

SCÉAL ÉILE

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



From the Chairman



A Chairde,

Well, we have been to and returned from the convention in Chicago, and what a time we had! Most of us had arrived in time for the Thursday night ceili, with just a few arriving on Friday. I believe that we managed to field more than thirty West Coasters, and we all had a great time. Lots of dancing, music, and stories from old friends.

The banquet and Saturday night ceili was a big success, with minimal waiting between the two. Well done!

By Sunday evening, most folks had returned home, but there was still a great seisiun and impromptu sets late into the night. Sadly, I called it a somewhat early night as my return flight was fairly early on Monday morning.

It seems that we are well on track for our hosting of the 2008 convention, and I'll have more on that in a later issue. Until next time.

Slán, Michael



General Meetings



The next General Meetings of the Membership will be on Tuesday May 2nd at 7:30pm at the United Irish Cultural Center. There will be no monthly meeting in June.



Events this Month



The Plough an Stars will be closed the first two weeks of May for renovation. The set dancing for the 'first Thursday' this month will be at the UICC with the Shannon Ceili Band playing from 8 to 11PM.

The Plough and Stars will probably also be closed the second week of May. We will have the usual UICC classes and continue at the UICC with more dancing to taped music.

Join us at the UICC for CCE night on the 3rd Saturday of the month, May 20th this month.

Children's Ceili on Sunday, May 21st 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 information at: 415-661-0351.

In June, 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 //sffolkfest.org for more information.

The World Bodhran Championship will be held in Milltown, Co. Kerry on June 3-5, 2006. This is the first event of its kind and will include workshops. For info contact: Owen O'Shea, Secretary, Milltown, Co. Kerry, Ireland. Telephone: 011 353 87 6850542



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The Western Region made a grand appearance at the 2006 CCE Convention
See you in Atlanta in 2007 and San Francisco in 2008



Member News



CCE Membership cards are being sent. Sorry for the delay. All those who receive the Seal by e-mail will receive their cards either through the mail or at dance class on Thursday. If you do not receive your card by May 8th, please let me know.

Thank you, Joannie. Ph: 415 664-6579.

The Cooley-Keegan Branch would like to extend their prayers and get well wishes to Michael Fitzpatrick.

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



Cæilge - Irish Language



Ní bheidh muid ag cruinniú sa mhí. Tá súil againn go mbeidh Oíche Ghaeltachta ar siúl arís i Meitheamh.

We will not be meeting this month. We hope an Oíche Ghaeltachta will take place again in June.



Song and Storytelling



The next Singing and Storytelling session will be hosted by Bernadette Flynn on Friday May 5th. Location:

408 Dianne Ct.
South San Francisco
phone # 650-834-4123

On Friday June 2nd Deirdre McNamara will host in Sunnyvale.



Set Dancing



1st Thursday: Plough and Stars in San Francisco at 8:00pm. Music by the Shannon Céilí Band.

The Plough and Stars is closed the first two weeks of May. Meet at the UICC on May 4th and 11th.

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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May 2006

DÉ DOMHNAIGH SUNDAY	DÉ LUAN MONDAY	DÉ MÁIRT TUESDAY	DÉ Céadaoin WEDNESDAY	DÉARDAIN THURSDAY	DÉ h-Aoine FRIDAY	DÉ Sathairn SATURDAY
30 Seisiún - Plough and Stars	1	2 CCÉ Meeting UICC 7:30	3	4 Set Dancing UICC w/ Shannon Ceili Band (Plough & Stars closed)	5 Song Seisiún Bernadette Flynn's South San Francisco	6
7	8 Slow Seisiún Ireland's 32	9	10	11 Set Dancing UICC for class (Plough & Stars closed)	12	13
14 Seisiún - Plough and Stars	15	16	17	18 Set Dancing UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Topsy House	19	20 Comhaltas Night at UICC UICC
21 Children's Ceili UICC 4-6PM Seisiún - Plough and Stars	22	23 Song Seisiún Plough and Stars	24	25 Set Dancing UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Topsy House	26	27
28 Seisiún - Plough and Stars	29 Slow Seisiún Ireland's 32	30	31	June 1 Set Dancing Plough & Stars 8-11PM w/ Shannon Ceili Band	2 Song Seisiún Deirdre McNamara Sunnyvale	3

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

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



COMHALTAS CEOLTÓIRÍ ÉIREANN
THE COOLEY-KEEGAN BRANCH

CHILDREN'S CÉILÍ

- WHEN:** SUNDAY, MAY, 21ST 2006
- WHERE:** UNITED IRISH CULTURAL CENTER
2700 45TH AVENUE, SAN FRANCISCO
- TIME:** 4 TO 6 PM
- MUSIC:** Live Irish Traditional Music, Singing,
Céilí dancing and special guest artists
- ADMISSION:** Comhaltas Members: FREE
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For Information, contact Maureen Murphy (415) 661-0351

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