

# SCÉAL ÉILE

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

## From the Chairman

A Chairde,

The year is moving along at a break-neck pace! We have a lot of things happening in the next couple of months. It promises to be a good time for all.

October is time to nominate the new Board of Directors for our branch. Here is your chance to get more involved - Come by the meeting on Tuesday the 4th, and lend a hand in shaping the future of our branch. Due to a heavier work load, I am unlikely to continue on as Chairman next year.

Slán,  
Michael

## Thank You

Thank you to CCE members for your support of the Benefit hosted by the Plough and Stars on September 11, 2005. Your generous contributions and enthusiastic participation helped make the event a complete success.

We would like to extend special thanks to Michael "Horsetrader" Murphy. Michael stepped in as auctioneer for the "between sets" auction of caps and CDs generously donated by Culann's Hounds. Michael's smooth delivery facilitated separation of willing participants from their funds, for a great cause.

We do not have the final tally, but we estimate the contribution to well exceed \$2,000, all of which will be donated to the Salvation Army to aid their relief efforts.

Suzanne Cronin and Barb Southworth

## Membership Renewal Time

It's time to join or renew your CCE Membership for 2006. Your support is crucial in order to continue programs, activities and events in this branch. The membership form is enclosed with this Sceal Eile. Please return this form with your payment by November 1st. We must send Membership information and dues to Ireland prior to November 15th. This is done by volunteer labor, so your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Dues: \$35.00 for one individual.  
\$45.00 two or more in the household

As an incentive to join or renew NOW, memberships received by November 1st will be entered into our 50/50 Christmas Ceili Raffle (one ticket per household).

If you have any questions, please call Joannie at 415 664-6579 or [membership@ccwest](mailto:membership@ccwest). Please refer to the instructions on the membership form if you wish to subscribe on-line.

PLEASE JOIN OR RENEW AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE GREAT BENEFITS!! THANK YOU.

## 2008 CCE Convention

We are bidding to host the 2008 CCE Convention. The initial planning meeting is on Monday, Oct. 3rd at 7:30pm at O'Leary's at 1475 34th Avenue, SF (near Kirkham St). Everyone is welcome. RSVP at 415 664-6579 or [joannieoleary@msn.com](mailto:joannieoleary@msn.com).

## General Meetings

The next General Meetings of the Membership will be on Tuesday October 4<sup>th</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30pm at the United Irish Cultural Center.



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 CCE Singing and Storytelling session will be hosted by Oceanlight in Palo Alto on Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> @ 8pm. Contact info:

3373 St. Michael Drive  
Palo Alto, 94306  
(off Middlefield Road b'twn Loma Verde and East Meadow)  
Tel: 650-494-1332

In November Michael Timpanaro-Perrotta will host:  
November 4th @ 8pm in Cupertino.  
Tel: 408-446-3328, mtimpana@yahoo.com

## Seamus Whitney Benefit

If you have had dinner at the Irish Center during the last 15 years, you were probably served by Seamus Whitney. He has been a dedicated and hard working waiter at the UICC and an active supporter in the Irish Community. Seamus was severely injured in a tragic high-way accident in July. His injuries will require months of rehab, therapy and recuperation. He had just finished his studies in the pharmaceutical field.

There is a benefit for Seamus at the UICC, 2700 45th Avenue, SF on Friday, October 28, 2005 at 7pm. Raffle tickets are \$10 each or 6 for \$50.00. Contact Joannie: 415 664-6579 or Josephine: 415 681-4803.

## Gaeilge - Irish Language

Oíche Ghaeltachta, Dé Domhnaigh, 16 Deireadh Fómhair. Hayward, 6:30 i.n. (3ú Domhnach de mhí) - comhrá as Gaeilge, seisiún ceoil agus amhránaíocht ar an tsean-nós. "Ádh an phóta" don dhinnéar: 6:30; seisiún thart fá 8:00 i.n. An chéad ceann eile: 20 Samhain 2005, in Hayward. Seoladh agus treoreacha le fáil: gaeilge@ccewest.org, (510) 881-5958

Gaeltacht Night, Sunday 16 October, 6:30p.m. (3rd Sunday of the month) - conversation in Irish, music and sean-nós singing session. "Pot luck" dinner: 6:30; session: about 8:00 p.m. Next one: 20 November 2005, in Hayward. Address and directions: gaeilge@ccewest.org, (510) 881 5958.

## Ceil's this Month

### Set Dancing Workshop

Saturday, October 8th Set Dancing Workshop and Ceili in Odd Fellows Hall, San Mateo. Workshop will be from 2:00 to 5:00, led by Maldon Meehan and Ronan Regan of Galway; Set Dance Ceili: 7-10pm. Fees: \$15.00 per event, per person; \$25.00 per person covers both events.

For more information see the enclosed flyer.

### Childrens Ceili

Sunday, October 9th - Children's Ceili at the United Irish Cultural Center CCE Members are free. Non CCE Members are \$5/child or \$10 max per family. If family wants to join CCE at that time, the door fee is waived

For questions contact Michael Riemer (510-548-4727) or Maureen Murphy (415-661-0351). For general information about kids' ceili contact Michael Murphy at 415-564-7188 or irishboogieman@yahoo.com.

### CCE Night

Saturday, October 15th - Comhaltas night at the UICC - 7.30 - 11.30 pm. Note the new starting time. Dancing begins at 8:30 p.m. Audience participation in singing, recitation, or solo dancing especially during band's intermission is also welcome. The dances will consist of the ceili, ceili figure, set, couple, and barn dance varieties. If people want to meet for dinner, contact Joannie O'Leary, 415 664-6579 or joannieoleary@msn.com. Meeting time for dinner: 6:30 p.m.

### Halloween Ceili

Saturday, OCT 29. This is an Irish Network event. Activities for Children begin at 6 p.m. Regular ceili time (where adults get to come and play) is 8 p.m. til 11-ish. Ceili w/some set dancing. Location: St. Athanasius Parish Hall; 160 N. Rengstorff Ave. in Mountain View. LIVE MUSIC. A dance instructor will be present. Admission: \$8.00 for members; \$12.00 for non-members (includes 2 drink tix.) Contacts: Michael Murphy - (415) 786-1337 or Sinead McDonnell (smcdonnell@xeroxagents.com).



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DÉ DOMHNAIGH SUNDAY	DÉ LUAN MONDAY	DÉ MÁIRT TUESDAY	DÉ Céadaoin WEDNESDAY	DÉARDAIN THURSDAY	DÉ h-Aoine FRIDAY	DÉ SATHAIRN SATURDAY
2	3 <u>2008 Convention Planning</u> Joannie's	4 <u>CCÉ Meeting</u> U.I.C.C.	5 <u>Set Dancing</u> Fiddler's Green	6 <u>Set Dancing</u> Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band	7 <u>Song Seisiún</u> Oceanlight's Palo Alto	8 <u>Set Dancing Workshop</u> Odd Fellows Hall San Mateo
9 <u>Children's Ceili</u> UICC Seisiún - Plough and Stars	10 <u>Slow Seisiún</u> Ireland's 32	11	12 <u>Set Dancing</u> Fiddler's Green	13 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Topsy House	14	15 <u>CCÉ Night</u> U.I.C.C.
16 Seisiún - Plough and Stars	17	18 <u>Slow Seisiún</u> Plough and Stars	19 <u>Set Dancing</u> Fiddler's Green	20 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Topsy House	21	22
23 <u>Oíche Ghaeltachta</u> Nikki's House Hayward Seisiún - Plough and Stars	24	25	26 <u>Set Dancing</u> Fiddler's Green	27 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Topsy House	28 Seamus Whitney <u>Benefit</u> UICC	29 <u>Halloween Ceili</u> St. Athanasius Parish Mountain View
30 Seisiún - Plough and Stars	31 <u>Slow Seisiún</u> Ireland's 32	1	2 <u>Set Dancing</u> Fiddler's Green	3 <u>Set Dancing</u> Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band	4 <u>Song Seisiún</u> Michael Timpanaro-Perrotta's Cupertino	5

Fiddler's Green - 333 El Camino Real, Millbrae, (650) 697-3419

Ireland's 32 - 3920 Geary Blvd. (Between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>), 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 [gaelge@ccwest.org](mailto:gaelge@ccwest.org)

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

COMHALTAS CEOLTÓIRÍ ÉIREANN  
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# IRISH SET DANCE

## WORKSHOP & CEILI

WITH RONAN REGAN OF GALWAY  
& MALDON MEEHAN

SATURDAY OCT 8<sup>TH</sup>

I.O.O.F. HALL,

113 South B St., San Mateo

Workshop: 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

CEILI: 7:00 PM TO 10:00 PM

MUSIC: SHANNON CEILI BAND



*\$15 for each event or \$25 for both*

*For further information: (510) 548-4727, or visit our website at: <http://sf.ccewest.org>*



**COMHALTAS CEOLTÓIRÍ ÉIREANN  
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***CHILDREN'S CÉILÍ***

**WHEN:** Sunday, October 9, 2005

**WHERE:** United Irish Cultural Center  
2700 45<sup>th</sup> Avenue, San Francisco

**TIME:** 3 pm to 6 pm

**MUSIC:** Live Irish Traditional Music, Singing and Ceili dancing

**COST:** Comhaltas Members: **FREE**

Non Comhaltas Members: \$5 per child or  
\$10 for two or more children

For General Information, call Michael Murphy at (415) 786-1337  
Please visit our website at: <http://sf.ccewest.org>





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## **COMHALTAS NIGHT**

*Comhaltas is sponsoring a night of music and dancing at the United Irish Cultural Center. Please come out and support us.*

*Dinner from 5 pm to 9 pm - \$25*

*Call the U.I.C.C. to make dinner reservations in advance*

*Set Menu – Choice of soup/ salad, main course (5 choices), desert, tea/coffee. Tel: 415-661-2700*

**WHEN:** *Saturday, October 15, 2005*

**WHERE:** *United Irish Cultural Center,  
2700 45<sup>th</sup> Avenue, San Francisco*

**TIME:** *7.30 PM to 11.30 PM*

**MUSIC:** *Live Irish Traditional Music*

**COST:** *No admission fee*

**For Information, call Joannie O'Leary at (415) 664-6579  
Please visit our website at: <http://sf.ccewest.org>**



## Set Dancing



Every Wednesday: Fiddler's Green in Millbrae at 8:00pm. Please contact Josephine for information (650) 372-9659-

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



## 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. 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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