

SCÉAL ÉILE

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



Chair's Message



A Chairde,

With Thanksgiving approaching and Christmas around the corner it's time to reflect on, and give thanks for all our blessings. It's been a fun packed year of music, song and dance throughout the Bay Area.

The events included the very successful Convention Fundraising dance held at St. Thomas More in February, the Hooley in Petaluma also in February and the October Hooley in Santa Cruz, a Children's workshop, a couple of céilís, music sessions at the UICC and the monthly song and storytelling seisiúns. We are thankful to everyone who organized and participated in these events.

Lots more to come as the year draws to a close. We have our November and December céilís, Wren Boys and of course our usual weekly set dance classes. Come out and join us at these events. Bring the family, bring friends and most importantly have fun!!

This is also the time to renew your Comhaltas membership. See detailed information in this edition of the Scéal.

If you haven't already signed up for your Convention Package please do so at: www.cceconvention2020.com

Happy Holidays to all our Members.

Slán,

Josephine Brennan -- Chair



Events each Month



San Francisco - On Thursdays, CCÉ hosts set dancing classes at the UICC from 7:30 pm to 9.15 pm. Cost: \$5. This is followed by more dancing at the Plough and Stars from 9.30 pm to 11:30 pm -- except for the first Thursday of the month when there is no class, just dancing at the Plough and Stars from 8.00 pm -11.00 pm ~ \$5 donation suggested. **There will be no set dancing on Thanksgiving November 28th or December 26th.** See Wren Boy's notice below for December 26th. Contact: Josephine Brogan at josephinebrogan@yahoo.com or 415-264-8856.

South Bay/Peninsula - Tuesday night set dancing (with a smidgen of céilí style) at Lilly Mac's in Sunnyvale (upstairs); 187 S. Murphy Avenue between Evelyn and Washington Avenues. It is every Tuesday; 8-10pm; **There will be no set dancing on November 26th, December 24th or December 31st.** Suggested donation is \$7. Mostly live bands. Contact: Michael Murphy at 415-999-6062 or irishboogieman0@gmail.com.

North Bay - Mary McDonagh and Mícheál 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 Mícheál also teach at the Redwood Cafe in Cotati on the second and fourth Wednesday. **There will be no set dancing on December 25th.** Contact: Mary McDonagh at cladaghdancer@gmail.com or Mícheál 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: Danny Botello at mr.dannyb@gmail.com or Michael Rael at michaelbpr@gmail.com.
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)



Song and Storytelling



The next Song and Storytelling Seisiún will be hosted by Patrick & Elaine McEvoy on November 1st

251 Chestnut Ave.
Palo Alto
650-493-3773
swagman@swagman.com

The December Seisiún is on the 6th hosted by Imelda White

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

In January the seisiún is on the 3rd hosted by Mairtin Mac An Ghoill

200 Ravenswood Avenue
Menlo Park, CA 94025
650-207-6971
mairtin1@gmail.com

Contact Michael Jones for info about seisiúns at mfj@ieee.org. Seisiúns start at 7:30pm.



CHRISTMAS Céilí



Please join us for a Céilí on Sunday, December 1st at the United Irish Cultural Center from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm. Admission \$15. Music by (**need to confirm Sourdough Céilí Band with Michael Murphy**). Please see flyer attached

Feel free to bring your favorite dessert (try to keep it to finger-food only), to share.



Wren Boys



The annual Wren Boys trek will occur on Thursday, December 26th. Meet at 6:15pm 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. Come in costume! For more information contact Michael Murphy at irishboogieman67@yahoo.com / 415-999-6062 or Maureen Murphy at moemurphy59@yahoo.com / 415-309-9780



November Night Céilí



Please join us for a Céilí on Saturday, November 9th, 2019 at the United Irish Cultural Center from 7pm to 10pm. Admission is \$15. Music by the Golden Gate Ceilí Band. Please see flyer attached.

This special céilí is on SATURDAY EVENING because we will have CCE visitors from the East Coast, Midwest and Canada. Please make a special effort to join us and welcome them to San Francisco.

SATURDAY NIGHT IS A MORE EXPENSIVE NIGHT FOR HALL RENTAL, SO WE NEED ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT. PLEASE PASS THE WORD AND ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO COME OUT, MEET OUT VISITORS AND MAKE THIS EVENT A SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL SUCCESS.



Pre-Convention Meeting



All Members are welcome and encouraged to come to this meeting on Saturday, November 9, 2019.

We will host the Comhaltas Provincial Officers from the East Coast, MidWest and Canadian branches. We will also be joined by representatives from the other six branches in our own West Region (Oregon, New Mexico, Los Angeles, San Diego, Puget Sound and Phoenix).

Location: Fiddler's Green Pub/Restaurant, 333 El Camino Real, Millbrae, CA 94030 (Attendees are staying at the 2020 CCÉ Convention Marriott SFO Waterfront Hotel, closely located to Fiddler's.)

9am – 11:30am: West Region Meeting reporting on all activities of our rapidly expanding Region.

12:30pm – 3:30pm: Provincial Meeting reporting on all Comhaltas activities & 2020 CCÉ Convention Report.

Dinner 5pm: Our visitors will join us for dinner at 5pm at Fiddler's in Millbrae prior to coming to the céilí at the UICC. It would be nice to have some of our members join us. Please contact Joannie (415-279-7359 or joannieoleary@msn.com) NOW for details on dinner menu and pricing. Deadline for dinner reservations is Friday, November 1, 2019. We regret that we cannot accommodate additional reservations after that date...and payment in advance will be requested. Please DO NOT call Fiddler's Green directly. Thank you.



Thank You Bill and Peri Frantz



The singers of the Friday night Song and Storytelling sessions are sending a warm Thank You to hosts Bill and Peri Frantz.

They have been gracious hosts for many years though are now moving to the east coast. We are sending them best wishes for their move and hope they continue singing!



Céilí at Lily Mac's



Another grand Céilí will happen at Lilly Mac's in Sunnyvale on November 23rd from 7-10pm, Music by Banish the Dogs. Admission is \$12.

Contact: Michael Murphy at 415-999-6062 or irishboogiemano@gmail.com.



Irish Language Classes



We are starting a new Irish Language class on Saturday, October 19th, 2019 for four weeks. This will be followed by an additional four week class. Pre registration in advance is required. If you would like further information, please contact Josephine Brogan at Josephinebrogan@yahoo.com or 415-264-8856.



Hooley in Petaluma



**SAVE THE DATE
SECOND HOOLEY IN PETALUMA
February 16th 2020**

A huge thank you to all that came, danced, sang, played an instrument, tapped your toes, brought a dish, or raised a glass. A very special thank you goes to our sponsors and family members that helped us put this on. We appreciated the support of our first Hooley in Petaluma.

Save the date: February 16th, 2020 for our second Hooley sponsored by the Cooley-Keegan branch. Proceeds to help supplement costs of North American 2020 CCÉ Convention.

Again THANK YOU all, Kasey, Mícheál, and Mary



Branch Meetings



CCÉ Cooley-Keegan branch meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month, 7:30pm, Location TBD. Upcoming meeting dates: November 5th and December 3rd. All members are encouraged to attend.

For further information, contact Katryn "Kate" Wiese katryn.wiese@mail.ccsf.edu.



Irish Culture Bay Area



What if you could view all the many Irish Events, Arts & Cultural programs in the San Francisco Bay Area and beyond in one place?

NOW YOU CAN AT IrishCultureBayArea.com



CCÉ Hooley in Santa Cruz



The CCÉ Hooley in Santa Cruz was a grand success featuring set and céilí dances, music and song and even a few jokes
Photos: Ahleen Lupo



CCE Hooley in Santa Cruz



The Peace United Church hall in Santa Cruz rang out with music, laughter, chatter, singing, storytelling and good cheer!! Proposed by Áine Sweeney, the Hooley recalled for many of us the numerous gatherings and sessions held over the years at the home of her late parents, Sue and Johnny Sweeney (rip) in Ben Lomond.

The hooley opened with inspiring renditions by Olivia Siemer playing the bagpipes.

Under the dynamic guidance of Michael Murphy, dancers slid into the first waltz and the dances that followed. The energy flowed all afternoon thanks to the lively and beautiful tunes by Art Friedman, Julie Horner and friends. It was so gratifying to see all the musicians who came to help out with this 2020 CCE Convention fundraiser and we are truly appreciative of each and every one of them.

Party pieces of stories and songs in Irish and English were shared by Michael Jones, Janet Herman and Galt Barber and their sons, Connall & Tighe, Alina Larson, Dan McAuliffe, Dean and Kristen Scott. The vitality and enthusiasm of the dancers were never in doubt as they whirled around the floor in ceili and set dances.

In addition to those named above, we are indebted to Áine's hard-working, efficient committee, who include Mary Beth and Keith Cahalen, Mary and Frank McDonagh, Kasey Curtin, Kiyono Harvey, Moe Murphy, Julie Horner and Joannie O'Leary. Volunteers included Katherine Scanlon, Patricia Culhane, Allison Cruz, Terry Ritts and Celeste Chesko.

We sincerely apologize to anyone who lent a hand but we inadvertently forgot to mention here. We are all truly grateful for the help of everyone.

Áine's goal and wish was to make everyone aware of our CCE North American Convention, April 16-19, 2020 and give them a sample in the great time in store for everyone. The Cooley-Keegan Branch and Convention Committee are most grateful to Áine and her committee's for making this Hooley a reality and such a fun afternoon. Thank you to ALL



Member News



Our thoughts and prayers are with Mary McDonagh and family on the passing of her "Auntie Mary". Sister of Mary's late father, Mike, Mary Rea nee Healy was born in Millstreet, Co. Cork. She went to England at the age of 15 and lived there for many years. She returned to Millstreet when her husband got sick. Auntie Mary was very independent, loved to watch sports, was an excellent hostess and dedicated to her family. Mary and Frank were in Ireland and able to spend time with her before Auntie Mary passed away. She is fondly remembered and shall be missed. RIP.

We extend our sympathy to Maureen Brady whose "Uncle Tommy" O'Brien passed away on August 30, 2019. Tom O'Brien, a native of San Francisco's Mission district was the youngest of six children and a hard worker from an early age. He enjoyed parties with family and friends as well as gardening, traveling and baking – and famous for his homemade cookies! He was a family man who delighted in the birth of each new child and watching them grow. He was a great support and inspiration to all four generations of O'Briens and their extended family. May he rest in peace.

It was wonderful to see Maeve, Angela and Deirdre Devlin at the South Bay Hooley. A few years ago we spent a lot of time enjoying the music and dancing together. Happy we were able to get together in Santa Cruz and keep up the friendship!

2020 CCE Convention Pins



Thanks to the generosity of member, Steve Welch, we have a beautiful new branch pin commemorating our 2020 CCE Convention. The pin reflects our very special Convention logo and is available now for a steal...\$5.00 each. A great fund-raising idea...thank you, Steve. They are in great demand so get yours from Moe Murphy at dancing at the UICC or the Plough and Stars. We will also have them at numerous other events, or you can email/call Joannie O'Leary at: joannieoleary@msn.com 415-664-6579

2020 CCE Convention

The April 16-19 North American Comhaltas Convention is quickly approaching! We are in need of volunteers for both advance planning and the weekend itself. If you can give a few hours of your time, please contact Susan Keith, Volunteer Coordinator, at susanmaria.keith@gmail.com. Many hands are needed to put on an event of this magnitude that will be enjoyed by all and remembered for years to come!

Help us spread the word by liking our CCE Convention 2020 Facebook page. Take it one step further and share it on your own page for further-reaching publicity.

2020 CCE Convention Meetings

Meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month, 7pm at the UICC. Upcoming meeting dates: November 19th and December 17th.

Contact any of the Cooley-Keegan board members if you'd like to get involved in what is going to be a memorable event!

Convention dates: April 16 - 19, 2020.

<https://www.cceconvention2020.com>

For more information contact Maureen Callanan: mcallanan2354@gmail.com.

CCE 2020 Membership

Membership runs from January 1 to December 31st.

Our Membership drive for 2020 STARTS NOW.

If you receive the Scéal Eile by email link, please renew now by visiting our website:

http://sf.ccewest.org/misc/join_cceck.html

Please be sure to complete the on-line form so we can match it with your PayPal payment.

If you receive the Scéal Eile by mail, a renewal form is included in this November/December Scéal Eile. We ask that you respond immediately as we must report the memberships to Ireland by December 1st. As a benefit of your 2020 membership, the Treoir magazine from Ireland will be sent out in March, June and November. Please let Joannie know if you do not receive yours.

Single Membership: \$40.00

Multi-Membership: \$50.00 (2 or more in household or family)

Here are ways you can renew:

- Renew online through our website and remit payment through PayPal:

http://sf.ccewest.org/misc/join_cceck.html

- Renew online through our website and send your check to our PO Box (We do NOT bill).

- Complete your membership form and either give it with your check or cash to Josephine Brogan at set dancing or mail it with your check to our PO Box.

If you have any questions, please contact Joannie at 415-664-6579 or joannieoleary@msn.com; or talk with Josephine at dancing.

Thank you for your support. CCE Membership, Attn: Joannie O'Leary, P O Box 16244, San Francisco,



CCÉ BIG DRAW 2019



LAST CHANCE TO TAKE A CHANCE TO BUY A TICKET

First prize is 5000 Euros. You could win a number of other cash prizes, a Luxury Weekend at Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann, or a collection of traditional music CD's and DVD's. This year Our Branch is providing FOUR additional prizes of \$25.00 to be drawn from only the tickets sold here...so there will be 4 lucky local winners!!

HERE'S THE BEST PART...YOU WILL BE HELPING THE SF COOLEY-KEEGAN BRANCH CONTINUE THIS VERY SUCCESSFUL ANNUAL FUND-RAISING EFFORT...TICKETS ARE \$5.00 EACH AND OUR BRANCH GETS TO KEEP 80% = \$4.00 per ticket!!!!

The last few years we have raised several hundred dollars in this draw. It will be a huge help towards our 2020 CCÉ Convention fund-raising this year. Would you consider buying a ticket...and perhaps one for a friend? What a nice gift for a relative in Ireland – score points with your friends and family – and help SF Cooley-Keegan as well!!!
To purchase tickets:

- 1) Send your check payable to CCÉ- SF Cooley-Keegan to our PO Box 16244, SF, CA 94122. Include the name and address of the person(s) to receive the ticket(s) and we will forward the ticket stub(s) to you. Many, many thanks to those members who have already done this. Your ticket receipts are on the way to you!!
- 2) See Joannie O'Leary, Moe Murphy or one of the other branch officers at dancing at the UICC or Plough and Stars on Thursday evenings who will have them for purchase (cash or check, please). Look for the BIG DRAW Poster at all our events!!!
- 3) Contact: Joannie O'Leary to inquire about or obtain BIG DRAW tickets:
Telephone: 415-664-6579 (please leave message) or email: joannieoleary@msn.com
One more reason to buy a ticket in the BIG DRAW...CCÉ branches that sell 200 or more tickets will be entered in a special Draw for a prize of €1,000.

Our Convention Board and Committee are most grateful for any support you can give. Thank you.



Treoir Magazine



A reminder to be sure to check out the inspiring article on our 2020 CCÉ Convention contributed by Donagh McKeown in the June issue of Treoir. Our awesome Registration and Tour brochures are also included, with instructions on how to make your Convention Hotel reservations and obtain your Convention Package. If you did not receive your Treoir, please email Joannie: joannieoleary@msn.com.

We have a new CCÉ branch in Los Angeles with several Junior members who do not receive a Treoir, due to their minimum membership payment. If you do not wish to keep your Treoir once you have looked through it, please consider returning it to us. If you do not come to dancing, we will figure out a way to get it from you. Many thanks for helping the kids out.



Stay up to date on céilís, seisiúns, and other events by checking out our Cooley-Keegan Facebook page. In the search field at the top of your facebook page enter **Cooley-Keegan Branch**, select it from the list of choices
or enter the following:
<https://www.facebook.com/Comhaltas-Ceoltoiri-Eireann-Cooley-Keegan-Branch-San-Francisco-CA-456882161020939/>



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

[meetup.com/irishdance](https://www.meetup.com/irishdance)

Samhain 2019

De Dombhainich SUNDAY	De Luan MONDAY	De Mairt TUESDAY	De Céadaoin WEDNESDAY	Deardaoin THURSDAY	De h-Aoine FRIDAY	De Sathairn SATURDAY
Oct 27 <u>Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars	28 <u>Céilí dancing</u> Starry Plough	29 <u>Set Dancing</u> Lilly Mac's, Sunnyvale <u>Seisiún</u> Plough and Stars	30	31	Nov 1 <u>Song Seisiún</u> Patrick & Elaine McEvoy 251 Chestnut Avenue Palo Alto 650-493-3773 swagman@swagman.com	2
3 <u>Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars	4 <u>Céilí dancing</u> Starry Plough	5 <u>CCÉ Meeting</u> TBD 7:30pm <u>Set Dancing</u> Lilly Mac's, Sunnyvale <u>Seisiún</u> Plough and Stars	6	7 <u>Set Dancing</u> Plough and Stars w/ Emperor Norton Céilí Band	8 <u>Set Dancing</u> Brosnan Dance Studio San Anselmo	9 <u>CCE Meeting/Dinner-</u> Fiddler's, Millbrae <u>November Night Céilí</u> 7-10pm UICC
10 <u>Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars	11 <u>Céilí dancing</u> Starry Plough	12 <u>Set Dancing</u> Lilly Mac's, Sunnyvale- <u>Seisiún</u> Plough and Stars	13 <u>Set Dancing</u> Redwood Cafe Cotati	14 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough and Stars w/ Cúlarán	15	16
17 <u>Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars	18 <u>Céilí dancing</u> Starry Plough	19 <u>2020 Convention Meeting</u> UICC 7pm <u>Set Dancing</u> Lilly Mac's, Sunnyvale <u>Seisiún</u> Plough and Stars	20	21 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough and Stars w/ Topsy House	22 <u>Set Dancing</u> Brosnan Dance Studio San Anselmo	23 <u>Céilí Dancing</u> Lilly Mac's, Sunnyvale 7-10pm
24 <u>Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars	25 <u>Céilí dancing</u> Starry Plough	26 <u>Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars	27 <u>Set Dancing</u> Redwood Cafe Cotati	28 <u>Happy Thanksgiving</u>	29	30



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Nollaig 2019

DÉ DOMHNAIGH SUNDAY	DÉ LUAN MONDAY	DÉ MARI TUESDAY	DÉ CÉADAOIN WEDNESDAY	DÉARDAOIN THURSDAY	DÉ h-Aoine FRIDAY	DÉ SATHAIRN SATURDAY
Dec 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Christmas Céilí 6:30-9:30pm UICC <u>Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars	<u>Céilí dancing</u> Starry Plough	<u>CCÉ Meeting</u> TBD 7:30pm <u>Set Dancing</u> Lilly Mac's, Sunnyvale <u>Seisiún</u> Plough and Stars		<u>Set Dancing</u> Plough and Stars w/ Golden Gate Céilí Band	<u>Song Seisiún</u> Imelda White 275 Lassen Avenue Mountain View 650-964-7643 imelda_white@yahoo.com	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
<u>Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars	<u>Céilí dancing</u> Starry Plough	<u>Seisiún</u> Plough and Stars		<u>Wren Boys Night</u> Murphy's house 1959 17th Avenue San Francisco	<u>Set Dancing</u> Brosnan Dance Studio San Anselmo	
29	30	31	Jan 1	2	3	4
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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) 408-732-0200 lillymacs.com

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

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

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

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

You can also visit the following website for events:

San Francisco CCÉ - Cooley-Keegan Branch - sf.ccewest.org



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THE SAN FRANCISCO COOLEY-KEEGAN BRANCH**



Please join us for our November Night Céilí

Saturday, November 9th, 2019

at the United Irish Cultural Center, 2700 45th Avenue, San Francisco

7:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Music by Golden Gate Céilí Band

Everybody is welcome

Admission: \$15.00

Children free when accompanied by an adult

For Information, contact Josephine Brogan (415) 264-8856 or josephinebrogan@yahoo.com

Please visit our Branch website at: <http://sf.ccewest.org>

and our CCÉ Convention 2020 website at <https://www.cceconvention2020.com>



**COMHALTAS CEOLTÓIRÍ ÉIREANN
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CHRISTMAS CÉILÍ

Céili Dance: (kay-lee) is a traditional Irish gathering for dance, song and friendship



Please join us for a Traditional Irish Christmas Céilí on

Sunday, December 1st 2019

*at the United Irish Cultural Center, 2700 45th Avenue, San Francisco
6:30 pm to 9:30 pm.*

Music by: Sourdough Céilí Band

We will have Carol Singing during the intermission.

Everybody is welcome to attend.

Admission: \$15.00

Children free when accompanied by an adult.

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Set Dancing



Mondays:

- Starry Plough in Berkeley: Céilí dancing on Mondays. Lessons from 7-9pm and dancing to live music from 9-11pm. Contact: Danny Botello mr.dannyb@gmail.com or Michael Rael michaelbpr@gmail.com

Tuesdays:

- Lilly Mac's in Sunnyvale (except for the 3rd Tuesday). Lessons: 7:30pm; Dance to live music 8-10pm. \$7 suggested to support the live music. Contact: Michael Murphy (415-999-6062) irishboogieman0@gmail.com

2nd and 4th Wednesdays.

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

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

2nd through last Thursdays:

- Lessons at the United Irish Cultural Center in San Francisco at 7:30pm in the bar area. Taped music: Cost: \$5
- 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), Mícheál 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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