

# SCÉAL ÉILE

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

## From the Chairman

A Chairde,

Here we find ourselves in October, and we have a few special things to look forward to this month. First we have a special workshop planned with Rónan Regan & Maldon Meehan on Thursday the 12th. Please note that this will take place at the U.I.C.C. instead of the normal dancing at the Plough.

Later in the month, we have our Samhain Céilí on Saturday the 28th at the Plough. This event features the Gasmen and the debut of the Barbary Coast Céilí Band. Both events should be a lot of fun.

A few other points to mention are that it's time to renew your membership. (For most of us anyway!) If you have not already sent in your membership for next year, please do it soon. Also, it's time to nominate people for the board for next year. I \*will\* be stepping down as Chairman, so we will need someone to step up. The elections are soon, so if you wish to run for the Board please come to the next meeting on Tuesday the 3rd and speak up.

Slán, Michael

## General Meetings

The next General Meetings of the Membership will be on the Tuesday October 3<sup>rd</sup> and November 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at the United Irish Cultural Center.

## Events this Month

On Thursday, October 12th, we will be hosting a special set dancing workshop instead of following our usual set dance schedule: Maldon Meehan and Ronan Regan will be leading a set dance workshop at the UICC, beginning at 7:30 pm, which will be immediately followed by a set dance ceili to the music of Topsy House there in the St. Patrick's room. Maldon has been teaching and performing traditional Irish dance in America and abroad for the past twelve years, and Ronan, a Galway native, is an accomplished dancer and fiddle player, who has appeared on National television. They taught a fine workshop for us last summer in San Mateo, and have recently released an internationally acclaimed instructional DVD of Sean-nós dance (Irish old-style dance). The cost of each event separately is \$15, or \$25 to attend both. Come out and join us for a fine evening of dancing!

**Comhaltas Night** - At UICC Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> from 8pm to midnight. Free. Live music.

**South Bay** - The Britannia Arms in Cupertino will be the scene of Set dancing on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Lessons at 7:15 PM; Dancing to LIVE music begins at 8 PM and goes until 10PM. Donations: \$5.00; Proceeds go to the band and the dance leader. Contacts: Michael Murphy, 415-786-1337 or irishboogieman@yahoo.com (for dancing info., directions) and Britannia Arms, 408-252-7262.

**North Bay** - Finbar Devine's Irish Pub in downtown Petaluma on October 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> from 4-6PM. Contact Connie, Kasey, or Mary McD.

**Stanford Circle Young Adults** present SOULS-IN-MOTION, a dance party that features music (DJ); folk dancing; games; tasty treats; and more! Saturday October 14<sup>th</sup> from 7-11PM, \$25 pre-pay only. Detailed info: Michael Murphy at 415 768 1337 or Tom Egan yagdance@yahoo.com.



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)

## The Convention Corner

The fund raiser on Labor Day weekend was a huge success! We'd like to thank the Gasmen and the other musicians for filling the air with the most delightful sounds! A big thanks goes out to all those who attended the party, CCE members and non-CCE member alike. We are most appreciative to those who couldn't attend but supported the event with homemade goodies and/or generous donations.

Plans are complete and tickets are now on sale for our Spooky Scary Halloween Dance Party at the Plough and Stars on Saturday, October 28th. Please see the flyer and purchase your tickets in advance (you will save \$) to support this major fund raiser and have a ball! You can purchase tickets online via our web site. If you were at Kasey's birthday party at the Plough last year, you have an idea of what a great time is in store. Please tell your friends, take a flyer to publicize, and sell tickets.

The Emerald Extravaganza at the United Irish Cultural Center will be held Sat. Feb 17, 2007. Many hours have been spent putting together a framework for this huge event. We need volunteers to help NOW..only 24 weeks left to finalize everything. Your time and talents are urgently required. This is a gigantic endeavor which we hope will secure funds to help us pursue hosting the CCE Convention and continue our programs, as well as help the Irish Center to maintain the great services it provides.

The next meeting is at O'Leary's, 1475 34th Ave., SF on Tuesday night, October 10th. PLEASE COME. YOU ARE ALL WELCOME!!

PLEASE CALL: Kasey 707 769-8552 or Joannie 415 664-6579 for more information.

## Gaeilge - Irish Language

D'éirigh go geal leis an Deireadh Seachtaine Gaeltachta, agus baineadh an-spraoi agus tairbhe as i mbliana arís. The Deireadh Seachtaine Gaeltachta was a great success and everyone got a lot of fun and benefit from it again this year.

Ní bheidh Lá Gaeltachta againn sa mhí seo, ach tá sé i gceist go gcuirfidh muid tús leis arís gan mhoill. We won't have a Gaeltacht Day this month, but it's likely we will start that again soon.

## CCE Membership

Our annual membership drive is now on. A renewal form is enclosed with this issue of Sceal Eile. There is a fair amount of bookkeeping involved in compiling the membership. It must be sent to Ireland in early December. Please see the date on your address mailing label (i.e. "01/1/07") which indicates what date your membership expires.

We request that all memberships with an expiration date of 10/1/06, 11/1/06, 12/1/06 & 01/1/07 (Oct. Nov. & Dec 2006 and January 2007) renew NOW. A membership form is enclosed. Please return the enclosed membership form with your check or sign up on-line using Pay Pal. THANK YOU for your faithful support which helps us continue the many programs of CCE. Please feel free to contact Joannie at 415 664-6579 or joannieoleary@msn.com with any questions you may have. Thanks.

## Song and Storytelling

The next Singing and Storytelling session will be hosted by Michelle Valdez on Friday October 6<sup>th</sup> at 8PM.

220 Bayview Avenue  
San Jose, 95127  
408 254 2252

Friday November 6<sup>th</sup> Andrea Lehrer will host in Davenport. Tel: 831.427.0624.

## Member News

Get well greetings to Mags and Gerry Stevenson who are both recuperating. We hope they will be back in action soon. Mags and Gerry are faithful supporters and we wish them our very best.

We send our prayers and sympathy to Cathy Jones in Santa Clara at the passing of her brother, Padraig Carr, in England. Cathy made the sad journey back in July and we want her to know she is in the thoughts of her friends.

We would also like to extend our deepest sympathy to Maire O'Tuairisg on the passing of her sister, Angela Greeley, in Ireland. Maire is at home with her family at this time and they are all in our thoughts and prayers.



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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:**

- Britania Arms in Cupertino: Lessons at 7:15; Dancing at 8PM: Live Music. 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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# OCTOBER 2006

DÉ DOMHNAIGH SUNDAY	DÉ LUAN MONDAY	DÉ MÁIRT TUESDAY	DÉ Céadaoin WEDNESDAY	DÉARDAIN THURSDAY	DÉ h-Aoine FRIDAY	DÉ SATHAIRN SATURDAY
Oct 1 Seisiún - Plough and Stars	2	3 <u>CCÉ Meeting</u> UICC 7:30PM	4	5 <u>Set Dancing</u> Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band	6 <u>Song Seisiún</u> Michelle Valdez San Jose	7
8 <u>Set Dancing</u> Finbar's 4-6PM Petaluma Seisiún - Plough and Stars	9 <u>Slow Seisiún</u> Ireland's 32	10 <u>Convention Planning</u> Joannie's place	11 <u>Set Dancing</u> Britannia Arms Cupertino 7PM w/ Birds in the Bush	12 <u>Set Dancing</u> Workshop & Céilí UICC	13	14 Stanford Circle Young Adults Lucie Stern Hall 7-11PM Palo Alto
15 <u>Set Dancing</u> Finbar's 4-6PM Petaluma Seisiún - Plough and Stars	16	17	18	19 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band	20	21 <u>Comhaltas Night</u> UICC 8PM
22 Seisiún - Plough and Stars	23	24 Slow Seisiún - Plough and Stars	25 <u>Set Dancing</u> Britannia Arms Cupertino 7PM w/ Gan Ainm Ceili Band	26 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ The Céilí Chicks	27	28 <u>CCE Halloween Party</u> Plough & Stars
29 Seisiún - Plough and Stars	30 <u>Slow Seisiún</u> Ireland's 32	31 <u>Song Seisiún</u> Plough and Stars	Nov 1	2 <u>Set Dancing</u> Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band	3	4

**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 gaeilge@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

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

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

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 Calendar** - [pweb.jps.net/~jgilder/plough.html](http://pweb.jps.net/~jgilder/plough.html)

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



# spooky scary to chill yer bones

October 28th 🦴 6pm to 1am

Costume party and dancing at the Plough and Stars  
116 Clement Street, San Francisco

featuring **The Gasmen!!!**

and the debut of

**the Barbary Coast Ceili Band!!!**

BUY TICKETS AT [HTTP://SF.CCEWEST.ORG/SPOOKY/](http://sf.ccewest.org/spooky/)  
OR CALL JOSEPHINE BROGAN (415) 681-4803

-OR-

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\$15 ADVANCE SALES - WILL CALL AT THE DOOR\*.

\$20 FOR TICKETS THE NIGHT OF THE EVENT.

"BUY BEFORE OR PAY MORE AT THE DOOR!"

WHOOHAHAHAHAHA...

21 AND OVER, NO HOST BAR.

HORS D'OEUVRES BY LIONHEART CATERING.

PRIZE FOR BEST COSTUME,  
HOWEVER COSTUMES ARE NOT REQUIRED.

Presented by Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann of San Francisco

\*ADVANCE TICKET SALES THROUGH OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup>.  
I.D. WILL BE REQUIRED FOR ALL WILL CALL TICKETS.



COMHALTAS CEOLTÓIRÍ ÉIREANN  
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# IRISH SET DANCE WORKSHOP & CÉILÍ

WITH  
**RÓNAN REGAN & MALDON MEEHAN**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2006

UNITED IRISH CULTURAL CENTER  
2700 45<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE, SAN FRANCISCO (Ballroom)

**WORKSHOP:** 7.30 – 9.30 PM

**CÉILÍ:** 9.30 PM – 11.30 PM

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

For further information, contact Michael Riemer at (510) 548-4727 or Josephine Brogan at:  
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