

SCÉAL ÉILE

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



Chairman's Message



A chairde -

Here we are, quickly approaching the end of what has felt like a more difficult, contentious, and challenging year than most. While it is tempting sometimes to just want to get things over with, skip over what can be a stressful season, and look ahead to a hopefully better 2017 -- the holiday season also offers us special opportunities for thankfulness, for appreciating our time with family and community.

It is in that spirit that our branch is dedicating our annual November Night Ceili (to be held this year on November 6, details inside) in memory of Miliosa Lundy, who for many years was such a big contributor to our Comhaltas branch, and our broader community. In addition to the usual dance portion, we will be holding a special music session at 4pm that afternoon. We look forward to seeing and sharing tunes & memories with many of the musicians and friends who over the years have enjoyed Miliosa's remarkable music and friendship. We hope to see many of you there!

Slán,
Michael Riemer



Happy Holidays



Happy Thanksgiving to all our Members, Families and Friends;

Nollaig Shona Daoibh go Léir!

(Happy Christmas to All)



Events this Month



Comhaltas Night with Live Irish Music - CCE typically hosts a night of set dancing at the UICC on the third Saturday of the month. For November and December CCE nights will not occur. Instead join us at the November Night Céilí on the 6th, dedicated to the memory of Miliosa Lundy and our Christmas Céilí on Sunday, December 18, 2016. Both events are from 7-10pm at the UICC. Contact: Michael Riemer at riemer@ce.berkeley.edu.

San Francisco - On Thursdays, CCE hosts set dancing classes at the UICC starting at 7:30pm followed by more dancing at the Plough & Stars until midnight -- except for the first Thursday of the month when there is no class, just dancing at the Plough & Stars from 8-11pm. **No dancing on Thanksgiving day.** \$5 donation suggested. Contact: Josephine Brogan at josephinebrogan@yahoo.com or 415-681-4803.

South Bay/Peninsula - On Tuesdays (except for the third Tuesday of the month) we meet for set dancing at Lilly Mac's in Sunnyvale. **For the holidays we are skipping Nov 15th and 22nd, Dec 20th and 27th and Jan 3rd.** Lessons: 7:30pm; Dance to live music 8-10pm. \$7 donation suggested. Info: Michael Murphy at 415-999-6062.

North Bay - Mary McDonagh and Micheal 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 Micheal also teach at the Redwood Cafe in Cotati on the first and third Wednesday nights from 7-9pm. Contact: Mary McDonagh at cladaghdancer@gmail.com or Micheal 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: John Slaymaker at rinnce.mor@gmail.com
See calendar page for address, phone number and web page for all venues.



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Song and Storytelling



The next Singing and Storytelling Seisiún will be hosted by Michael & Miriam on November 4th

Michael & Miriam
412 Winding Way
San Carlos
650-622-9598
mfj@ieee.org

The December seisiún on the 2nd hosted by

Imelda White
275 Lassen Avenue
Mountain View
650-964-7643
imelda_white@yahoo.com

The January seisiún is on the 6th

Patrick & Elaine McEvoy
251 Chestnut
Palo Alto
650-493-3773
swagman@swagman.com

Contact Micheal Jones for info about seisiúns at mfj@ieee.org.

Song seisiúns start at 7:30pm



St. Patrick's Day 2017



We are very proud of the United Irish Societies' selection of Diarmuid Philpot as Grand Marshall of the 2017 Parade. Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 11, 2017. More details will follow in the next Scéal regarding our float in the parade. Make plans now to join us.



CCÉ Convention 2017



The Annual CCÉ Convention next year will be in Chicago from April 20th to the 23rd 2017.

The craic will be mighty and the music and dancing unlimited!

Please view the website to register and to obtain hotel information.

<http://www.murphyroche.com/convention.htm>

If paying by check, make payable to "CCÉ Convention 2017".



Monthly Meetings



We were delighted with the response to our plea in the October/November Scéal, asking for more participation in the leadership of our organization. Members have stepped forward and offered their help with the organizational and administrative work. This is great encouragement to the current Board. Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held at the United Irish Cultural Center (UICC) on Tuesday, November 22nd at 7:30pm in the Member's Room. All Members of the SF Cooley-Keegan Branch are welcome and encouraged to attend. Business includes discussion on how to make our meetings more available to the general membership and election of officers for 2017. If you have any questions, please contact Joannie at 415-664-6579 or joannieoleary@msn.com



Events



Lilly Mac's Ceili, Saturday, November 12, 7-10pm. Lilly Mac's, 187 S. Murphy Avenue, between Evelyn and Washington Avenues in Sunnyvale. (Upstairs) \$12 admission. Live music provided by Fox on the Town. Contact: Michael Murphy, 415-999-6062 or irishboogiedude@gmail.com.

Childrens Ceili will resume after Christmas.....stay tuned. Email with exact date to follow. All ages welcome!!



Irish Language Class



Adult class: Classes are held at the United Irish Cultural Center in San Francisco. The next 8 week class starts mid January. Please contact Josephine Brogan: 415-681-4803 or josephinebrogan@yahoo.com for further information.



Wren Boys 2016



The annual Wren Boys trek will occur on Monday December 26th. Meet at 6:30pm at the Murphy's house, 1959 17th Avenue between Ortega and Pacheco streets in San Francisco.

Dressed mostly like farmers in disguises of all kinds, we will be visiting houses and pubs, dancing sets and céilí dances and perhaps singing a chorus or two of Irish and/or Christmas songs. We will recite the Wren verse:

*The wren, the wren,
the king of all birds,
On St . Stephen's Day
was caught in the furze*

*From bush to bush
And tree to tree
On Donoughmore Cross
He broke his knee
We brought him here
To the holly bush
Holly and I are well set up
And the man of the house
Is in very good luck.*

*I have a little pot
Under me arm
A penny or two
Will do it no harm.
Up with the kettle
And down with the pan
Give us a penny
To bury the wren.*

For more information contact Michael Murphy at irishboogiedude@gmail.com / 415-999-6062 or Maureen Murphy at moemurphy59@yahoo.com.



CCÉ has a facebook group where we can share photos, ask questions and generally discuss all things Irish music and dance. In the search field at the top of your facebook page enter **Cooley-Keegan Branch**, select it from the list of choices and join the group.

Or, you can enter the following URL:

[facebook.com/groups/316504905030686](https://www.facebook.com/groups/316504905030686)



CCÉ Membership



Renewal time for membership for 2017

If you have not already done so, please renew your membership as soon as possible. We must submit our list to Ireland in early December. You will have either received your membership form in the last Scéal Eile, or will receive an email from Josephine Brogan requesting that you renew online. Please be sure your contact information is current.

Our Membership runs from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31. Single Membership: \$40.00. Multi-membership (2 or more in household or a family): \$50.00. These are ways you can renew:

- Renew online through our website and remit payment through PayPal: <http://sf.ccewest.org>
- Renew online through our website and mail your check to our PO Box 16244, SF, CA 94116 (we do not bill)
- Complete your membership form and give it with either your check or cash to Josephine Brogan at set dancing or mail it with your check to our PO Box: CCÉ, Attn: Joannie O'Leary, P O Box 16244, SF, CA 94116

If you have any questions, please contact Joannie at 415 664-6579 or joannieoleary@msn.com; or talk with Josephine Brogan, Moe Murphy or Judy Forrest at dancing. Thank you for your support.

Share the Joy

Please Help with Member Outreach!

It's great to have new folks joining the dancing, but a lot of them don't even know that they could join CCÉ! If you are receiving and enjoying the Scéal Eile you are already a member -- think how much these newer folks would appreciate if you mentioned to them a little about CCÉ membership? Many don't know that CCÉ organizes and sponsors the dance lessons, the various dances at the UICC, the roster of callers at Thursday night dancing, the newsletter, classes and scholarships for kids, and much more. Please take a moment to mention CCÉ to the new folks at dance as we're sure they'd appreciate knowing how to get their own Scéal Eile! They can obtain membership forms online, or at set dancing from Judy Forrest or Josephine. Thanks!



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

meetup.com/irishdance



Irish Language Class



Photos courtesy of Donagh McKeown (Irish Voices)

Brian Grey and Marie Boylan from our CCÉ Irish Language class at the UICC recently attended Oideas Gael, the Irish Language summer school in Glencolmcille, Co. Donegal. While there, they met Joe McHugh, Minister of State for the Diaspora who was also attending the Irish college. You see, Joe McHugh was appointed Minister for the Gaeltacht a few years ago with only a basic knowledge of Irish. He enrolled in Gaeltacht classes and quickly became proficient in Irish. So proficient that he promised Brian and Marie that he would teach the CCÉ Irish class while visiting San Francisco in September.

Minister McHugh most gallantly fulfilled that promise. A full classroom of students and distinguished visitors enjoyed an hour long class that took students through the Minister's journey back to the Irish language. Joe had been a Maths teacher for many years before entering the political arena. His skills in the classroom were well honed and resulted in the perfect delivery of a fascinating hour of teaching through stories and anecdotes. Few will forget his fascination for nature and his memory of the word for Ladybird as Gaelige "Bóin Dé" or God's Little Cow. The Irish for Fuschia is "Deora Dé" or God's Tears.

The Irish Class runs every Saturday at the Center. There is no guarantee of a Minister teaching any future classes there but it was certainly a very special honor to have Minister McHugh as our guest teacher on September 17th.

Donagh McKeown



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Our own Roseann McFadden Clavelli who attended the class visit with her cousins Kathy and John McFadden from Magheraroarty, Co. Donegal, has another story to relate regarding Minister McHugh:

“This presentation was actually made by me to TD Joe McHugh. I gave him a book that was published last year to mark the 50th anniversary of the building of a chapel, Muire na nGras (“Mary of Grace”) on Inishboffin Island, Co. Donegal where John’s, Kathy’s and my ancestors came from. Inishboffin lies about three miles off the coast, and we (the three of us) can see the island from our cottages on the mainland. I was a contributing author to the book, edited by Fr. Sean O’Gallchoir (our parish priest in Gortahork). I wrote three chapters in the book about the history of our family (the McFaddens, Currans and Colls).”

Congratulations, Roseann, on your contributions to this wonderful history and adding a highlight to Joe McHugh’s visit.

Membership Corner

Your friends at CCÉ wish to remember our long time friend & supporter Steve Mc Entee on the recent passing of his brother Peter Mc Entee. Blessings to you and your family Steve.

Nikki we are all wishing you a speedy recovery on your recent surgery. Take it S-L-O-W. Remember your promise about dancing in the SPRING!!

Big Draw

The Raffle initiated by CCÉ-Ireland to help branches raise funds for local projects has gone extremely well.

Josephine Brennan has spearheaded this drive and we are most grateful to her for seeing to the sale of so many tickets. Our branch keeps 80% of the amount we sell. 20% is returned to Ireland to support the prizes.

Josephine reports that a total of 160 tickets (at \$5.00 each) were sold which nets our branch an amazing \$640.00 towards our local programs. Thanks to all who purchased tickets - good luck - and know that you are helping to keep our dance lessons, ceilis, language and music programs alive.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh, Josephine and all.

UICC in our Community

As a Comhaltas community, we gather at the United Irish Cultural Center for so many of our events. We are extremely fortunate to have this facility and the opportunities it affords us. The UICC is currently undergoing a “renewal” both in organizational and physical structure. It is seeking total non-profit status (501c3) such as we in Comhaltas have, in order to secure its future for all of us. If you are not already a member and would like to become one, please see Josephine Brogan or Joannie O’Leary.

There are also many people in our Irish Community who are CCÉ supporters. In the last two weeks we suddenly have lost many of them to illness. They will be sorely missed - the UICC and San Francisco Irish Community was a better place because of them. Please keep them and their families in your thoughts and prayers.



The 18th Annual Irish Language Immersion Weekend

We tend to say this every year, but, truly, this year's Deireadh Seachtaine Gaeltachta seemed extra special to all the participants. There was such a wonderful and convivial atmosphere, everyone diligently studying and happily socializing.

We had a full house of Gaeilge enthusiasts, from beginners to fluent speakers, all buzzing around the halls of the UICC and filling the air with Irish. Our motto was "Bain úsáid as an méid atá agat!", or "Use what you have!".... and it was really taken to heart by everyone, more than ever before --- with Levels One & Two venturing their cúpla fócal bravely, and Levels Three and Four keeping up the discourse with all.

We had lots of new people, as well; around 20 of them joined the 'old timers', a few new folks in every level. We also had six Irish speaking children with their own Immersion teacher. The children's group enjoyed a trip to the Academy of Sciences this year, as Gaeilge, of course.

An added delight this year was a visit by a young couple who were over from Ireland for a few days. Oisín Mac Cinnéide and his wife Emma had written to Cooley-Keegan asking if there would be any sessions or Irish cultural events happening during their stay in the Bay Area. Of course, the Deireadh Seachtaine Gaeltachta fit the bill in every way! Emma is an Irish teacher. Oisín is a native speaker and traditional Irish musician who plays the fiddle and the bouzouki, and he's a member of CCÉ Craobh Naithí in Dublin. They joined right into the Saturday night festivities and we all enjoyed their company and lively energy. One of our young fiddlers loaned Oisín a fiddle, too, so we got to enjoy his playing during the session, as well. Emma wrote a lovely article about their visit for their Blog. Gael Trip. It talks about the Deireadh Seachtaine and about the UICC and its history, too, written all in Irish! Here is a link to the article, for those who are interested.

<https://gaeltrip.wordpress.com/2016/09/26/deireadh-seachtaine-gaeltachta-i-san-francisco/>



CCÉ West Regional Meeting



*Back row: Moe Murphy, Joannie O'Leary, Mary Hill-Connor, Michael Duffy,
Josephine Brogan, Dan McAuliffe, Jim Belcher;
Front row: Johnny Kerr, Ann Harris, Mary and Frank McDonagh.*

The SF Cooley-Keegan, Phoenix 4-Peaks Irish Arts and the Puget Sound Branch comprise the West Region of Comhaltas USA. We meet twice a year – once at the CCÉ Convention and once at the site of one of our three branches. This year we visited The Phoenix Four Peaks Irish Arts branch. Our hosts, Mary Hill-Connor, Tom Conner and Aisling Hill-Connor provided all our transport to and from the airport and hotel, and provided a lovely BBQ upon our arrival on Saturday, Oct 8th. We had a very energetic and engaging meeting led by West Region Chair, Jim Belcher. We were joined by Johnny Kerr (Vice Chair) and Ann Harris (Treasurer) from 4 Peaks who provided insight into both the progress and the challenges of running their branch. We agreed to work on methods to keep closer contact between our three branches and, through Jim, are reaching out to three other parties who may be interested in starting branches in our Region.

The photo was taken in the home of our hosts, celebrating Ann Harris, recipient of a 2016 CCÉ Service Award for her tireless work on behalf of the Four Peaks Irish Arts Branch of Phoenix. Our meeting was followed by a lively seisiun with musicians from the Phoenix branch. SF Cooley-Keegan was represented by Mike Duffy, Josephine Brogan, Moe Murphy, Mary and Frank McDonagh, Dan McAuliffe and Joannie O'Leary. Our trip to the Goldsmith Ghost –Mining Town, courtesy of the Conner Family on Sunday was a definite bonus. We left Michael Duffy riding off into the Sunset in search of more trains! Many thanks to Mary, Tom and Aisling and the Four Peaks branch for their kindness. We hope to continue our collaborations and good times.

Please note the Fall 2017 meeting of the West Region will be held in Seattle, WA, hosted by Jim Belcher and the Puget Sound branch. Mark your calendar now!



TRIBUTE TO MILIOSA LUNDY, RIP



Good bye Miliosa, we loved you and your music and what it meant to each of us.
As Mary Hopkins said in her 1968 song "Those were the days"

*"Those were the days my friend
we'd thought they'd never end
We'd sing and dance forever and a day
For we were young and sure to have our way"*

Boy, did we ever have good times dancing on the deck to Miliosa Lundy and friends. 1994 was the first year as I remember and the invite/map shows. With her husband Richard and fiddler John Sherry, sometimes others, but it was always great music...

Those were the best of times.... Good friends, great music and dancing, not to be forgotten by those who were there... The Leitrim Lassie from the headwaters of the River Shannon. Who played some great reels for us to share, bound together in the moment by the shared pleasure of dancing to her box playing. Tunes she said she had also played with Kevin Keegan and Joe Cooley our branch namesakes, now sharing those same tunes with us as a linkage to the past. To a past that we could feel through her music....and there is one less connection and we are all the sadder for it.

Her going to the other side makes me keenly aware of my rawness of feelings that is hard to verbalize. "We thought they'd never end". A too late realization that I should have been so much more into her music so much more than I did. To meet and connect to people who grew up with this music is fading away.

Less and less are we connected to that musical past-there has been a renaissance of trad music with some great musicians coming out of Limerick School of Music and elsewhere. But for me, Miliosa just had that certain feel to her reels, a feeling I can only suspect came from her connections to the past.

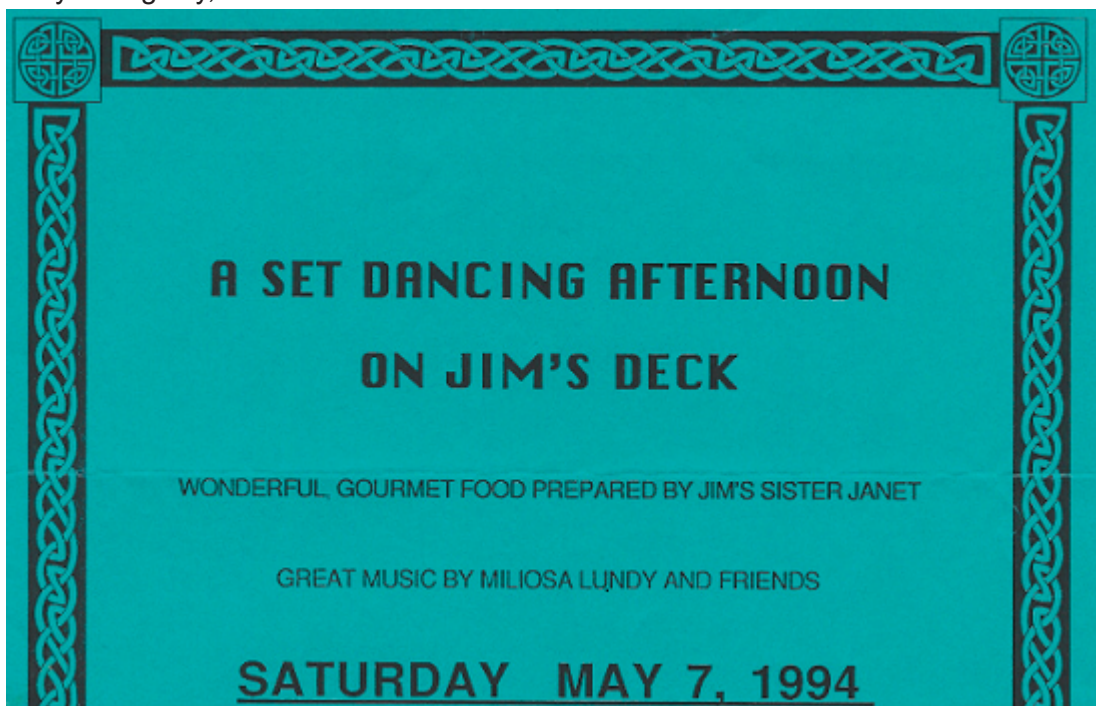
I do not know much about Miliosa's early years, but she told me she came to the Bay Area in the 60's. I believe going down a path very connected to the music and culture. I came to the Bay Area in 1972, and on a very different path. It was some 20 years for me we met and I became enthralled with the beauty of her music.

Listening to every note as she led us on a musical path that only could only be described as a connection to the roots of the music. I'm so glad to have had a chance to meet her and appreciate her music, which for me is dancing to her tunes, totally mesmerized, following every note.

Dancing on the deck is probably as close as I will ever come to dancing on the crossroads, experiencing the shared feelings of enjoyment of music, friendship, and culture.

Goodbye Miliosa, I loved you for your music and shared experiences on the dance floor. Those truly were the days that "We'd sing and dance forever and a day" and I thought they would last forever.

We will miss you mightily, *Jim Belcher*





Tribute to Miliosa Lundy, RIP



Richard and Miliosa Lundy and John Sherry



Erin Duffy, Rory and Frances Belcher and Miliosa



Miliosa and Judi Milligan

Photos courtesy of Jim Belcher

Samhain 2016

Óé Dómhnaigh SUNDAY	Óé Luan MONDAY	Óé Mairt TUESDAY	Óé Céadaoin WEDNESDAY	Óéardaoin THURSDAY	Óé h-Aoine FRIDAY	Óé Sathairn SATURDAY
Oct 30 <u>Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars	31 <u>Céilí dancing</u> Starry Plough	Nov 1 <u>Set Dancing</u> Lilly Mac's, Sunnysvale w/ Fox on the Town <u>Seisiún</u> Plough and Stars	2 <u>Set Dancing</u> Redwood Cafe Cotati	3 <u>Set Dancing</u> Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Céilí Band	4 <u>Song Seisiún</u> Michael & Miriam 412 Winding Way San Carlos (650) 622 9598	5
6 <u>November Night Céilí</u> UICC 7-10pm w/ live music <u>Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars	7 <u>Céilí dancing</u> Starry Plough	8 <u>Set Dancing</u> Lilly Mac's, Sunnysvale w/ Birds in the Bush <u>Seisiún</u> Plough and Stars	9	10 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Crooked Road	11 <u>Set Dancing</u> Bronsan Dance Studio San Anselmo	12 <u>South Bay Céilí</u> Lilly Mac's 7-10pm
13 <u>Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars	14 <u>Céilí dancing</u> Starry Plough	15 <u>Seisiún</u> Plough and Stars	16 <u>Set Dancing</u> Redwood Cafe Cotati	17 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Topsy House	18	19
20 <u>Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars	21 <u>Céilí dancing</u> Starry Plough	22 <u>Seisiún</u> Plough and Stars	23	24 Happy Thanksgiving	25 <u>Set Dancing</u> Bronsan Dance Studio San Anselmo	26
27 <u>Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars	28 <u>Céilí dancing</u> Starry Plough	29 <u>Set Dancing</u> Lilly Mac's, Sunnysvale w/ Fox on the Town <u>Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars	30	Dec 1 <u>Set Dancing</u> Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Céilí Band	2 <u>Song Seisiún</u> Imelda White 275 Lassen Avenue Mountain View (650) 964 7643	3



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Nollaig 2016

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25 <u>Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars	26 <u>Wren Boys</u> Murphy Residence 6:30pm <u>Céilí dancing</u> Starry Plough	27 <u>Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars	28	29 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Céilí Band	30	31

Brosnan School of Irish Dance - 11 Belle Avenue, Suite B, San Anselmo, CA 94960 brosnanschool.com

Lilly Mac's - 187 S. Murphy Ave, Sunnyvale (between Washington and Evelyn Avenues) 1-408-732-0200 lillymacs.com

Plough and Stars - 116 Clement Ave. (Between 2nd and 3rd), San Francisco, 1-415-751-1122 theploughandstars.com

Redwood Cafe - 8240 Old Redwood Hwy, Cotati CA 94931 1-707-795-7868 redwoodcafe.com

UICC - United Irish Cultural Center - 2700 45th Ave. (At Sloat Blvd.), San Francisco, 1-415-661-2700 irishcentersf.org

Starry Plough - 3101 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 1-510-841-2082 starryploughpub.com

You can also visit the following website for events:

San Francisco CCÉ - Cooley-Keegan Branch - 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: John Slaymaker (rinnce.mor@gmail.com)

Tuesdays:

- Lilly Mac's in Sunnyvale (except for the 3rd Tuesday). Lessons: 7:30pm; Dance to live music 8-10pm. \$5 suggested to support the live music. Contact: Michael Murphy (415-999-6062)

1st and 3rd Wednesdays:

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

1st Thursday: Plough and Stars in San Francisco at 8pm. Music by the Shannon Céilí Band. \$5 suggested to support the live music.

2nd through last Thursdays:

- Lessons at the United Irish Cultural Center (UICC) in San Francisco at 7:30pm in the bar area. Taped music:
- 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.

2nd and 4th 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), Micheal Minihane (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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