

# Hunters' Halloo



## From the Editors

Hello All!

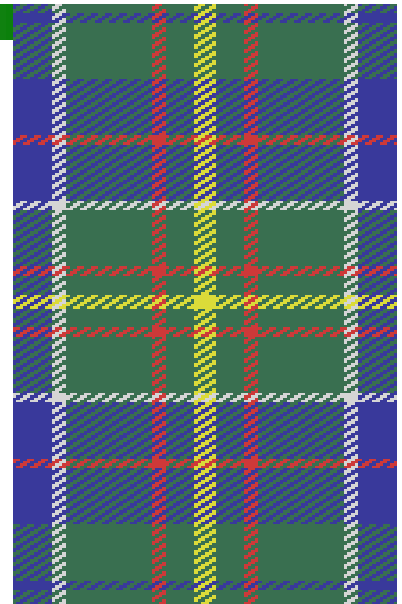
Fall is upon us again and Lizz and I are busily getting back to the schoolyear routines and all the Fall fun! It's been a long beautiful summer, and although I am sad to see it finish, I do enjoy the Autumn weather and scenery. It's

nice to get back to normal schedules and see all the people that we missed over the summer! Two of my granddaughters started school this fall so as you can imagine it has been an extra special time for them and their parents. Watching the little ones learn and grow and experience new things is so wonderful. I do hope you are all as excited about the fall as I am.

As I was putting together this edition of Hunters' Halloo, I noticed Daphne mentioned the "Kirkin' o' the tartan" in her article. "Kirk" is the Scottish word for "church." Tartans, of course, represent specific Scottish clans, regions, or regiments. The "Kirkin' O' The Tartans" is the presentation of a Scottish family's symbol, its tartan, at church for blessing. Make sure you check out the video on Clan Hunter Canada—Official Facebook page. Actually, I would like to encourage (and push a little bit) each and every one of you to visit our Facebook page regularly for more pictures, news, and updates. A little comment or smiley face lets us know you are there! There is always someone around to answer questions and Lizz and I really do a little happy dance when you leave a comment! :)

Have a wonderful Fall everyone!

*Lynn & Lizz*



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## From the Clan Officer, Dale Hill



Greetings to you all. It is hard to believe I have officially been the Clan Officer for Clan Hunter Canada for one full year. It has been a year filled with learning and connecting. I feel privileged to have met and spent time with many members from across Canada and collaborated with Madam Pauline and fellow executive members from around the world. I always enjoy hearing about the varied connections to the Hunter surname, especially from those who can share a date and/or area of their ancestor's landing in Canada. This summer I was able to attend four Scottish Festivals in Southern and Eastern Ontario, as well as in New Brunswick. In early July, a highlight of the Cambridge Festival was the delicious Haggis pies topped with mashed

potatoes. Please enjoy the article about the New Brunswick Highland Games later in this newsletter and the photos we are excited to share with you. It was incredible to spend some time in Eastern Canada and connect with members, some who do not have Internet access and continue to receive all communication through the postal system. A special shout out to those members who had relatives email me, or sent a letter through the mail, so I could connect by phone and we could all gather for dinner on the Saturday night in Fredericton!

In early August at the Glengarry Games, we had the pleasure of meeting long time member, Beryl, who had taken a bus trip down from Ottawa for the day, as well as soon to be new members, Michelle and Brian, who regularly visit Scotland and were excited to join us in the parade of clans. It was also wonderful to have Don Noels, another member, parade with us during his first visit to the festival. Thank you all for helping us share Clan Hunter pride! We also want to acknowledge Linda Hunter who dropped by the booth on Friday to snap a quick picture with her family and our sign, knowing we would not be attending until the next day. Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games was another success and we were thrilled to welcome a huge number of members and potential new members to the clan tent. We once again had a great representation in the Parade of Clans. Thank you to everyone for your support and dropping by to visit, even if the tent was a bit congested at times!

We hope you will join us at our upcoming Annual General Meeting on Sunday October 29 at 3 pm on Zoom. This is a chance for all members to hear about the work of our Clan association here in Canada and help make decisions regarding the spending of funds to support our work. Madam Pauline will also be joining us! A link to the meeting will be e-mailed to all members closer to the meeting date. If you have any questions or require the link to be sent directly to your email, please reach out to me at [clanhunter.ca@gmail.com](mailto:clanhunter.ca@gmail.com) and I will make this happen.

If you have any questions or suggestions to help make Clan Hunter Canada an association that you are proud to be a member of, please connect with me directly. I always enjoy hearing from members and can even set up a time to have a virtual chat or phone call if that would be your preferred method of connecting.

I hope everyone had a great summer and I look forward to connecting with many of you at the AGM. Until then, take care.

*Dale*

## Membership Report—Fall 2023



I am pleased to report that we have welcomed 4 new members to our ranks since the Summer Newsletter. Here is a wee bit of information about them:

Carrie Opatril - Joined us in August, and hails from Calgary, AB

Michelle Beaudoin – Also joined us in August, but her roots are in Ottawa, ON

Kelsey Hunter – And one more for the August brigade. Kelsey lives in Mississauga, ON

Rob Hunter – Rob became a member of the Association in September and lives in the lovely town of Brockville, ON

### **Welcome Carrie, Michelle, Kelsey and Rob.**

I am not so pleased to report that we are falling behind on the number of members who have paid their dues this year.

At present we have 116 active members, and have received payment from 42 members. Thank you to all those who have paid their dues, For those who have not yet paid, please consider catching up as soon as you possibly can. I will include notices in this Newsletter reminding members who are in arrears—I know how easy it is to forget!. I know some would like to do an e-transfer, but this is not available to us at this moment. The options are to pay by Paypal, or to send a cheque, made out to Clan Hunter, to our treasurer, Don Hunter, 439-8 The Donway East, Toronto, M3C 3R7

Please be assured that your dues are used to keep our Association running and encouraging new members. Presence at Highland Games uses part, mailing newsletters, and printing and mailing new Members packages can be expensive. Part of your dues are sent to Scotland to help keep the Association viable. Be assured that NO dues are used for travel or hotel expenses.

It would be nice to hear from members who have been to Highland Games this year. Let us know which games you attended, and any special features that you enjoyed seeing or participating in. Our Newsletter Editors would love to add this information to the next Newsletter. Their email addresses are on the front of this current Newsletter. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Christine Hunter,

Membership Secretary



## From the Clansfolk — stories of our family

### Celebrating Scottish Heritage at the New Brunswick Highland Games

#### Celebrating 40th years of Highland Games in Fredericton, NB

submitted by Daphne Clarke

What a wonderful festival full of Scottish spirit, enthusiasm and tradition. The New Brunswick Highland Games took place on the property of Government House which was built around 1826. This is the current Lieutenant Governor's Residence and includes an 11 acre property. The 40th New Brunswick Highland Games took place here on July 28, 29 and 30th, 2023. The weather was perfect and there was a great attendance at these events. Clan Hunter was immediately greeted with friendly east coast hospitality by the Highland Games Committee and other Avenue of Clans folk. On Friday, we started off setting up our tent and were greeted by Maria and Kenneth Hunter who dropped by to chat and welcome us to Fredericton. In the evening, Dale, Clan Officer of Canada and I were invited to a formal reception at the Lieutenant Governor's House. Here we mingled with the Fredericton, New Brunswick Member of Parliament, Jenica Atwin, the Provincial Member's of Legislature, David Coon, and Dominic Cardy, sponsors, friends and patrons of the festival. Dale and I had the pleasure of personally speaking with the Honourable Lieutenant Governor, Brenda Murphy about Clan Hunter and our East Coast trip to these games. Her friendly and personable manner made us feel so comfortable right away and she was thrilled we had come to participate in their Highland Games. Throughout the weekend, you could find her enjoying the festivities around the property.



After the formal reception including speeches honouring and celebrating 40th years of Highland Games in Fredericton. We headed down to Barrack Square to catch the concert of Natalie MacMaster and Donnolly

Leahy. Unfortunately, a rainstorm came rushing in and we only got to hear three songs before the event was cut short. The celtic music we heard was fantastic! We were completely soaked but smiling from ear to ear by the time we made it back to our accommodations.



There was a Gathering of East Coast Clan Hunter Members at the 'STMR.36 BBQ and Social Restaurant' in the Delta Hotel. The food was delicious and the conversation was lots of fun. So many stories and laughs were shared. Irma, Vinnie, Barbara, Maria and Kenneth joined us for this fun event.

On Saturday, in the Avenue of Clans, we were quickly greeted by many fellow Hunters and we often heard, "Hello, cousin." There is a large group of Hunter's in New Brunswick and many stories were shared with us about Ancestors especially from the Miramichi area of New Brunswick. Maria and Kenneth Hunter joined us for the day and helped to welcome and educate people on Clan Hunter. Kenneth and Maria eagerly shared photos and stories of their visit to Scotland and the Hunterston Castle a few years ago. Together we participated in the Opening Ceremonies of the parade. I was honoured to be asked to carry the New Brunswick flag in this parade. At this festival, all the Clan participants are led by three drum Majors and the pipe bands are right behind us as we process up the field. You had to keep on your toes so you didn't get run over by the pipers (hee, hee, hee). Clan Hunter was represented in all of these parades throughout the festival.

On Sunday, Clan Hunter participated in the 'Kirkin' O' the Tartan' service where Clan Hunter tartan and banners were blessed by Reverend John Martin. Clan Hunter proudly led the clans following the Piper and the Reverend through the grounds of the festival to the 'Kirkin' O' the Tartan.' You can see a video Dale posted of this on the Clan Hunter Facebook Page. It was a lot of fun! As Dale said, "He felt like a celebrity."

Overall it was a great weekend and Clan Hunter was thrilled to be present and part of this special 40th Anniversary Highland Games Festival. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet Clan members from Eastern Canada. Thank you all for the lovely welcome!



Hunters meet up at New Brunswick Highland Games,  
Fredericton NB July 2023



## Photos from the Summer Games

August 2023



Longtime Clan Hunter Member, Beryl Hunter and Dale Hill, Clan Officer at Glen-garry Highland Games, Maxville ON



Hunters ready to parade at Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games, Fergus ON



Hunters gather at Glengarry Highland Games, Maxville ON

## Recipe Corner

### Traditional Scotch Eggs

<https://culinaryginger.com>

Traditional Scotch Eggs are hard-boiled eggs wrapped in sausage meat, breaded and fried. Served with a delicious mustard dipping sauce, this is quintessential British fare.

#### INGREDIENTS

##### ***For the Scotch eggs:***

4 large eggs  
4 British or Irish pork bangers/sausage links  
or 12 ounces (340 grams) sausage meat  
1 cup (150 grams) all-purpose flour  
1 egg, whisked  
1 cup (119 grams) breadcrumbs  
Salt  
Ground black pepper  
1 quart (2 pints) frying oil



##### ***For the mustard sauce:***

1 ½ cups (358 grams) Dijon mustard  
1 tablespoon white wine vinegar  
1 tablespoon honey  
Small pinch freshly ground black pepper

#### INSTRUCTIONS

For the mustard sauce: To a mixing bowl, add the mustard, white wine vinegar, honey and black pepper, whisk to combine and set aside.

For the Scotch eggs: To a saucepan, add the eggs and add water to cover the eggs. Bring to a boil and cook on a low boil, 4 minutes for runny yolk, or 10 minutes for firm yolk. Transfer to a bowl of cold water to stop them cooking.

When cooled, gently tap the egg on a hard surface all over to evenly crack the shell and put back into the water for a couple more minutes, then peel. The water will get under the shell and help to make it peel easily. After peeling the egg, make sure they are dry so the sausage meat sticks.

To 3 separate bowls add the flour, whisked egg and breadcrumbs all mixed with a little of the salt and pepper. Set aside.

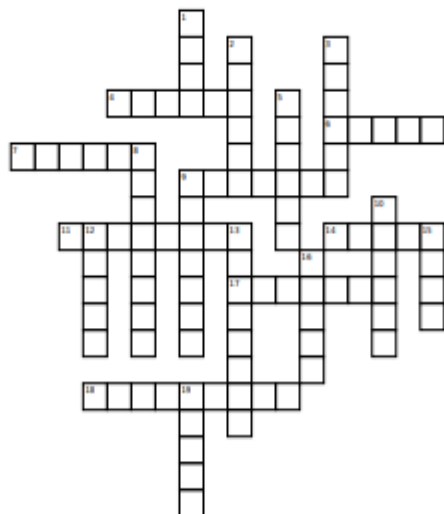
Lightly wet the palms of your hands (this will prevent the sausage meat from sticking). Divide the sausage meat into 4 equal portions. Take one portion of the meat and flatten in your palm. Place a cooled egg in the center and wrap the meat around the egg, packing tightly (without too much pressure without breaking the egg) and shape into a nice oval with no gaps in the meat, you want an even layer of meat all around. Roll in the egg in the flour to get a light coating, then into the egg, remove excess egg, then roll in the breadcrumbs until well covered, pressing the breadcrumbs into the meat. Set aside. Repeat with all the eggs.

Add canola oil to a high-sided pan and bring to a temperature of 350°F/175°C on a candy thermometer. You can also test the temperature by adding a little of the breadcrumbs, if they sizzle it's ready.

Fry the eggs in the oil about 5-7 minutes until golden brown, turning halfway through.

Drain and serve with the mustard sauce.

## Clan Hunter crossword



### Down:

1. a tartan wraparound
2. Chief's personal Pennant
3. a type of fortified structure
5. kith and kin
8. award- Order of the Royal \_\_\_\_\_
9. Clan flower
10. Clan Hunter's motto - \_\_\_\_\_ Perficio
12. leader of the clan
13. The Clan Hunter tartan designer
15. sgian-dhu
16. a stopover
19. studs on the Hunterston Brooch

### Across:

4. a plaid textile design of Scottish origin
6. oldest section of Hunterston Castle
7. breastpin
9. Scotland's national flag
11. Caledonia
14. dog on crest
17. burned the sacred isle of Iona
18. a line of descent traced continuously from an ancestor



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for funnies,  
announcements,  
keeping up with members  
lives, and all sorts.  
You can comment on, like,  
or share any posts  
that interest you.

## SAVE THE DATE!

All members of Clan Hunter Canada are invited to join us for our 2023 Annual General Meeting on **Sunday October 29, 2023**. The meeting will be held virtually at **3 pm EST**. More details and a link to the meeting will be sent out closer to the date. If you have any questions about the AGM, please contact Dale Hill, Clan Officer Canada, at [clanhunter.ca@gmail.com](mailto:clanhunter.ca@gmail.com)  
We hope to see you there!

### Clan Hunter Association, Canada

This newsletter is for members and friends of Clan Hunter Association, Canada. If you have an important event in your family's life that you'd like to share, please send us a photo or two and a brief explanation of what you are celebrating. Graduations, new babies, birthdays, retirements, if you're celebrating, we'd like to know!