

# SCÉAL ÉILE

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

## From the Chairman

A Chairde,

Well, welcome back to all who have traveled near or far, and a warm heartfelt hello to the ones who stayed at home.

As for myself, I got to do it all: Spending the first part of summer at home celebrating Martine's graduation from school, and getting much needed rest; Traveling to Blue Lake for a week which is near and then going on a Disney cruise to Mexico which is far. What a GREAT TIME the kids and I had! It's has been a really enjoyable summer for my family. Hope that it was the same for you and yours.

BUT, wait... It does not have to end just yet. CCE is having an end-of-the-summer picnic on Sunday, September 28, 2008, from 2 to 6PM at West Portal Park. This is a perfect way to bring the summer to a close. Everyone is welcome -- family and friends. Pack up your picket basket, things to play with and let's meet at the park. See you all there!

Thank you

Slán, Kasey

## General Meeting

The next General Meeting of the Membership will occur on September 2<sup>nd</sup> starting at 7:30 at the UICC.

## Events this Month

**CCE Picnic** - CCE will host an end of summer picnic at West Portal Park in San Francisco. The picnic will be from 2-6PM and is open to all. Bring your favorite picnic food and drink and something to share (Note that there are no grills for cooking and no alcohol allowed). See attached flyer for more details.

**CCE Night at the UICC** - On Saturday, September 20<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. **Note: No dancing on September 17<sup>th</sup>.** 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.*



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Michael Murphy leads a set at the Britannia Arms in the South Bay.  
Come down on Wednesdays for a fine craic.

## Member News

She has “reely” done it this time... on behalf of Brian Cleary & the Celtic Dance Ensemble we wish to extend “Mór” Congratulations to Catherine Brosnan Dow on passing the CRN exam for Dance in Ireland this June 2008. It has been a well deserved honor for her years of dedication & hard work. She is such a wonderfully talented & beautiful dancer....Maith thú Catherine....

## Song and Storytelling

The next Singing and Storytelling Seisiún will be hosted on September 5<sup>th</sup> by Bernie. Contact:

Bernadette Flynn  
2218 34th Ave  
(between Rivera and Santiago)  
San Francisco  
650 834-4123

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

## An Chaeilge

**Deireadh Seachtaine Gaeltachta 2008**, uimhir a 10! (San Francisco Bay Area Irish Language Immersion Weekend, 10<sup>th</sup> annual!) September 26-28, 6pm Fri. - 4:30pm Sun. Venue: United Irish Cultural Center, San Francisco.

Increase your confidence and fluency in Irish, or make a good start on learning it! Four class levels, beginner to advanced.

The Deireadh Seachtaine Gaeltachta features intensive tutorials focusing on spoken language and increasing fluency. Teachers are native speakers of Irish. Bring instruments & voices for sessions each evening -- playing music, & sharing songs, poetry, stories & craic in Irish.

Info & registration form available at <http://www.OneSourceGraphics.com/Gaeilge/DeireadhSeachtaine.html> or contact 510 881 5958, or [cce\\_gaeilge@ccewest.org](mailto:cce_gaeilge@ccewest.org)

## Membership Corner

Memberships are accepted year-round. Please check your mailing label to see your expiration date. Thanks for your support, Joannie (415 664-6579 or [joannieoleary@msn.com](mailto:joannieoleary@msn.com)).



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**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, September 20<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:**                    **Live Irish Traditional Music**
- 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 or email:*  
[Josephinebrogan@yahoo.com](mailto:Josephinebrogan@yahoo.com)



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

## **COMHALTAS PICNIC**

**Join us for an afternoon of fun, games and music**

**WHEN: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2008**

**WHERE: WEST PORTAL PLAYGROUND,  
131 LENOX WAY/ULLOA STREET, SAN FRANCISCO**

**TIME: 2PM TO 6PM**

**COST: FREE**

**Bring your favorite picnic food and something to share  
(no grills at playground and no alcohol allowed per permit)**

A great little playground with wonderful climbing structures, swinging decks, rocking horses, swings and picnic tables.

The playground is conveniently situated next to the [West Portal Muni station](#).

For Information, contact Maureen Murphy at: 415-661-0351 or  
Josephine Brogan at: 415-681-4803



# SEPTEMBER 2008

DÉ DOMHNAIGH SUNDAY	DÉ LUAN MONDAY	DÉ MÁIRT TUESDAY	DÉ CÉADAOIN WEDNESDAY	DÉARDAOIN THURSDAY	DÉ h-Aoine FRIDAY	DÉ SATHAIRN SATURDAY
Aug 31 <u>Seisiún -</u> Plough and Stars	Sept 1	2 <u>CCÉ Meeting</u> UICC 7:30PM <u>Seisiún -</u> Plough and Stars	3 <u>Set Dancing</u> Britannia Arms Cupertino 8PM	4 <u>Set Dancing</u> Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band	5 <u>Song Seisiún</u> Bernie San Francisco	6
7 <u>Seisiún -</u> Plough and Stars	8	9 <u>Seisiún -</u> Plough and Stars	10 <u>Set Dancing</u> Britannia Arms Cupertino 8PM	11 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band	12	13
14 <u>Seisiún -</u> Plough and Stars	15	16 <u>Slow Seisiún -</u> Plough and Stars	17 <i>No Set Dancing in Cupertino</i>	18 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Topsy House	19	20 <u>CCE Night</u> UICC 8:00PM w/ Live Music
21 <u>Seisiún -</u> Plough and Stars	22	23 <u>Seisiún</u> Plough and Stars	24 <u>Set Dancing</u> Britannia Arms Cupertino 8PM	25 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Topsy House	26 <u>Deireadh Seachtaine</u> <u>Gaeltachta</u> UICC	27 <u>Deireadh Seachtaine</u> <u>Gaeltachta</u> UICC
28 <u>CCE Picnic</u> West Portal Park San Francisco <u>Deireadh Seachtaine</u> <u>Gaeltachta</u> UICC	29 <u>Junior Seisiún</u> Ireland's 32 7:30	30 <u>Song 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> TBA	3

**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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