

SCÉAL ÉILE

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

From the Chairman

A Chairde,

Congratulations to everyone who worked on, danced on, played music on, sat on, and walked with the float this year. It takes a lot of people to bring this event together--doing the prep work, building the float (in one day), choreographing dancing for the reviewing stand and leading the dancing along the parade route. Then there is organizing the music, getting the generator, and setting up the sound. We are very fortunate to have great musicians who come out every year rain or shine to play for us. I should not forget there is always shopping, costuming, sandwiches to make, candy and drinks to bring. None of this could ever happen if it wasn't for Charlie Cunningham donating the cab, flatbed and driver, as well as the storage box. A special thanks to our driver Mike Buffka who pulled us out of a big pinch and Bill & Steve Welch and the staff of Duggans Funeral Home on 17th St..

Oh, this is big. Then at the end of all of this, we have to take it down and put it away for next year.

So, you see, like I said in the beginning, it takes many people who come together to make this event happen whether we place 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or not at all. We are the big winners, because we are an amazing group of people. Thank you to all those who come year after year and to all the first timers.

**OH, AND WE DID TAKE FIRST PLACE -
CONGRATULATIONS**

Slan, Kasey

Events this Month

General Ceili - A general Ceili will be held on Sunday, April 6th at the UICC from 7 to 10PM. See attached flyer for more details.

CCE Night at the UICC - On Saturday, April 19th, 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). See attached flyer for more details.

The T. Kevin Mallen Scholarship Awards will be made during this ceili.

South Bay - The Britannia Arms hosts dancing in San Jose on April 9th and 23rd. Set dancing with a wee bit of ceili from 8-10:30PM to live music by 'Banish the Dogs'. 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 hosts Set and Ceili dance lessons on occasional Sundays. Contacts: Connie Lynch (707-823-7378; cerrydancer@juno.com), Kasey MillerE (707-769-8552).

East Bay - Starry Plough in Berkeley 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.

General Meetings

The next General Meeting of the Membership will be postponed until Tuesday April 22nd at 7:30pm at the United Irish Cultural Center. This meeting will cover both April and May.



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)



Dancers prepare for action on the Saint Patrick's Day Parade float. All of our efforts resulted in a first place finish -- Congratulations!!

Events Next Month

A Childrens Ceili is planned for May 4th from 4 to 6 pm. See attached flyer for more details.

The South Bay dancing at the Britannia Arms will be expanding to every Wednesday (from twice a month) starting in May or June. Stay tuned for more information....

Membership Corner

Memberships are accepted year-round. Please check your mailing label to see your expiration date. Membership cards will be distributed at the April Ceili and in the May Sceal mailing. Thanks for your support, Joannie (415 664-6579 or joannieoleary@msn.com).

Song and Storytelling

The next Singing and Storytelling Seisiún will be hosted by Teresa & Pat Joyce on Friday, April 4th.

45 Wilding Lane,
Oakland. 510-653-5934

Michael & Miriam will host in on Friday, May 2nd.
412 Winding Way,
San Carlos. 650-622-9598

Member News

Our streak of engagements continues...

This month CCE extends best wishes to Tracey Tynan and Sean Griffin on their recent engagement.



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COMHALTAS CEOLTÓIRÍ ÉIREANN
THE COOLEY-KEEGAN BRANCH

ST. PATRICK'S CÉILÍ

Special Presentation - "T. Kevin Mallen Scholarship Award"

- WHEN:** SUNDAY, APRIL 6TH 2008
- WHERE:** UNITED IRISH CULTURAL CENTER
2700 45TH AVENUE, SAN FRANCISCO
- MUSIC:** Live Traditional Irish Music
- TIME:** 7:00 TO 10:00 PM
- ADMISSION:** Adults: \$10.00. Children: Free

For Information, contact Josephine Brogan at (415) 681-4803

Please visit our website at: sf.ccewest.org



COMHALTAS CEOLTÓIRÍ ÉIREANN
The Cooley-Keegan Branch

COMHALTAS NIGHT

Comhaltas (CCÉ) is a worldwide organization, based in Dublin, Ireland, dedicated to preserving and fostering the traditions of Ireland, through music, song, dance, storytelling & language. Founded in Mullingar, Co. Westmeath, 50 years ago, CCÉ has over 400 branches throughout Ireland, Britain, the U.S., & many other countries. Visit the San Francisco Cooley-Keegan Branch at: <http://sf.ccewest.org>

- WHEN:** **Saturday, April 19th 2008**
- WHERE:** **United Irish Cultural Center***
2700 45TH Avenue, San Francisco (Bar area)
- TIME:** **7.30 pm to 11.30 pm approx.**
- MUSIC BY:** **Live Traditional Music and Dancing**
- ADMISSION:** **FREE**

*The restaurant is open for dinner from 5 pm to 9 pm.
Reservations are appreciated: 415-661-2700, ext. 100

*For Information, contact Josephine Brogan at (415) 681-4803 or email:
Josephinebrogan@yahoo.com*



**COMHALTAS CEOLTÓIRÍ ÉIREANN
THE COOLEY-KEEGAN BRANCH**

CHILDREN'S CÉILÍ

- WHEN:** SUNDAY, MAY 4TH, 2008
- WHERE:** UNITED IRISH CULTURAL CENTER
2700 45TH AVENUE, SAN FRANCISCO
- TIME:** 4 TO 6 PM
- MUSIC:** Live Traditional Music
- 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

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April 2008

DÉ DOMHNAIGH SUNDAY	DÉ LUAN MONDAY	DÉ MÁIRT TUESDAY	DÉ Céadaoin WEDNESDAY	DÉARDAIN THURSDAY	DÉ h-Aoine FRIDAY	DÉ SATHAIRN SATURDAY
Mar 30 <u>Seisiún -</u> Plough and Stars	31	April 1 <u>Seisiún -</u> Plough and Stars	2	3 <u>Set Dancing</u> Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band	4 <u>Song Seisiún</u> Teresa & Pat Joyce Oakland	5
6 General Ceili UICC 7-10PM <u>Seisiún -</u> Plough and Stars	7	8 <u>Seisiún -</u> Plough and Stars	9 <u>Set Dancing</u> Britannia Arms Cupertino 8PM	10 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band	11	12
13 <u>Seisiún -</u> Plough and Stars	14	15 <u>Slow Seisiún -</u> Plough and Stars	16	17 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Topsy House	18	19 <u>CCE Night</u> UICC 8:00PM w/ Live Music
20 <u>Seisiún -</u> Plough and Stars	21	22 <u>CCÉ Meeting</u> UICC 7:30PM <u>Song Seisiún</u> Plough and Stars	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>Seisiún -</u> Plough and Stars	28 <u>Junior Seisiún</u> Ireland's 32 7:30	29 <u>Seisiún -</u> Plough and Stars	30	May 1 <u>Set Dancing</u> Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band	2 <u>Song Seisiún</u> Michael & Miriam San Carlos	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, San Jose (near Cupertino border) (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

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

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 last Monday 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 above for details.

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