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

From the Vice-Chairman

A Chairde,

Kasey has kindly loaned me the use of this space to provide a short update on the the musical side of our branch's activities, which I am happy to say continues to flourish! We have recently completed our first section of the beginning tin whistle class for children, led by Conall O'Raghallaigh, and the response has been terrific - both in terms of having the course completely full prior to the first week's meeting, and in terms of the students remarkable progress over the course of six weeks. Our thanks to Conall, especially for his willingness to continue the classes - a new section of beginning tin whistle starts up on May 29th at the Irish Center.

All of the young folks learning Irish music have a chance to play their tunes together at the Junior Session, which is held the last Monday of each month at Ireland's 32, starting at 7:30. Its becoming quite the social scene, and musicians of all ages, parents, friends and family members turn out for the festivities, so drop by if you have the chance...

Which is not to say that all is about beginnings: on May 12th and 13th, three of our members made the long trip to St. Louis and represented Cooley-Keegan at the Midwest Regional Fleadh Cheoil. Sean O'Donnell, Darcy Noonan and Paul Matthews displayed their talents for accordion, fiddle, and singing (respectively), and by winning their age divisions in the competition portion, Sean and Paul have qualified to compete at the Fleadh Cheoil na h'Eireann, to be held this August in Tullamore. In talking with all three of them since their return, I was impressed by their reports of the fun and camaraderie of the weekend (and of course, no lack of seisiuns!)

Who knows? maybe one day there will be a West Regional Fleadh right here in San Francisco ...

Slan,
Micheal

Events this Month

CCE Night at the UICC - On Saturday June 16th CCE will host another night of dancing at the UICC. Dancing begins @ 8:30 to live music. Contact Michael Riemer (riemer@ce.berkeley.edu) or see attached flyer for more information.

South Bay - The Britannia Arms in Cupertino will be the scene of Set dancing on the 13th and 27th. Dancing to LIVE music begins at 8pm and goes until 10pm. Donations: \$5.00; Proceeds go to the band and the dance leader. Contacts: Michael Murphy, 415-786-1337 or irishboogieman@yahoo.com (for dancing info., directions) and Britannia Arms, 408-252-7262 .

North Bay - Finbar Devine's Irish Pub in downtown Petaluma is the scene for set dancing on occasional Sundays in the North Bay. Set and Ceili dance lessons will be from 4-6PM. Contact Connie, Kasey MillerE (707-769-8552), or Mary McD (707-765-0416) for more information.

Song and Storytelling

The next Singing and Storytelling session will be hosted by Ocenlight on Friday June 1st at 8pm in Palo Alto.

3373 St. Michael Drive
Palo Alto, 94306
650-494-1332
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There will not be a Song and Storytelling session for July or August so try to make it to the June session. We will resume monthly song and Storytelling sessions in September.



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Darcy and Sean play at a seisiun during the Midwest Regional Fleadh Cheoil

Gaeilge - Irish Language

Deireadh Seachtaine Gaeltachta 2007 (San Francisco Bay Area Irish Language Immersion Weekend) September 28-30, 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 again this year!!!

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 -- playing music, & sharing songs, poetry, stories & craic in Irish.

Info & registration form available at <http://www.OneSourceGraphics.com/Gaeilge/DeireadhSeachtaine.html> or contact 510 881 5958, or Gaeilge@OneSourceGraphics.com

General Meetings

The next General Meeting of the Membership will be Tuesday June 5th at 7:30pm at the United Irish Cultural Center.

For Sale

Samhain T-Shirts

There is still a limited supply of Barbary Coast Ceili Band - Spooky Scary Samhain t-shirts available in pretty much all sizes. The cost is \$15 per shirt, with a portion of the sales donated to our branch. Contact Michael Duffy at cosgrach@tsoft.com if you would like to have one.

Dancing Shoes

A brand new set of black set dancing shoes size 7 All leather ... Best Offer! Contact Maureen Murphy



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JUNE 2007

DÉ DOMHNAIGH SUNDAY	DÉ LUAN MONDAY	DÉ MÁIRT TUESDAY	DÉ Céadaoin WEDNESDAY	DÉARDAIN THURSDAY	DÉ h-Aoine FRIDAY	DÉ SATHAIRN SATURDAY
May 27 Seisiún - Plough and Stars	28	29	30	31 Set Dancing UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Topsy House	June 1 Song Seisiún Oceanlight Palo Alto	2
3 Seisiún - Plough and Stars	4 Slow Seisiún Ireland's 32	5	6	7 Set Dancing Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band	8	9
10 Seisiún - Plough and Stars	11	12	13 Set Dancing Britannia Arms Cupertino 8PM w/ Birds in the Bush	14 Set Dancing UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Topsy House	15	16 CCE Night UICC 7:30PM
17 Seisiún - Plough and Stars	18	19 Slow Seisiún - Plough and Stars	20	21 Set Dancing UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band	22	23
24 Seisiún - Plough and Stars	25 Junior Seisiún Ireland's 32	26	27 Set Dancing Britannia Arms Cupertino 8PM	28 Set Dancing UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Topsy House	29	30

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 finbarspetaluma.com

Britannia Arms - 1087 South De Anza Blvd, Cupertino (South Bay), (408) 252-7262

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



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:

- Britania Arms in Cupertino: Lessons at 7:15pm; Dancing at 8pm. Live Music. 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, 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 8:30pm on the **second to last** Tuesday of each month. This Seisiún follows the same format as the Ireland's 32 Slow Seisiún.

Seisiún: - 8:30pm 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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