



# NORTH COUNTY SCOTS

## *Newsletter*

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### *President's Message*

We held our annual Burns Dinner on January 23. Thanks to all who attended. This is a big event for us and it takes a lot of people to help, so thanks to the following for volunteering to help set up, clean up, and give toasts and speeches: Bryan and Irene Thomson, Col. Bill Brooks, USMC (ret.), Rob McLintock, Janette McLintock, Derek Martin, Bill Wotherspoon, Graham McGruer, Danielle McGruer, Charles Brechin, Cherie McGruer, Barbara Lee, and Joe Fendrick. Thanks to David Swearingen for reserving the hall.

Special thanks to Betty Ribble who played the harp before dinner and to Cameron Hamquist for piping in the board and Carl Lind for piping in the haggis. Also special thanks to Campbell and Margo Naismith for providing pipers and dancers. (See Pipers Revue for names of pipers and dancers.) Irene also provided the wonderful trifle for dessert. Door prizes were provided by Bryan and Irene Thomson, the Logans' of Scottish Treasures, Rob and Janette McLintock, and the North County Scots.

Please review the newsletter for upcoming events.

**Mike Hamquist, President**

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*MISSION STATEMENT*

*Dedicated to all things Scottish*

The stated goal of the North County Scots, as a non-profit organization, is to sponsor Scottish oriented youth activities and find pleasure in activities with other Scottish Associations and friends.

## *Tartan of the Month*



This sett comes from the MacGregor-Hastie collection which is housed at the Scottish Tartans Society. It was obtained from Andersons in 1947, one of several designs produced between 1930 and 1950 for Septs and Families of Scottish lineage. Wotherspoons are recorded in the Lowlands of Scotland from the beginning of the 14th century. The Rev. John Witherspoon (1722-94), born in Yester, East Lothian, was President of 'Princeton University' in 1768 and took an active part in the American Revolution.

The source of tartan 741 was: Messrs William Anderson, Edinburgh.

WOTHERSPOON, WEDDERSPOON: The origin of this name is believed to be from the old English WEDERSPONG 'sheep pasture'. WEDER is a Lowland term for 'sheep' or 'lamb,' and SPONG, obsolete English for a tongue-shaped piece of land enclosed by or lying next to higher ground. In the 13th c. Roger Wythirspen attested a grant by James, High Steward of lands in Renfrew. Thomas Witherspuyn witnessed a lease by the abbot of Cupar in 1521, and Archibald Wetherspune held the vicarage of Karridden in 1546. The Rev. John Witherspoon (1722-1794), born in Yester, East Lothian, became president of the College of New Jersey (now Princeton University) in 1768, and took an active part in the American Revolution on the side of the colonists. General William Wallace Wotherspoon (1850- 1921), head of the state canal system in New York, was of Scottish descent. In addition to the variations shown, there are some 30 different spellings of this name in old records. As the Wotherspoons are a Lowland family, they do not have a chief.

The motto of the clan is: DEO JUVANTE

“God assisting”



Wotherspoon Coat of Arms

Information from: [www.rampantscotland.com/](http://www.rampantscotland.com/) and [electricScotland.com](http://electricScotland.com)

Coat of Arms from: [www.family-crests.org/wotherspoon-motto-crest.html](http://www.family-crests.org/wotherspoon-motto-crest.html)

# *Traditional Scottish Recipes*

## **- Dried-Cranberry Shortbread Hearts**

1 cup unsalted butter  
¾ cup sifted confectioners' sugar  
1 tsp vanilla extract  
2 cups sifted all-purpose flour  
½ tsp coarse salt  
½ cup finely chopped dried cranberries  
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1. Preheat oven to 325° with rack in center. Put butter, sugar, vanilla, flour, and salt in large mixing bowl. Stir together with a wooden spoon until combined but not too creamy. Stir in dried cranberries.
2. Press dough evenly into an 8-inch square baking pan. Bake until firm and pale golden, about 30 minutes. Let cool on a wire rack, about 20 minutes. Run a knife around edges; remove shortbread, and transfer, right side up, to work surface. Cut out hearts with a 2-inch heart-shape cookie cutter. Trim any stray bits of cranberry from edges with a paring knife. Cookies can be stored in an airtight container at room temperature up to 5 days.

Source: Unknown



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## Pipers Revue



Thank you to the following pipers for entertaining us at our annual Burns Dinner: Carl Lind, Cameron Hamnquist, Connor Hamnquist, Felicity Carroll, Kyle Radwanski, Hayden Norris, James Logan, Caleb Logan, Chris Lewis, Justin Oetting, and Andrew Hahn.

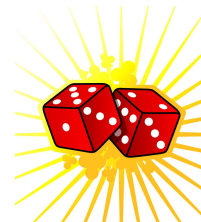
Dancers who performed at the Burns Dinner were: Piper Zeno, Murphy Walsh, Katie Kinsey, and Isabel Friedrichs.

Watch for the different pipers and dancers as they compete at the Queen Mary Games in February.

Visit us on the web at [www.northcountyscots.com](http://www.northcountyscots.com)



## CASINO NIGHT



**March 20, 2010  
6 pm – 10 pm**

Come and join in some high-rolling, high-action fun!

Play Black Jack, Craps, and Roulette; win tickets for a chance to win the bucket prizes.

We are looking for table sponsors.

You or your business can sponsor a full table for \$200 or a partial table for either \$50 or \$100.

We are also looking for donors for bucket prizes and opportunity drawings.

Advance ticket sales are \$15 and will be available through March 10.

Tickets at the door will be \$20.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mail in ticket orders to: North County Scots, P O Box 1953, Vista, CA 92085-1953

THANK YOU!

### **The North County Scots will be featuring “The Supper Club”**

**A Cabaret Show to be held in May, the exact date will be in next month’s newsletter  
or check on line. Pre-sale tickets will be \$15 or \$20 at the door.**

#### **About “The Supper Club”**

Since 2005, this cabaret-style vocal performance group has been providing quality entertainment for San Diego residents and visitors. For two summers “The Supper Club” was the resident entertainment troupe at Café Lautrec of La Jolla. Other engagements have included everything from a talent show at The Torrey Pines Christian Church to high society galas at The Westgate Hotel. Our repertoire includes popular standards, musical theater and specialty comic songs. “The Supper Club” features the saucy and delicious vocal talents of Nicole Mullet, Skyler Dennon and Rick Hernandez; with piano and additional vocals expertly served up by Sylvia Lorraine Hartman. Each performer is a well-seasoned local favorite.



#### **I Love a Lassie**

Oh, I love a lassie,  
A bonnie, bonnie lassie,  
She's as pure As the lily in the dell,

She's as sweet As the heather,  
The bonnie purple heather,  
Mary, ma Scotch blue bell

Harry Lauder was born 4 August 1870 in Portobello, on the outskirts of Edinburgh. In the summer of 1890, he was a coal miner in a Hamilton pit singing to help conquer his fear of such dangerous work. By 1900 he was performing the popular songs of his day in London. Along the way he married 17 year old Nancy Vallance who often accompanied him to the United States. He began to write and publish his own music and his first hit was “I Love a Lassie (My Scotch Bluebell).” It was his most successful song, although 13 of his records were in the top 10. He became a millionaire but never demanded a certain fee, taking only what was offered. Harry MacLennan Lauder was five feet three inches tall and weighted 170 pounds. He had sparkling eyes, a husky voice and his trademark was a Scottish costume and a walking stick.

## North County Scots on Facebook!

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