

SCÉAL ÉILE

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



From the Chairman



A Chairde,

Planning for the 2008 convention is progressing, and soon we should be ready to turn this effort on to 'full'. For more information please refer to 'The Convention Corner' on the next page.

We made it through May with dancing at the U.I.C.C. as the Plough was closed for remodeling. I was just in the Plough last night, and I say that there is a big improvement. It looks as though they are not quite completed with the small details, so things may be changing over the next couple of weeks yet. What I had noticed was that the large walk-in refrigerator has been removed and the bar extended, the restrooms sport new fixtures, new table tops and chairs, and a nice red paint.

For the month of June, besides our regular dancing at the lessons at the U.I.C.C. and the dancing at the renovated Plough, we have a Children's Céilí and the S.F. Free Folk Festival.

Well, that's all for now.
Slán, Michael



General Meetings



There will be no monthly meeting in June. The next General Meeting of the Membership will be on the *second* Tuesday of July, the 11th at 7:30pm at the United Irish Cultural Center.



Events this Month



There will not be a CCE night at the UICC for June. CCE Nights will resume in July.

Children's Ceili on Sunday, June 11th at the United Irish Cultural Center from 4 to 6 pm. Comhaltas Members: Free. Non Comhaltas Members: \$5 per child or \$10 for two or more children. Contact Maureen Murphy for info at: 415-661-0351.

Set dancing is expanding to new venues:

North Bay - Finbar Devines Irish Pub in downtown Petaluma is the location for Set dancing in the North Bay. On Sunday, June 11th from 3 to 5PM Connie Lynch will be teaching. Contact Connie, Kasey, or Mary McD. for more information. Pub info is at <http://www.finbarspetaluma.com/>. The plan is to have these events twice a month depending on attendance.

South Bay - The Britannia Arms in Cupertino was the scene of a return of Set dancing for those in the South Bay, and on the Peninsula. Contact Michael Murphy for information about future events: irishboogieman@yahoo.com or 415-786-1337.

Michael Murphy will be teaching set dance at the San Francisco Free Folk Festival. The festival is on June 24th and 25th at Roosevelt School. See <http://sffolkfest.org> for more information.

IRISH NETWORK CEILI: Saturday, June 24th; Lessons at 8 pm; Music begins @ 8:30 p.m.; St. Athanasius Parish Hall in Mountain View; Admission: \$12 for non-members, \$8 for members (includes 2 drink ticket); LIVE MUSIC. No partner necessary. All dance levels welcome. Mostly Ceili style with some set dancing. Contact: Michael Murphy at irishboogieman@yahoo.com; 415-786-1337.



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The Convention Corner

Each year from November through April, we talk about "THE CONVENTION". From now on, we will have a story in this corner about this event, what it is and how it relates to SF Cooley-Keegan Branch.

Perhaps a "Convention/Festival" is a more accurate term for this Irish Cultural Weekend dedicated primarily to music and dance. It is hosted by a branch of CCE each year in Canada or the United States.. In 2004 we went to Ottawa, Canada, and this year we traveled to Chicago. Atlanta,GA will host the 2007 weekend. The "Convention Hotel" becomes the home of up to 700 visitors and locals who participate in spontaneous music seisiuns, music, dance, song/storytelling and language workshops and a Ceili and Set Dancing all day... lasting into the wee hours!! The lobby and all public areas are ALIVE with the sound of Irish music and the chatter of folks greeting old friends and new. Chicago provided two late night ceilis which lasted until 4am!!

Guests from Ireland and Britain attend. Some folks make a week's vacation around this "Convention/Festival". Outside of attending a Fleadh Cheoil in Ireland, you won't find a better Irish Traditional Weekend!! HERE'S YOUR CHANCE.....

Our branch has bid to host the 2008 Convention/Festival Weekend - March 28, 29, 30, 2008. We have been working and meeting for months to bring this event to the West Coast. It will require a tremendous effort and volunteer help among our members and friends. Please keep an eye on this corner for details each month. Our next meeting is Monday, June 5, 2006 at 7:30pm. If you can help and/or would like to attend, please contact Joannie at 415-664-6579 or Kasey at 707 769-8552. Thank you.

Song and Storytelling

The next Singing and Storytelling session will be hosted by Deirdre McNamara on Friday June 2nd
645 Kirkland Drive #5
Sunnyvale 408-568-9280
mcnamaradee@hotmail.com
Friday July 7th, John Hopkirk hosts in San Carlos.

2006 Convention

Chicago! Chicago ! What a wonderful town, just like the song title... Chicago was indeed a great place to have this years CCE Convention. We took an extra couple days to do a little sight seeing & rest up for the week end ahead. The meeting with old friends & new... great weather... loads of workshops & after hours ceils... great music... what more could a body want... The Chole Family & all the volunteers did a great job. From the top of the John Hancock building to the subway trains below a great & memorable trip enjoyed by all... see you all next year in Atlanta!!

Gaeilge - Irish Language

Lá Ghaeltachta! Dé Domhnaigh, 25 Meitheamh. Hayward, 2:30 i.n. - comhrá as Gaeilge, Scannáin Gaeilge, agus seisiún cheoil agus amhránaíochta, chomh maith. "Ádh an phóta" don dinnéar, tá barbeque i gceist againn. An chéad ceann eile: déanfar fógra! Seoaldh agus treoreacha le fáil: Gaeilge@OneSourceGraphics.com , (510) 881-5958

Gaeltacht Day! Hayward, Sunday 25 June, 2:30pm Conversation in Irish, Irish language movies, and a session of music and singing, too. "Pot luck" dinner, we're thinking barbecue. Next one: TBA! Address and directions: Gaeilge@OneSourceGraphics.com , (510) 881 5958.

Stay tuned -- Deireadh Seachtaine Gaeltachte (Irish Immersion Weekend) is coming in September.

Member News

We are proud and delighted to congratulate young Sean O'Donnell for winning 1st place in the "Under 12 Two Row Button Accordion" competition at the St. Louis North American Midwest Regional Fleadh Cheoil over the weekend of May 12-13th. Sean traveled to St. Louis with his Mom, Peggy, and his grandmother and had a wonderful weekend meeting with, and joining in seisiuns with, young people of all ages and talents. Sean will be telling us of his adventures in the July Sceal Eile. Well done, Sean!!



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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.



Seisiún



Slow Seisiún:

- Ireland's 32, starting at 7:30pm on the 2nd and last Mondays of each month. This is intended for beginners learning to play traditional Irish tunes. 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 the calendar for exact details.

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JUNE 2006						
De Dómhnaigh SUNDAY	De Luan MONDAY	De Mairt TUESDAY	De Céadaoin WEDNESDAY	Deáardaoin THURSDAY	De h-Aoine FRIDAY	De Sathairn SATURDAY
28 Seisiún - Plough and Stars	29	30	31 <u>Set Dancing</u> Britannia Arms Cupertino	June 1 <u>Set Dancing</u> Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band	2 <u>Song Seisiún</u> Deirdre McNamara Sunnyvale	3
4	5 <u>2008 Convention Planning</u> See notice above	6	7	8 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Topsy House	9	10
11 <u>Set Dancing</u> Finbar Devines, Petaluma 3-5 PM <u>Children's Ceili</u> UICC 4-6PM Seisiún - Plough and Stars	12 <u>Slow Seisiún</u> Ireland's 32	13	14	15 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band	16	17
18 Seisiún - Plough and Stars	19	20	21	22 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Topsy House	23	24 <u>SF Free Folk Festival</u> Roosevelt School <u>Irish Network Ceili</u> St. Athanasius Hall Mountain View 8:30
25 <u>SF Free Folk Festival</u> Roosevelt School <u>Lá Gaeltachta</u> Hayward Seisiún - Plough and Stars	26 <u>Slow Seisiún</u> Ireland's 32	27 <u>Song Seisiún</u> Plough and Stars	28	29 <u>Set Dancing</u> Plough & Stars 8-11PM w/ Topsy House	30	July 1

Ireland's 32 - 3920 Geary Blvd. (Between 3rd and 4th), San Francisco, (415) 386-6173

I.O.O.F. Hall - 113 South B Street, San Mateo

Nikki's House - Call or e-mail for directions: (510) 881 5958 or gaeilge@ccwest.org

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

Finbar Devines - 145 Kentucky St, Petaluma (North Bay), (707) 762-9800

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 Calendar - pweb.jps.net/~jgilder/plough.html

U.I.C.C. - www.irishcentersf.org