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# SCÉAL ÉILE

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



## Vice Chair's Message



For the past two years, we have been keeping you posted on the progress of our 2020 CCÉ Convention.

When you receive this Scéal Eile, **the Convention will be a brief ten weeks away!!** The Committee and all our volunteers have been working tirelessly to bring a wonderful weekend to you and to all our attendees from all across the United States, Canada and Ireland.

Marvelous bands will entertain at our céilís: Thursday & Sunday – our own Golden Gate Céilí Band; Friday - our good friends from the East Coast, The Pearl River All-Star Céilí Band; and the renowned John Whelan Céilí Band after our Banquet on Saturday night. Dance Master, Pat Murphy from Ireland will lead the set dance workshops.

There is plenty of information in this Scéal regarding tickets for the Banquet (purchase now before we are sold out); volunteer opportunities and how you can help us make this a brilliant Convention, while enjoying yourself at the same time.

We are confident that the Convention will be a memorable event not only for the music, language, song and dance but also for the hospitality of our branch. **This is your personal invitation to come down to the San Francisco Marriott Waterfront Hotel in Burlingame at any time over the weekend of April 16-19, 2020 and meet our guests who will fill the first and second floors of the hotel with their lively sessions all weekend.** Bring your instruments and join in. Friday and Saturday will feature workshops in music, set, Céilí, sean nós & jive dancing, Irish language, a very special program for children and youth, genealogy lecture and much more. You are very welcome to attend Mass with us in the Junior Ballroom on Sunday at 10:00 am which will feature the Cór Radharc an Chnoic (Mountain View choir).

Come and share with our visitors that marvelous San Francisco Bay Area Welcome and Hospitality!!

Slán,

Joannie

Be sure to visit our website: <https://www.cceconvention2020.com/>

Or contact: [jobrennan@comcast.net](mailto:jobrennan@comcast.net)

Or Joannie O'Leary at 415-664-6579



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## Song and Storytelling

The next Song and Storytelling Seisiún will be hosted by John & Anne Hopkirk on February 7<sup>th</sup>  
145 Highland Ave.  
San Carlos  
650-593-0843  
hopkirk@earthlink.net

The March Seisiún is on the 6<sup>th</sup> hosted by Connie Roberts  
41280 Trenouth St.  
Fremont  
801-756-9147  
ivegotfive@yahoo.com

In April the seisiún is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> hosted by Susan Keith  
765 San Pierre Way  
Mountain View  
650-391-5542  
susanmaria.keith@gmail.com

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

## Winter Céilí at Lilly Mac's

Another grand Céilí will happen at Lilly Mac's in Sunnyvale on Saturday, Feb. 29<sup>th</sup> from 7-10pm with Live Music!. Admission is \$12 (even if just watching).

Set Dancing with some Céilí Dancing

Contact: Michael Murphy at 415-999-6062 (irishboogieman67@yahoo.com)

## No March Céilí

March 2020 will be an extremely busy month for us, between the St. Patrick's Day Parade and extended activities, and last-minute preparations for the Convention. Therefore, we will not host a March Céilí....but DO NOT DESPAIR!!!

Fast Forward to April 16-19 where you will find dancing workshops, céilís and so much more throughout the entire weekend – Truly a Dancer's Delight!!!

## Events each Month

**San Francisco - Change for the month of February only. There will be no dancing at the Plough & Stars on Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup>.** We will have set dancing on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday from 8:00 pm - 11:00 pm and no class at the Irish Cultural Center. Suggested donation: \$5. There will be class at the Irish Center on February 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 pm to 9:15 pm followed by dancing at the Plough and Stars from 9:30 pm to 11:30 pm. We are back to our usual schedule in March. 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; 8-10pm; Suggested donation is \$7. Mostly live bands. Contact: Michael Murphy at 415-999-6062 or irishboogieman67@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 Wednesday. 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: Danny Botello at mr.dannyb@gmail.com or Michael Rael at michaelbpr@gmail.com.

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

## New Peninsula Dancing

**Dancing in Redwood City starting February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at Alhambra Irish House** located at 831 Main Street in Redwood City

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays: mostly set dancing with a little céilí style. Time: 9-11pm, Live music!

No formal lessons but instructor present.  
Suggested donation: \$7.00.

Contact: Michael Murphy 415-999-6062 (irishboogieman67@yahoo.com)



## Wren Boys 2019



Wren Boys 2019 took on a different flavor this year because there were a high number of “Wren rookies” (i.e. first-timers), and we went to two pubs where we have not visited in years. The Wren rookies really helped make St. Stephen’s special this past year. They were especially enthusiastic, energetic, and very cooperative, which makes every participant’s evening a whole lot more fun and makes the evening flow more easily for the Captain of the Wren, which he forever appreciates.

The two pubs I speak of are Shannon Arms and O’Keeffe’s Bar. We had a courteous and hospitable reception at both places, and the owner of O’Keeffe’s, Annie herself, joined in on the dancing. That’s a first! Afterwards she suggested we dancers and musicians visit at other times during the year.

The other places were the usually reliable Lundy’s and Keehan’s residences and Parkside tavern; places we Wrens have been visiting for several years and each time we visit is always a treat. Denise Leadbetter, first-timer, gave us a funny little song at Parkside.

We finally ended up at the Wren “institution” also known as Katherine Scanlon’s house where we danced Connemara Reel Set on the sidewalk under the notice of delighted neighbors and passersby even at 11pm in the evening! The “peelers” haven’t arrested us yet!

As usual many thanks goes out to the thirty musicians and dancers who help make Wren Boys a yearly success. The roving musicians of Wren Boys 2019 were Chris Dillingham, Peter Persoff, Carlton Eyster, Julie Horner, Yevgeny Binder, and Tom Slickman. Many warm thanks also goes out to the hosts: Maureen Murphy; Seamus and Maureen Lundy; Vincy and Missy Keehan; Larry Doyle; Theresa Morris; Annie O’Keeffe; and Katherine Scanlon and her dutiful grandchildren.

I hope to see you on the Wren next time when we welcome in a new decade: the Roaring 20’s Part II, Irish-Style!

Have a grand 2020! Captain of the Wren



### Hooley in Petaluma



**SECOND HOOLEY IN PETALUMA  
February 16<sup>th</sup> 2020**

The second Hooley will be on the 16<sup>th</sup> of February 2020. 2-6pm. Adults \$20. Children \$1. Tickets at the door \$25. Bring a homemade treat to share. Petaluma Woman’s Club 518 B Street, Petaluma, Tickets are selling quickly.

Contact Kasey @ 707 280-1235, Micheál @ 707 328-3023, Mary @cladaghdancer@gmail.com.

Look forward to singing, dancing, and mighty craic!



### 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 [IrishCultureBayArea.com](http://IrishCultureBayArea.com)



### Irish Language Classes



We are in the process of looking for a new Irish Language Teacher.

For further information, please contact Josephine Brogan at [Josephinebrogan@yahoo.com](mailto:Josephinebrogan@yahoo.com) or 415-264-8856



### Branch Meetings



CCÉ Cooley-Keegan branch meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month, 7:30pm, Upcoming meeting dates: February 4<sup>th</sup> at J. Brennan’s house and March 3<sup>rd</sup> location TBD. All members are encouraged to attend.

For further information, contact Katryn “Kate” Wiese [katryn.wiese@mail.ccsf.edu](mailto:katryn.wiese@mail.ccsf.edu).



## Convention Banquet, Entertainment and Céilí Mór



One of the many exciting highlights of the weekend will be our Banquet, Entertainment and Céilí Mór on Saturday night, April 18<sup>th</sup>. The John Whelan Céilí Band are our special guests for the Céilí Mór. Tickets for this event only (for those not purchasing a Convention Package) are \$120 if purchased prior to March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. A limited number of tickets are available due to the capacity of the ballroom and the great response we have received from attendees. We urge any members wishing to attend the Banquet Evening to immediately go to our convention website: <https://www.cceconvention2020.com/>

Click on the “Register” button at the top right and request your tickets. There is an option to pay by check or credit card. We do expect to sell out this event **and regret that once the maximum number of tickets are sold, we will not be able to accommodate any additional requests.**



## November Night 2019 Céilí North American Provincial Meeting



A huge thank you to everyone who helped during this weekend. Representatives of Comhaltas from the US and Canada joined us for a pre-Convention meeting and enjoyed themselves immensely. We owe a huge debt of thanks to Fiddler’s Green Pub and Restaurant in Millbrae\* who hosted this event all day. We had our meetings, lunch and a delicious dinner at Fiddler’s and all were made to feel “at home”. Our visitors cannot wait to go back when they come to the Convention in April!

We are so very grateful to all those who gave their time to pick our visitors up from the airport, hotel, Fiddlers and the UICC to make sure they all got to where they should be. We have received numerous emails and notes of thanks in appreciation of this special courtesy extended to them. Our chauffeurs included: Dan McAuliffe, Al Arnolfo, Jennifer Culhane, Josephine Brennan, Jim Sullivan, Al and Roseann Clavelli, Moe Murphy, Michael Murphy, Jim Belcher, Tom Connor and Mary-Hill Connor, Josephine Brogan, Connie Lynch, Cathy Mibach, Frank and Mary McDonagh, Nick Culhane, Danielle Miller and Joannie O’Leary.

We held our November Night Céilí at the UICC to coincide with this meeting and the response was amazing. Great music by the Golden Gate Céilí Band and a wonderful attendance. A big thank you to those who came to set up the hall, kept the coffee and tea brewing and to our dance Callers for a brilliant evening.

\*Fiddler’s Green Pub and Restaurant, is located at 333 El Camino Real, Millbrae, CA. It is an excellent choice for a lunch or dinner or to meet for a pint or two. Genuine Irish hospitality, great food and ambiance. Give them a try if you are in the area, and do mention the “Comhaltas connection”!



## Member News



Congratulations and Best Wishes to Áine (Minihane) and Abram Smith on the birth of their son, Tadhg, on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, weighing 8 lbs 8 ozs.

Our best to Jan Driscoll for a Happy and Healthy New Year!! We hope to see you at the Convention 2020. Remembering how proud Bill (RIP) was to pipe in the opening of the banquet last time round. Your job at the Registration desk is still open Jan. That sure was crazy but wonderful, wasn’t it?

Great to see Craig Ritts up and about so quickly after his hip operation...must be due to his In-House Nurse Terry’s care, just in time for the Convention. Continued best wishes Craig.... See you both there!!

## 2020 CCE Convention Pins



Thanks to the generosity of member, Steve Welch, we have a beautiful new branch pin commemorating our 2020 CCE Convention. The pin reflects our very special Convention logo and is available now for a steal...\$5.00 each. A great fund-raising idea...thank you, Steve. They are in great demand so get yours from Moe Murphy at dancing at the UICC or the Plough and Stars. We will also have them at numerous other events, or you can email/call Joannie O'Leary at: joannieoleary@msn.com 415-664-6579

## 2020 CCE Convention

The April 16-19 North American Comhaltas Convention is quickly approaching! We are in need of volunteers for both advance planning and the weekend itself. If you can give a few hours of your time, please contact Susan Keith, Volunteer Coordinator, at [susanmaria.keith@gmail.com](mailto:susanmaria.keith@gmail.com). Many hands are needed to put on an event of this magnitude that will be enjoyed by all and remembered for years to come!

Help us spread the word by liking our CCE Convention 2020 Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/CCEConvention2020](http://www.facebook.com/CCEConvention2020)). Take it one step further and share it on your own page for further-

## 2020 CCE Convention Meetings

Meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month, 7pm at the UICC. Upcoming meeting dates: February 18<sup>th</sup> and March 10<sup>th</sup>.

Contact any of the Cooley-Keegan board members if you'd like to get involved in what is going to be a 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).

## CCE 2020 Membership

Membership runs from January 1 to December 31st.

**Our Membership drive for 2020 Continues.  
If you have not yet renewed, please see below and take action:**

If you receive the Scéal Eile by email link, please renew now by visiting our website:  
[http://sf.ccewest.org/misc/join\\_cceck.html](http://sf.ccewest.org/misc/join_cceck.html)

Please be sure to complete the on-line form so we can match it with your PayPal payment.

If you receive the Scéal Eile by mail, a renewal form was included in this November/December Scéal Eile. We ask that you respond immediately as we must report the memberships to Ireland. As a benefit of your 2020 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:  
[http://sf.ccewest.org/misc/join\\_cceck.html](http://sf.ccewest.org/misc/join_cceck.html)
- 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. CCE Membership, Attn: Joannie O'Leary, P O Box 16244, San Francisco,



## CCÉ BIG DRAW 2019



We are extremely grateful to everyone who purchased Big Draw Tickets. Comhaltas-Ireland designed this fundraiser to allow us to keep 80% of the cost of all tickets sold (\$4.00 per \$5.00 ticket). We are delighted to report that this draw has been a great success and will be a tremendous help in our branch efforts and expenses.

Since the Draw is conducted in Ireland, our branch offered four prizes of \$25.00 each: The names of all who bought tickets through our branch were entered in the "local" Draw. Congratulations to our "Local Winners":

***Cathy Mibach, Ralph Mihan, Noreen Corry and Brendan O'Mahony***

### Results of the 2019 BIG DRAW in Ireland

<b>€5,000</b>	Finbarr Motherway, Youghal, Co. Cork
<b>€500</b>	Andrea Fresh, Youghal, Co. Cork
<b>€250</b>	We congratulate our good friend and mentor, Kell Chole from Chicago
<b>Luxury Weekend at Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann 2020 in Mullingar</b>	Lucin Daly, Douglas, Co. Cork
<b>4 Tickets to the Brú Ború Show &amp; Dinner, Rock of Cashel, Tipp.</b>	Caitríona Mhic Cionnaith, Co. Tyrone
<b>€150. Gift Card</b>	Deborah Quinn, Co. Tipperary
<b>Collection of 10 Traditional Music CDs and DVDs</b>	Aaron & Suzanne Dignam, Youghal Co Cork,
<b>Seller's Prize for Branch selling 200 or more tickets:</b>	Dhún Dealgan Branch, Dundalk, Co. Louth



## TREOIR Magazine



Hope everyone received their last issue of Treoir magazine for 2019. There is a nice article on our Convention on page 78, in addition to news and stories from Comhaltas world-wide.

If you did not receive your Treoir, please contact Joannie at: joannieoleary@msn.com or 415-664-6579.



Stay up to date on céilís, seisiúns, and other events by checking out our Cooley-Keegan Facebook page. In the search field at the top of your facebook page enter **Cooley-Keegan Branch**, select it from the list of choices

or enter the following:

<https://www.facebook.com/Comhaltas-Ceoltoiri-Eireann-Cooley-Keegan-Branch-San-Francisco-CA-456882161020939/>



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

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

# Feadhra 2020

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# Márta 2020

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Mar 1 <u>Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars	2 <u>Céilí dancing</u> Starry Plough	3 <u>CCÉ Meeting</u> TBD 7:30pm <u>Set Dancing</u> Lilly Mac's, Sunnyvale <u>Seisiún</u> Plough and Stars	4	5 <u>Set Dancing</u> Plough and Stars w/ Golden Gate Céilí Band	6 <u>Song Seisiún</u> Connie Roberts 41280 Trenouth St. Fremont 801-756-9147 ivegotfive@yahoo.com	7
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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)





## Set Dancing



### **Mondays:**

- Starry Plough in Berkeley: Céilí dancing on Mondays. Lessons from 7-9pm and dancing to live music from 9-11pm. Contact: Danny Botello [mr.dannyb@gmail.com](mailto:mr.dannyb@gmail.com) or Michael Rael [michaelbpr@gmail.com](mailto:michaelbpr@gmail.com)

### **Tuesdays:**

- Lilly Mac's in Sunnyvale. Lessons: 7:30pm; Dance to live music 8-10pm. \$7 suggested to support the live music. Contact: Michael Murphy (415-999-6062) [irishboogieman67@yahoo.co](mailto:irishboogieman67@yahoo.co)

### **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays.**

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

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

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

- Lessons at the United Irish Cultural Center in San Francisco at 7:30pm in the bar area. Taped music: Cost: \$5
- 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](mailto:cladaghdancer@gmail.com)), Mícheál Minihane ([michealminihane@yahoo.com](mailto: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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