

# SCÉAL ÉILE

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

## From the Chairman

A Chairde,

I would like to open this letter with a friendly reminder about membership. You will know if you need to renew now by looking at the front mailing label of your newsletter. If, next to your name, you see "1/1/09" then it is time to renew NOW. Please remember it takes volunteers quite a while to record all the Membership information and send it to Ireland by the December deadline. We sincerely appreciate your support and early renewal. Please see the notice under Membership in this issue of Sceil Eile for further information. Thank you for taking the time to renew your membership. Our membership is the backbone of our organization.

Also, at this time, I would like to bring up a project that has been talked about for a long time now. As we all know, Comhaltas has opportunities during the year to dance at different events: the St. Patrick's Day Parade, festivals, some local senior homes, and hospitals. It would be great to have costumes for the performances. So, if you can help, there is plenty to do. It will take a group of us to make this happen. People who can sew and even those who can't, may still help with non sewing tasks. If we can get going on this soon, we just might have them finished by March in time for the parade. Wouldn't that be great!!!! People who would like to help make this a reality can get in touch with Joannie or me. You can also send an e-mail to Josephine. Many hands makes light work. Let's get as many hands as possible.

At our Annual General Meeting on November 4th, we will be electing officers for the term of January 1, 2009-2010. Nominations will be accepted at our October 7th meeting. We urge all those interested in the programs and operations of the SF Cooley-Keegan Branch to attend these monthly meetings. Volunteers are always welcome and needed.

Slán, Kasey

## Events this Month

**Children's Ceili** - CCE will host a children's ceili on Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup> from 4-6PM at the UICC. See attached flyer for more details.

**CCE Night at the UICC** - On Saturday, October 18<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). See attached flyer for more details.

**South Bay** - The Britannia Arms hosts dancing in San Jose every Wednesday. Set dancing with a wee bit of ceili from 8-10:30PM 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 at irishboogieman@yahoo.com.

**East Bay** - Starry Plough in Berkeley hosts ceili dancing on Mondays. Lessons from 7-9PM and dancing to live music from 9PM to 11PM. Contacts: John Slaymaker or Gretchen Holm.

**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).

*See calendar page for address, phone number and web page for all venues.*

## General Meeting

The next General Meeting of the Membership will occur on October 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:30 at the UICC.



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)



Congratulations to Jennifer (AKA Wren Girl) Milligan & Howard West on their wedding. Jennifer along with her parents Judy & Lew Milligan are long time members of this ole branch of CCE & join us notably each year for the St Stephens Day pilgrimage to bury the WREN

## Membership Renewal

Enclosed with this Seal is a membership renewal form.

PLEASE LOOK AT YOUR MAILING LABEL ON THE FRONT OF THIS NEWSLETTER TO SEE YOUR RENEWAL DATE.

If you see "1/1/09" then it is time to renew NOW. It is a lot of work to collect and record these renewals and send them to Ireland in time for the December deadline.

This is a volunteer effort so please send your renewal in promptly. We sincerely appreciate your support. If you have any questions, please call Joannie at 415 664-6579 or email: joannieoleary@msn.com. Thank you.

## Song and Storytelling

The next Singing and Storytelling Seisiún will be hosted on October 3<sup>rd</sup> by Michelle Valdez. Contact:

Michelle Valdez  
220 Bayview Avenue  
San Jose  
408 254-2252

The November seisiún will be hosted by Imelda White on the 7<sup>th</sup> in Mountain View.

If you would like to host a singing and storytelling seisiún contact Michael Jones at mfj@ieee.org.



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

## ***CHILDREN'S CÉILÍ***

- WHEN:** SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup> 2008
- WHERE:** UNITED IRISH CULTURAL CENTER  
2700 45<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE, SAN FRANCISCO
- TIME:** 4 TO 6 PM
- MUSIC:** Live Traditional Music
- 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*

*Please visit our website at: [sf.ccewest.org](http://sf.ccewest.org)*



**COMHALTAS CEOLTÓIRÍ ÉIREANN**  
**The Cooley-Keegan Branch**

***COMHALTAS NIGHT***

Comhaltas (CCÉ) is a worldwide organization, based in Dublin, Ireland, dedicated to preserving and fostering the traditions of Ireland, through music, song, dance, storytelling & language. Founded in Mullingar, Co. Westmeath, 50 years ago, CCÉ has over 400 branches throughout Ireland, Britain, the U.S., & many other countries. Visit the San Francisco Cooley-Keegan Branch at: <http://sf.ccewest.org>

- WHEN:** Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> 2008
- WHERE:** United Irish Cultural Center\*  
2700 45<sup>TH</sup> Avenue, San Francisco (Bar area)
- TIME:** 7.30 pm to 11.30 pm approx.
- MUSIC BY:** Live Traditional Music and Dancing
- ADMISSION:** FREE

\*The restaurant is open for dinner from 5 pm to 9 pm.  
Reservations are appreciated: 415-661-2700, ext. 100

*For Information, contact Josephine Brogan at (415) 681-4803  
[Josephinebrogan@yahoo.com](mailto:Josephinebrogan@yahoo.com) or Michael Riemer at [Riemer@ce.berkeley.edu](mailto:Riemer@ce.berkeley.edu)*

# COMHALTAS CEOLTÓIRÍ ÉIREANN

The San Francisco Cooley-Keegan Branch

## MEMBERSHIP FORM 2009

Comhaltas (CCÉ) is a worldwide organization, based in Dublin, Ireland, dedicated to preserving and fostering the traditions of Ireland, through music, song, dance, storytelling & language. Founded in Mullingar, Co. Westmeath 52 years ago, CCÉ has over 400 branches throughout Ireland, Britain, the U.S., & many other countries. Information on CCÉ and its events are available on our Website at <http://sf.ccewest.org> by request in writing to the address below, or phone Joannie at (415) 664-6579.

The San Francisco Cooley-Keegan Branch proudly promotes these traditions of Irish Culture in the S.F. Bay Area. MEMBERS of the Branch enjoy the benefits of:

- Monthly Subscription to our “Scéal Eile” newsletter containing events and news of our branch, of Comhaltas in Ireland and Irish activities in the Bay Area. “Scéal Eile” gives notification of our Céilís, Music and Song Seisiúns, Children’s Céilís and Music and Language Lessons.
- Weekly Set Dance Classes (see website or “Scéal Eile”)
- \*Quarterly issue of “Treoir”, the Comhaltas Magazine containing a wealth of information on traditional Irish programs & activities of CCÉ world-wide, stories of its members & branches and tunes, songs and their history, for readers of all ages.
- Access to our website: <http://sf.ccewest.org> and a chance to involve yourself in the growing movement to preserve and promote Irish traditional Music, Song, Dance, Storytelling and Language.

Our music/dance program for children, workshops & set dance for all members and our Annual Music Youth Scholarship Program are thriving. Your support through Membership is greatly appreciated and urgently needed to accomplish these goals. Comhaltas is a volunteer organization. Please complete the form below to join, or renew your membership **TODAY**, for the coming year. Keep the Tradition Alive! *(If you wish to subscribe/renew on-line, please visit our website under <http://sf.ccewest.org>, click on “Join CCÉ”. Payment by sending a check or utilizing Pay Pal is available for your convenience.)*

Go raibh maith agat. *Thank you*)

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW, CUT HERE AND RETURN WITH YOUR PAYMENT**

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### Comhaltas – S.F. Cooley-Keegan Membership Form

\*First Member of Household: \$35.00 or \*Two or more in household: \$45.00

First & Second Member’s Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Children’s Names and Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*If you have E-Mail and wish to receive the “Scéal Eile” and other information electronically (you will be notified monthly of the link to our website), PLEASE INDICATE HERE: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

To Pay electronically, please visit our website at “[http://sf.ccewest.org/misc/join\\_cceck.html](http://sf.ccewest.org/misc/join_cceck.html)”.

If returning this form with your check, please make check payable to “CCÉ”, and mail to:

CCÉ Attn: Joannie O’Leary  
P O Box 16244  
San Francisco, CA 94116

For Questions or information, please call:  
Joannie at (415) 664-6579; or [cce\\_membership@ccewest.org](mailto:cce_membership@ccewest.org)

*Gift Membership also available ~ a great idea for a friend who might be interested in our organization!!*

# OCTOBER 2008

DÉ DOMHNAIGH SUNDAY	DÉ LUAN MONDAY	DÉ MÁIRT TUESDAY	DÉ Céadaoin WEDNESDAY	Déardaoin THURSDAY	DÉ h-Aoine FRIDAY	DÉ Sathairn SATURDAY
Sept 28 <u>Seisiún -</u> Plough and Stars	29	30 <u>Seisiún -</u> Plough and Stars	Oct 1 <u>Set Dancing</u> Britannia Arms Cupertino 8PM	2 <u>Set Dancing</u> Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band	3 <u>Song Seisiún</u> Michelle Valdez San Jose	4
5 <u>Seisiún -</u> Plough and Stars	6	7 <u>CCÉ Meeting</u> UICC 7:30PM <u>Seisiún -</u> Plough and Stars	8 <u>Set Dancing</u> Britannia Arms Cupertino 8PM	9 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band	10	11
12 <u>Children's Ceili</u> 4-6PM UICC <u>Seisiún -</u> Plough and Stars	13	14 <u>Seisiún -</u> Plough and Stars	15 <u>Set Dancing</u> Britannia Arms Cupertino 8PM	16 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Topsy House	17	18 <u>CCE Night</u> UICC 8:00PM w/ Live Music
19 <u>Seisiún -</u> Plough and Stars	20	21 <u>Slow Seisiún</u> Plough and Stars	22 <u>Set Dancing</u> Britannia Arms Cupertino 8PM	23 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Ceili Chicks	24	25
26 <u>Seisiún -</u> Plough and Stars	27 <u>Junior Seisiún</u> Ireland's 32 7:30	28 <u>Song Seisiún -</u> Plough and Stars	29 <u>Set Dancing</u> Britannia Arms Cupertino 8PM	30 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Topsy House	31	Nov 1

**Ireland's 32** - 3920 Geary Blvd. (Between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>), San Francisco, (415) 386-6173  
**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, San Jose (near Cupertino border) (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)  
**Beckett's Irish Pub** - 2271 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley (510) 647-1790 [www.beckettsirishpub.com](http://www.beckettsirishpub.com)

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)



## 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.

**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 last Monday 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 third 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 above for details.

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