

# SCÉAL ÉILE

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

## From the Chairman

A Chairde,

Well can you believe it's November already? Thanksgiving is just around the corner...then straight into the holiday season. This is a time for family and friends to come together to dance, share food and be merry. It's also a time for the community to come together. One of our community events is the November Night Ceili on November 18th at the United Irish Cultural Center which is always a fun night for all. Dinner is available in the UICC restaurant if you like or just come to the ceili for the music, dance and a song or two (if you are so inclined to sing one for us).

December 16th will be our Christmas Ceili with a truly wonderful desert table. We welcome cookies, homemade breads, cakes and "munchies" at all our ceilis. A fantastic night is in store with some seasonal songs and maybe a tune or two from our children who have taken music classes through our C.C.E. music program. I, for one, am very proud of the Children's Music Program and dedicated teachers. It is a perfect example of what a community can accomplish.

On that note I would like once again to remind people how important membership is. Please take the time to renew. Also this month we will be voting for the CCE 2008 Officers at the Annual General Meeting: Tuesday, November 6th. This takes place at the Cultural Center at 7:30pm. Coming to the monthly meeting is a great way to know what's going on with Comhaltas. It is also the place where you get to have a say and help make decisions. Hopefully members will come forward to take a turn on the board and it is at this meeting where you can learn what each board position does.

In closing I would like to WISH EVERYONE A HAPPY THANKSGIVING! I look forward to seeing you at our community events.

Slán, Kasey

## Events this Month

**CHILDREN'S CÉILÍ** - On Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup> CCE will host a Céilí for children from 4PM to 6PM at the UICC. Free for CCE members; \$5 per child or \$10 for two or more children. See attached flyer for more details.

**Oíche Shamhna (November night Céilí)** - Following the Children's Céilí on November 18<sup>th</sup> CCE will host a Céilí from 7PM to 10PM also at the UICC. See attached flyer for more details.

**CCE Night at the UICC** - On Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 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).

**South Bay** - The Britannia Arms in San Jose (near Cupertino border) November 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Set dancing with a wee bit of ceili from 8-10:20PM to live music. 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 Berkely 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.*



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)



Join us for Set dancing lessons on Thursdays in the bar area at UICC.  
Check the calendar for all dancing activities.

## Member News

### Kevin Mallen Scholarship

This is open to all children who are CCE members and provides scholarships for traditional Irish music lessons. Applications are available on the website or by calling Josephine (415 681-4803) or Joannie (415 664-6579). Entry deadline is December 31st, 2007. Scholarships will be awarded at March Ceili 2008.

### Condolences

CCE wishes to extend our condolences to our long-time member Sheila Walsh on the sad occasion of her brother Daniel having passed away.. Our thoughts & prayers are with you Sheila.

### Performance

If you are looking for something to do on Thanksgiving eve (November 21<sup>st</sup>.) stop by the Plough and Stars to listen to Monica Perry and Brian Gire.

## Irish Pipers Band

"Keeping the Tradition Alive" through Irish music is an aim of Comhaltas. We support the Irish Pipers Band of San Francisco who have been active in our community since 1932. They are forming a youth band (8-14 years) and will be holding a fund-raiser on Saturday, December 8th at the UICC. For information, contact John Flynn: 650-355-0346.

## Membership Corner

**Time to renew your membership if your address label shows "1/1/08". Forms are enclosed.** Dues remain \$35.00 for an individual membership; \$45.00 for two or more in household. Please mail your form and check in, or renew on-line, as soon as possible. Please consider a Gift Membership for a friend (call Joannie at 415 664-6579). We appreciate your support.

## Song and Storytelling

The next Singing and Storytelling Seisiún will be hosted by Cathy & Harold on Friday November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

964 Capitola Way  
Santa Clara  
408 247 3326

Imelda will host in Mountain View on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

## General Meetings

The next General Meeting of the Membership will be Tuesday November 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at the United Irish Cultural Center.



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# NOVEMBER 2007

DÉ DOMHNAIGH SUNDAY Oct	DÉ LUAN MONDAY	DÉ MARICT TUESDAY	DÉ CÉADAOIN WEDNESDAY	DÉARDAOIN THURSDAY Nov	DÉ h-Aoine FRIDAY	DÉ SATHAIRN SATURDAY
28 Seisiún - Plough and Stars	29	30	31	1 Set Dancing Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band	2 Song Seisiún Cathy & Harold Santa Clara	3
4 Seisiún - Plough and Stars	5	6 CCÉ Meeting UICC 7:30PM Seisiún - Plough and Stars	7	8 Set Dancing UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band	9	10
11 Seisiún - Plough and Stars	12 <u>NIKKI'S 32</u>	13	14 Set Dancing Britannia Arms Cupertino 8PM	15 Set Dancing UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Ceili Chicks	16	17 CCE Night UICC 8:00PM
18 Children's Céili UICC 4-6PM <u>Oíche Shamhna</u> Nov. Night Céili UICC 7-10PM	19	20 <u>Slow Seisiún</u> Plough and Stars	21	22 No Set Dancing Happy Thanksgiving	23	24
25 Seisiún - Plough and Stars	26 Junior Seisiún <u>Ireland's 32</u>	27	28 Set Dancing Britannia Arms Cupertino 8PM	29 Set Dancing Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band	30	Dec 1

**Ireland's 32** - 3920 Geary Blvd. (Between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>), San Francisco, (415) 366-6173

**Plough and Stars** - 116 Clement Ave. (Between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>), San Francisco, (415) 751-1122

**U.I.C.C.** - 2700 45<sup>th</sup> Ave. (At Sloat Blvd.), San Francisco, (415) 661-2700

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

**Starry Plough** - 3101 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley (510) 841-2082 [starryploughpub.com](http://starryploughpub.com)

**Finbar Devines** - 145 Kentucky St, Petaluma (North Bay), (707) 762-9800 [finbarspetaluma.com](http://finbarspetaluma.com)

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

You can also visit the following websites for events.

**San Francisco CCE - Cooley-Keegan Branch** - [sf.ccwest.org](http://sf.ccwest.org)

**Santa Cruz CCE - Clifford-Hoban Branch** - [www.folkplanet.com/cce](http://www.folkplanet.com/cce)

**Plough and Stars** - [theploughandstars.com](http://theploughandstars.com)

**U.I.C.C.** - [www.irishcentersf.org](http://www.irishcentersf.org)

**Starry Plough** - [www.starryploughceili.com](http://www.starryploughceili.com)



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

**NOVEMBER CÉILÍ  
OÍCHE SHAMHNA**

**WHEN: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2007**

**WHERE: UNITED IRISH CULTURAL CENTER  
2700 45<sup>TH</sup> AVE. @ SLOAT, SAN FRANCISCO**

**TIME: 7:00 TO 10:00 PM**

**MUSIC: LIVE TRADITIONAL MUSIC**

**ADMISSION: Adults: \$10.00. Children: Free**

*For Information, contact Josephine Brogan at (415) 681-4803  
Please visit our website at: <http://sf.ccewest.org>*





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***CHILDREN'S CÉILÍ***

- WHEN:** SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2007
- WHERE:** UNITED IRISH CULTURAL CENTER  
2700 45<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE, SAN FRANCISCO
- TIME:** 4 TO 6 PM
- MUSIC:** Live Irish Traditional Music, Singing,  
and Céilí dancing
- 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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## Set Dancing



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

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and last Thursday; Shannon Ceili Band on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday. Dancers are encouraged to contribute \$5 to support the live music.

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 8:30 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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