

SCÉAL ÉILE

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



From the Chairman



A Chairde,

Ready or not, time to plunge headlong into the Holidays! Kick off the season (and the Celtic New Year!) with style -- as well as great music, dancing, and a chance to catch up with your Comhaltas friends (maybe even in costume!) at the Samhain Ceili, coming right up on Sunday the 30th of October (see flyer within for details).

For me, our two big ceilis toward the end of the year (the other being the Christmas Ceili, on Dec. 11th) are two of the best opportunities to really gather as a community and celebrate the revitalization of the Cooley-Keegan branch. It was not so long ago that our "monthly" ceilis gave way to our current schedule of holding just the three large Ceilis each year - in part because of alternative dancing opportunities, probably, but also in part because attendance and interest had become rather "modest". A lot has changed in recent years, and the advent of music classes, language classes, teen activities and other Comhaltas activities has resulted in many new members, with a wide range of ages and interests. So whether you are a long-time member who hasn't dropped in lately, or a newer member wondering what Comhaltas is about, come by and celebrate with us, we'll look forward to seeing you at one or both of these events.

Slan,
Micheál R



Events this Month



Ceilis at the UICC - On the third Saturday of the month, November 19th, CCE hosts a night of dancing at the UICC . Music begins at 7:30 with dancing at 8PM to live traditional Irish Music. Admission is free. Contact: Michael Riemer at riemer@ce.berkeley.edu. (In December come to the Christmas Ceili on the 11th).

South Bay/ Peninsula - On Tuesdays we meet 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 Fridays 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 Ceili - The next Children's Ceili will be held at the Irish Cultural Center on November 13th from 4-6PM. Comhaltas Members. Free. Non Comhaltas Members: \$5 per child or \$10 for two or more children.. Contact Josephine Brogan at 415-681-4803 or josephinebrogan@yahoo.com.

Teen's Ceili - A Teen Ceili will be held on Friday, November 25th at the UICC from 7 to 10PM (doors close at 8PM). Featuring live traditional Irish music, the admission is \$5.

See calendar page for address, phone number



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)



CCE performed to rave reviews at the Fairfax Feis

Ceilis

Continuing the tradition of fun for all The next Children's Ceili will be held on November 13th We will also be having a junior musician session from 3 to 4pm in the Bar area. We had 15 young musicians last time, and hope to get as many next time. We are on our way to having our very own junior Ceili Band.

Not to out-done, CCE's youth officer, Sean O'Donnell has scheduled a teen ceili on Friday, November 25th.

For the whole family, the Christmas Ceili will be held on December 11th.

See attached flyers for more information.

Kevin Mallen Scholarship

The deadline for submission of this scholarship application is January 30, 2012. Applications may be obtained by calling Josephine at 681-4803 or emailing her at josephinebrogan@yahoo.com; or Joannie at 415 664-6579 or joannieoleary@msn.com or at the Celtic New Year Ceili, Oct 30th.

For some years now, thanks to the generosity of our good friend, Kevin Mallen, RIP, we offer music scholarships to children who are members of the SF Cooley-Keegan Branch of Comhaltas. Many have benefited from this scholarship through fiddle, tin whistle and bodhran classes. We look forward to the day when we will have our own Youth Ceili Band.

****See our note about the October Junior Session and all our young musicians!!!**

Song and Storytelling

The next Singing and Storytelling Seisiún will be hosted by Michael Jones on November 4th.

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

The December Seisiún host is Imelda White.
275 Lassen Avenue,
Mountain View
650-964-7643
imelda_white@yahoo.com

Brosnan's Recital & Ceili

Come join us for our Brosnan School of Irish Dance Fall Recital & Family Ceili! On Saturday, November 5, 2011 at Hall Middle School Auditorium & Gym (200 Doherty Drive, Larkspur, CA 94939) The recital goes from 5:30 to 6:30 PM followed by a Family Ceili from 6:30 - 9PM. Admission: Adults - \$10 (includes recital and ceili); Children 18 & under - FREE! (cash or checks made payable to Brosnan School of Irish Dance).

A wonderful show by the children is always in store Don't miss the tea and treats that will be served between the Recital and the Ceili!

Please stay after the recital for live Irish music and dance! The ceili will be hosted by the Brosnan School and taught by the Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann, the Cooley-Keegan Branch!

Irish Social Dancing will be taught by Micheal Minihane - dad of Maeve and Mairead Minihane, two of our Brosnan Irish dancers!

All are welcome! Beginners encouraged! No dance partners needed.



Thank You



A big thank you to all my friends in Comhaltas for the lovely 80th Birthday greetings. I appreciate your nice remembrance of my help with all the little jobs that keep our CCE going, and of my favorite night every year when the Wren Boys stop at my home. I am very grateful for the lovely surprise by Michael Murphy, Captain of the Wren Boys and the Wren Boys dancers for making an appearance at my 80th Birthday party. The poem and set dancing were beautiful. I am happy to have so many wonderful friends in the Cooley-Keegan Branch. Many thanks and God Bless, Katherine Scanlon

Thank you to all who volunteered for the recent KALW pledge drive in September. KALW was celebrating 70 years of being on the air! Special thanks to Tim Sullivan, Sheila Walsh, and Michael Murphy for volunteering to take pledges. For those who were not able to make it out for this pledge drive, there will be another pledge drive in the spring and volunteers are always very welcome, Jen Mahoney



Membership Renewal



It's that time of the year again: For most of us, membership is due so we can report it to Ireland by the end of the year. If a membership form is enclosed, your membership is now due. Those who receive their "Sceal" by email will receive an email from Josephine to let you know your membership is due.

You may:

- Renew on-line through our website and remit payment through PayPal; <http://sf.ccewest.org>
- Renew on-line through our website and send your check to our PO Box. (we do not bill).
- Complete your membership form and mail it with your check to our PO Box.
- Complete your membership form and include either a check or cash – give to Josephine or Moe at dancing.
- Renew your membership at our Celtic New Year Ceili on Sunday, October 30th.

Please remember that membership renewal is done by volunteer labor. We need to have our accounting and reporting completed so it is recorded in Ireland and you will receive your Treoir magazine in a timely manner.

PLEASE HELP US OUT BY RENEWING NOW! If you have any questions, please call Joannie at 415 664-6579; email Joannie at olearyj@urology.ucsf.edu; or talk with Josephine or Moe at dancing. The membership form contains the information you need for your renewal. Thank you for your support.



Wren Boys



Tis time to "bury the wren" again! Join us on St. Stephen's Day, Monday, December 26, 2011. Meeting time and place to be decided. Please show up in Wren Boys outfit or some other festive wear. More details to follow later. Feel free to contact Michael Murphy at 415-999-6062.

Up with the kettle, down with the pan, hope to see you out on the Wren!



Membership Corner



We send our very best wishes to Patrick Joyce who recently had surgery and is recuperating at home. Please keep Pat and his family in your prayers. Pat and Theresa you are greatly missed on the dance floor. Patrick and Theresa are a great team in the construction of our St. Patrick's Day Float as Structural Engineer and decorator extraordinaire.

We would like to wish Mrs. Rita Murphy a speedy recovery after her recent hip surgery. Her Mayo spirit and great determination will surely aid in her recuperation. All your friends in CCE wish you all the best, Mrs. Murphy!!

Congratulations and best wishes to Pat Costelloe on his upcoming wedding in Ireland on November 5, 2011. Hope to see Pat and his new bride at the Plough in the near future.



CCE Classes



CCE sponsors the following classes at the UICC.

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

These classes resumed this fall. For more information, please contact Josephine Brogan at josephinebrogan@yahoo.com or 415-681-4803. Pre-registration and payment is required to secure a place for all classes.



General Meeting



General Meetings of the Membership are held on the first Tuesday of the month. The next ones will be on November 1st starting at 7:30 at the UICC (no meeting in December).

This is a members' meeting and all members are encouraged to attend in order to plan activities for 2012.



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. Shannon Ceili Band typically plays on the 1st and 2nd Thursday; Topsy House on the 3rd and 4th and last Thursday;
- Dancers are encouraged to contribute \$5 to support the live music.

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 Rafael: From 7 to 9 pm. There is a \$5 charge for this class. Contact: Mary McDonagh (irishsetdancer@yahoo.com), Micheal Minihane (michealminihane@yahoo.com)



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: - 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, check above for details.

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SACBHAIN 2011

De Dómhnaigh SUNDAY	De Luan MONDAY	De Mairt TUESDAY	De Céadaoin WEDNESDAY	Deardaoin THURSDAY	De h-Aoine FRIDAY	De Sathairn SATURDAY
Oct 30 <u>November Night Ceili</u> UICC <u>Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars	31	Nov 1 <u>CCÉ Meeting</u> UICC 7:30PM <u>Set Dancing</u> Lily Mac's, Sunnyvale <u>Seisiún</u> Plough and Stars	2	3 <u>Set Dancing</u> Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band	4 <u>Song Seisiún</u> Michael Jones San Carlos	5 <u>Bronsan School</u> <u>Fall Recital & Family Ceili</u> Larkspur Recital: 5:30 Ceili: 6:30
6 <u>Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars	7	8 <u>Set Dancing</u> Lily Mac's, Sunnyvale <u>Seisiún</u> Plough and Stars	9	10 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band	11 <u>Set Dancing</u> Bronsan Dance Studio San Rafael	12
13 <u>Children's Ceili</u> UICC 4-6PM <u>Seisiún</u> -	14	15 <u>Set Dancing</u> Lily Mac's Sunnyvale <u>Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars	16	17 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Topsy House	18	19 <u>CCE Ceili</u> UICC 8PM w/ Live Music
20 <u>Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars	21	22 <u>Set Dancing</u> Lily Mac's Sunnyvale <u>Seisiún</u> Plough and Stars	23	24 <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i> <i>No Dancing</i>	25 <u>Teen's Ceili</u> UICC 7-10PM	26
27 <u>Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars	28	29 <u>Set Dancing</u> Lily Mac's Sunnyvale <u>Song Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars	30	Dec 1 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band	2	3



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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

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