.



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.

1st & 3rd Wednesdays:

- Angelica's Bistro in Redwood City. Lessons: 7:30; Dance to live music 8-10. \$5 suggested to support the live music.

2nd & 4th Tuesdays:

- Lily Mac's in Sunnyvale. Lessons: 7:30; Dance to live music 8-10. \$5 suggested to support the live music.

Mondays:

- Starry Plough in Berkeley: Ceili dancing on Mondays. Lessons from 7 to 9PM and dancing to live music from 9 to 11PM. Contact: John Slaymaker.

2nd and 4th Fridays:

- Brosnan School of Irish Dance in San Farael: From 7 to 9 pm. There is a \$5 charge for this class.



Seisiún



Slow Seisiún:

- Junior Seisiun/slow seisiun is now held one hour prior to each Children's Ceili at the UICC. Please check the calendar for details and dates.

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

Song and Storytelling Seisiún: Held on the first Friday of each month, check above for details.

COOLEY-KEEGAN BRANCH OF
COMHALTAS CEOLTÓIRÍ ÉIREANN
P.O. Box 16244
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94116

July 2010

De Dómhnaigh SUNDAY	De Luan MONDAY	De Mairt TUESDAY	De Céadaoin WEDNESDAY	Deáardaoin THURSDAY	De h-Aoine FRIDAY	De Sathairn SATURDAY
Jun 27 <u>Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars	28	29 <u>Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars	30 <u>Set Dancing</u> Angelica's Bistro Redwood City	Jun 1 <u>Set Dancing</u> Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band	2 <u>Song Seisiún</u> Amelia Hogan Oakland	3
4 <u>Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars	5	6 <u>CCE Meeting</u> UICC 7:30PM <u>Set Dancing</u> Lily Mac's Sunnyvale <u>Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars	7	8 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band	9 <u>Set Dancing</u> Bronsan Dance Studio San Rafael	10
11 <u>Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars	12	13 <u>Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars	14 <u>Set Dancing</u> Angelica's Bistro Redwood City	15 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Topsy House	16	17 <u>CCE Ceili</u> UICC 8PM w/ Live Music
18 <u>Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars	19	20 <u>Set Dancing</u> Lily Mac's Sunnyvale <u>Seisiún</u> Plough and Stars	21	22 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Topsy House	23 <u>Set Dancing</u> Bronsan Dance Studio San Rafael	24
25 <u>Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars	26	27 <u>Song Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars	28	29 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band	30	31



CO-CHAIRPERSON: MICHAEL DUFFY (CCE_CHAIR@CCEWEST.ORG)
 CO-CHAIRPERSON: MICHAEL RIEMER (CCE_CHAIR@CCEWEST.ORG) (510) 548-4727
 PUBLIC RELATIONS: JOSEPHINE BROGAN (CCE_PR@CCEWEST.ORG) (415) 681-4803
 SECRETARY/REGISTRAR: JOANNIE O'LEARY (CCE_SECRETARY@CCEWEST.ORG) (415) 664-6579
 TREASURER: MAUREEN MURPHY (CCE_TREASURER@CCEWEST.ORG) (415) 661-0351
 TREORAÍ NA GAELIGE: NIKKI RAGSDALE (CCE_GAEILGE@CCEWEST.ORG)
 WEBMASTER: MICHAEL DUFFY (CCE_WEBMASTER@CCEWEST.ORG)
 NEWSLETTER EDITOR: TIM SULLIVAN (CCE_SCEAL@CCEWEST.ORG)
 YOUTH OFFICER: SEAN O'DONNELL

August 2010

DÉ DOMHNAIGH SUNDAY	DÉ LUAN MONDAY	DÉ MÁIRT TUESDAY	DÉ CÉADAOIN WEDNESDAY	DÉARDAOIN THURSDAY	DÉ h-Aoine FRIDAY	DÉ SATHAIRN SATURDAY
Aug 1 <u>Seisiún</u> Plough and Stars	2	3 <u>CCÉ Meeting</u> UICC 7:30PM <u>Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars	4 <u>Set Dancing</u> Angelica's Bistro Redwood City	5 <u>Set Dancing</u> Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band	6 <u>Song Seisiún</u> Harold & Cathy Jones Santa Clara	7
8 <u>Seisiún</u> Plough and Stars	9	10 <u>Set Dancing</u> Lily Mac's Sunnyvale <u>Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars	11	12 <u>Set Dancing</u> No class at UICC Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band	13 <u>Set Dancing</u> Bronsan Dance Studio San Rafael	14
15 <u>Seisiún</u> Plough and Stars	16	17 <u>Seisiún</u> Plough and Stars	18 <u>Set Dancing</u> Angelica's Bistro Redwood City	19 <u>Set Dancing</u> No class at UICC Plough & Stars w/ Topsy House	20	21 <u>CCE Ceili</u> No CCE Night in Aug
22 <u>Seisiún</u> Plough and Stars	23	24 <u>Set Dancing</u> Lily Mac's Sunnyvale <u>Song Seisiún</u> Plough and Stars	25	26 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Topsy House	27 <u>Set Dancing</u> Bronsan Dance Studio San Rafael	28
29 <u>Seisiún</u> Plough and Stars	30	31 <u>Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars	Sep 1	2 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Topsy House	3 <u>Song Seisiún</u> Jeremy Friedenthal Campbell	4

Plough and Stars - 116 Clement Ave. (Between 2nd and 3rd), San Francisco, (415) 751-1122 theploughandstars.com

U.I.C.C. - 2700 45th Ave. (At Sloat Blvd.), San Francisco, (415) 661-2700 www.irishcentersf.org

Lily Mac's - 118 S. Murphy St. Sunnyvale (between Washington and Evelyn Aves)

Starry Plough - 3101 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley (510) 841-2082 starryploughpub.com

Beckett's Irish Pub - 2271 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley (510) 647-1790 www.beckettsirishpub.com

Angelica's Bistro - 863 Main Street, Redwood City

Bronsan School of Irish Dance - 1879 2nd Street, San Rafael (415) 259-0992 bronsanschool.com

You can also visit the following websites for events:

San Francisco CCE - Cooley-Keegan Branch - sf.ccewest.org

Santa Cruz CCE - Clifford-Hoban Branch - www.folkplanet.com/cce



San Francisco Bay Area Irish Language Immersion Weekend

Uimhir a Dó Dhéag! Year Twelve!

October 1–3, 2010

(6 PM Friday through 4:30 PM Sunday)

Four levels, intensive tutorials focusing on spoken language and increasing fluency. Our teachers are native speakers.

Meals and snacks provided — continue practicing Irish over lunch and dinner!

Seisiún! Bring instruments and your voices for sessions each evening, when we'll enjoy playing Irish music and sharing songs, poetry, stories, a little dancing, and other craic *as Gaeilge*. This year, we also plan a special Saturday workshop on sean-nós singing, presented by Éamonn Ó Dónaill.

This language course is geared to accommodate adults at all learning stages, from those just starting to those who are advanced but desire practice and polish. There will be four levels— advanced, high intermediate, intermediate, and beginner. Class tuition is by specialist teachers who use proven methods of language instruction and are themselves native speakers. The teachers are coordinated by Oideas Gael, and travel to San Francisco especially for this course. Each day's study consists of intensive tutorials with attention directed toward spoken Irish and aimed at correct pronunciation, proper idiom, and development of contemporary vocabulary. The intention is to foster conversational ability and fluency. Between classes, over meals, and during our seisiún each evening, you are encouraged to keep practicing your Irish with people from all levels while enjoying the craic— it is of great benefit to hear Irish spoken 'live' around you, taking part to whatever degree you are able! (*There's opportunity for an extra seisiún Sunday after the course ends, for those who want to stay.*)

Course fee: \$345.00, includes tuition and food (sandwiches, soup & fruit for supper Friday evening, cheese & Irish bread & coffee/tea available each morning, coffee/tea breaks, and full meals for lunch and dinner Saturday and lunch Sunday). Out-of-town attendees to make their own accommodation arrangements. We can provide suggestions if needed. The course will be held at the United Irish Cultural Center, in S.F.

Space is limited— please register early!

Cancellation Policy: Course fees—less a \$75 handling charge— are refundable up to 1 September 2010 (1 month before the course).

For more information, call 510-881-5958 or e-mail cce_gaeilge@ccwest.org, *Treoraí na Gaeilge, Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann, Cooley-Keegan Branch.*

To register by post, fill in this coupon and send it, together with your check or money order for \$345.00, made out to N. L. Ragsdale (for Deireadh Seachtaine Gaeltachta). *Payment must be made in advance to secure your place on the course.*

Name _____

Address _____

tel. _____ e-mail _____

Do you have knowledge of the Irish language? yes no a bit

		maith	sásúil	lag
<i>Inis dúinn faoi do leibhéal Gaeilge:</i>	Comhrá	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Scríobh	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Léamh	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Send to: N. L. Ragsdale, re: Deireadh Seachtaine Gaeltachta, 22661 Linden Street, Hayward, CA 94541-3121.

You may also register online at onesourcegraphics.com/Gaeilge/