

# Hunters' Halloo

## From the Editors

Happy summer everyone! I'm not sure what everyone else enjoys doing in the summer, but for me it's getting caught up on odd jobs that have been put off all year and getting into my garden—some days to plant and harvest, other days just to sit and enjoy. Whatever summer means to you, I hope you're getting a chance to enjoy it.

Lynn & I have just enjoyed a lovely visit from our cousin who comes over almost every summer from Scotland to soak up the Canadian warmth and hang out with her Canadian family. It is always so wonderful to see her and it brings a little piece of Scotland into our lives too. We love to tease her about her accent and all the "funny" words she uses—like "plaster" for when you've got a cut or "boot" for where you put the "messages" after you've been to the "shops".

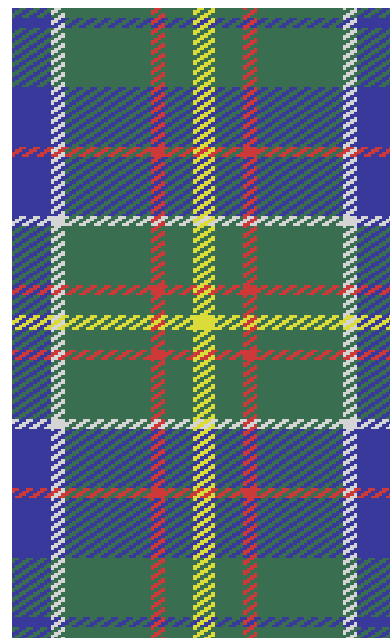
There's a very special treat in store for you in this newsletter—we have a new column: Memoires of a Mountie. Cst. Richard White is a member of Clan Hunter and has graciously offered to give us an ongoing peak into the life of a Mountie. We are very excited to have his first article—featuring a photo shoot with 112 Mounties on Capilano Bridge (yikes!) - and an additional article from Richard as he volunteered to host the Clan Hunter tent at the Coquitlam Highland Games this summer. I'm sure you will enjoy reading about both events.

If there is something special happening in your life, be sure to send us some photos or write us a little blurb so that we can share it with the rest of Clan.

*Lynn & Lizz*

## *Scottish Lingo You should Know*

Line—Queue	Sausage—Banger
Cash Register—Till	Mashed Potatoes—Mash
Trash—Rubbish	Potato—Tattie
Garbage Can—Bin	Turnip—Neep
Television—Telly	French Fries—Chips
Apartment—Flat	Chips—Crisps
Elevator—Lift	Yes—Aye
Freeway—Motorway	Little—Wee
Windshield—Windscreen	Beautiful—Bonnie
Vacation—Holiday	Awesome—Ace
Friend—Mate	You're Welcome—Cheers
To Go—Take Away	Goodbye—Cheers
Dinner—Tea	Thanks—Cheers
Cookie—Biscuit	Cheers—Cheers



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### 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!

## Scottish Humour

Jimmy is in a terrible state and goes to see a therapist.

"So how can I help?" asks the therapist.

"It's like this," says Jimmy. "Ah've started getting these fears at night! I keep thinking somebody is under the bed, so I look under and no one's there. Then my brain tells me there's somebody on top of the bed and it goes on like this all night: under, top, under, top. It's driving me mental!"

The therapist thinks for a bit and says, "I'm sure I can cure you of this. I want you to come and see me twice a week for the next six months."

"And how much will that be?" asks Jimmy.

"£60 per session," the therapist informs him. Jimmy leaves, troubled at the thought of all that money, and goes for a consoling drink at his local. The therapist never sees Jimmy again, until one day months later he bumps into him in the street. The therapist is surprised to see Jimmy looking so well, not the sleep-deprived maniac he'd seen before.

"Why did you never come back?" he asks.

"At £60 a pop, twice a week, for six months? You must be kidding! The barman at the local cured me for a tenner!"

"How on earth did he do that?"

"He told me to buy a saw and cut the legs off the bed!"

## From the Clan Officer, Tom Hunter

Hello Clansfolk, welcome to the summer newsletter. My first comment is also a welcome and that is to Richard Wright of BC. Richard is a Royal Canadian Mountie and has already sent us two reports under the heading "Memoirs of a Mountie". The first regarding a very daring/dangerous photo shoot on a bridge and the second his report on his first engagement as a clan tent host in **Lafarge Lake Park, Coquitlam, BC**. Richard was very happy with the event and hopes to continue with it next year (read his report in this issue). In addition since I last reported in the Clan Officer's letter I have received offers to host tents in the following Provinces, **Canmore Highland Games**, Alberta - Judith Harrison, **Fergus Highland Games**, Ontario - Dale Hill, **Regina Highland Games**, Saskatchewan - JP Bautista-Hunter. This is very encouraging for me as (other than Fergus) we have never attended any of these Games before and Canada always felt too big to be able to include everyone as we would have liked. Christine and I have in past years been able to visit the West Coast to the Victoria Highland Games in BC and on the East coast, the Fredericton Highland Games and the Antigonish Highland Games in New Brunswick. However this is no longer possible for us and so we are all the more delighted that others can "carry the banner" so to speak. So a big THANK YOU to those folk mentioned above.

I do want to just put in a plug for the International Clan Gathering to be held at Hunterston next year (September 2020). Please put this on your "Bucket List" I know you will not be disappointed. Be prepared to "walk with the Vikings" at the annual Largs Viking Festival. Did you know that the first Hunters who came to Scotland/Hunterston were Normans from Normandy who in turn were descended from the Vikings and leader Rollo. Walking in the footsteps of your ancestors is something special. Not many details are available yet but if you check the UK website you will get news as it is released. <https://clanhunterscotland.com/>

*Tom*



The Ring of Brodgar is a large 6000 year old Stone Age henge and stone circle in the far North of Scotland that is thought to have served a religious purpose. Around it are at least 13 prehistoric burial mounds. [Epicdash.com](http://Epicdash.com)

## Membership Report—Summer 2019

Since my last report, we have welcomed **Lynne Wright** from Surrey BC to our Association. Lynne is following in her son's footsteps. Richard Wright joined us in September 2017. This year, he decided that he would like to host a table for Clan Hunter at the Coquitlam Highland Games, and Wendy agreed to join him in this wonderful project. Nothing like getting involved – it helps you meet other Hunters, and is a lot of fun as well! Check this newsletter for pictures of their adventure.

In April of this year **WhiteFeather Hunter** sent in her membership form and also became a member of the Hunter Clan Association of Canada. WhiteFeather joins us from Gatineau, Quebec. Isn't that just a beautiful name!

Right after WhiteFeather became a member of the Clan, we had a request from **Beth Phippard** who lives in Swazey, NH, USA. I did wonder if she really wanted to join the Canadian Association, but Beth assured me that her heritage is Canadian, from New Brunswick in fact, and that she did want to be a part of our Association. Beth plans a trip to Scotland Next May. Just please remember Beth that you need to make arrangements to visit the Castle, and our Clan Officer, Tom Hunter, can help you make those plans. [tomhunter670@gmail.com](mailto:tomhunter670@gmail.com)

**Graham Hunter** sent in his New Members request just a week or so ago. Graham lives in Toronto and is planning on visiting the Fergus Highland Games in August. I hope those present at the Games will make him feel very welcome.

Just today I received a membership request from **Jeff Hunter** from Fall River, Nova Scotia. Just a beautiful part of our wonderful country.

We would like to welcome these 5 new members and hope that they enjoy being a part of our Hunter 'family'!

Once more I would just like to remind all members that annual fees are now due. We have just printed the membership cards and they will be mailed with this Newsletter to those who have already paid their dues.

Christine Hunter  
Membership Secretary





## Memoires of a Mountie by Cst. Richard Wright, Surrey RCMP

Hello all,

Firstly, I wanted to say a big, “Helloo!” from the west coast, and to introduce myself – I am a first generation Canadian (Having become a citizen in 2013) and I became a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in 2014. I am currently posted to Surrey Detachment in British Columbia, where I am a School Resource Officer. My wife, Casey, and I welcomed our first child, Patrick, to our family in February of 2018 - adding to our previous family of fur babies, our dog, Clifford, and our cat, Donchu. I am thrilled to write a little something for the Clan Hunter Newsletter and I hope you get some enjoyment from my tales, the Memoirs of a Mountie.



For my first Mountie memory, I thought I would share an awesome photo with you all – the day 112 Mounties in red serge (That’s what we call the iconic red uniform we wear) marched out onto the Capilano Suspension Bridge in North Vancouver, BC, and posed for a unique photograph to celebrate the 150th birthday of Canada.

The photo shoot occurred on June 8th, 2017, and it was unseasonably wet and cold. Fortunately, even when there is terrible weather, it is difficult to dampen the mood when a group of Mounties get together en masse (I’m not sure if a word exists to describe a group of Mounties, but I’d like to put forward a ‘Ride’ if one does not exist) – especially when there’s coffee and pastries on hand (Living up to stereotypes!).

After we had had our morning java, it was time to head into the park and towards the suspension bridge. This was made interesting due to the rain as it made the floor wet and the brims of our Stetsons sag a little. The suspension bridge is 140 metres (460ft) long and 70 metres (230ft) above the Capilano River – now, I’m not the best person with heights, but when you’re marching in formation you just keep moving. Even if the ground and wooden slats that form the bridge are wet and slippery from the rain, you just keep moving. Even if, once you all step onto the bridge, it begins to sway in a way that tells you it suddenly had a large number of 200lb Mounties step out onto it, you just keep moving. All I could do was march, stay on my feet, try to ignore the ominous swaying of the bridge, and not look down. The photo (Which I’m sure you’ll agree is fantastic!) was taken by a photographer from a high lookout post – the original plan was to have a drone fly over and grab some truly unique images, but sadly the wet weather put paid to that. Despite the weather and vertigo, I had a great time with my colleagues and being a part of this special event.

Speak to you all soon,

Richard



## From the Scottish Recipe Files

### Traditional Scottish Recipes - Scotch Pie

*Large numbers of Scotch Pies are sold in Scotland every day - they are an original "fast food" and are often sold at the half-time interval at football (soccer) matches. The pies are made in special straight-sided moulds, roughly 3-3½ inches (7.5-8.5cm) in diameter and about 1½ inches (4cm) deep. A pastry lid, inside the pie, covers the meat about ½ inch (1cm) below the rim. This leaves a space at the top of the pie which can be filled, if required - with hot gravy, baked beans, mashed (creamed) potatoes etc. The meat is usually mutton (sometimes of varying quality). Many bakers have their own recipes and add spices to give additional flavour - there is now an annual competition for the best Scotch Pie.*

*Grannie Black, in Candleriggs in Glasgow, was a character who had such a reputation for such good mutton pies that people came from far and wide - the pub named after her (pictured here) has, unfortunately, been demolished.*

*The quantities below should make roughly 8/10 pies.*

#### Ingredients for the Meat Filling:

1 pound (500g or two cups) lean lamb, minced (ground)  
Pinch of mace or nutmeg  
Salt and pepper  
Quarter pint (150ml) gravy

#### Ingredients for the Hot Water Pastry:

1 pound (500g or four cups) plain flour  
6 ounces (175g or ¾ cup) lard  
6 fluid ounces (225ml or ¾ cup) approximately of water  
Pinch of salt  
Milk for glazing

You will also need glasses or jars, approximately 3-3½ inches (7.5-8.5cm) in diameter to shape the pie.

#### Method:

Create the filling by mixing the minced (ground) lamb, spice and seasoning.

Make the pastry by sifting the flour and salt into a *warm* bowl. Make a well in the centre of the flour. Melt the lard in a scant measure of water and, when it is bubbling, add to the flour and mix thoroughly. Take a small amount (remember the mixture should make 8/10 pies, with their tops) and form into a ball and keep the rest warm while making each pastry case. This is done by rolling a suitable amount for each pie and shaping the crust round the base of a glass or jar approximately 3-3½ inches (7.5-8.5cm) in diameter. Make sure there are no cracks in the pastry - you can trim round the top of the case to make it even. As the pastry cools and gets cool, remove the glass and continue until you have about a quarter of the pastry left to make the lids.

Fill the cases with the meat and add the gravy to make the meat moist.

Roll the remaining pastry and use the glass to cut the lids. Wet the edges of the lids, place over the meat and press down lightly over the filling. Pinch the edges and trim. Cut a small hole or vent in the centre of the lid (to allow the steam to escape).

Glaze with milk and bake for about 45 minutes at 275F/140C/Gas mark 1. If the pies are not eaten immediately, they can be stored in the 'fridge but always ensure they are properly reheated before being eaten.





## Memoires of a Mountie by Cst. Richard Wright, Surrey RCMP

Halloo everyone and welcome to the next 'Memoirs of a Mountie', which recounts the fun I had at the Highland Games in Coquitlam, BC, on June 14th and 15th, 2019.

To start, I would like to thank Tom Hunter for his support in sending organizational materials that made it very easy to represent the Hunter Clan at the Games – we were able to display historical re-enactment photos, the Hunter of Hunterston tartan, as well as have a guest book for visitors to sign.

This was my first year attending the Highland Games – it has always been an event I wanted to attend but had never had the opportunity to do so for one reason or another. I was not disappointed when I arrived as the venue was Lafarge Park, a beautifully forested green space with a large lake and fountain next to it. I was attending as a civilian (Not in my standard red serge) and my mother, Lynne, was my able right-hand clanswoman during the two-day event.

Lynne had (In her very clever way) fashioned pin-on rosettes from tartan ribbon which were given as a keepsake to any visiting Hunters (Of which we had about 7-8 families). Of those families, a few were not yet members of Clan Hunter Association Canada, so we gave them details of how to join our merry band.

The highlights of the Games for me were seeing the very strong men and women heave various weights/hay bales/small boulders/large trees across the field, the highland dancing competitions, the wonderful (Yes, wonderful!) bagpipe music (The RCMP E Division Pipe Band tent was two down from our clan tent, so I wasn't too far away from the iconic red uniform in the end).

We thoroughly enjoyed our time representing Clan Hunter and are hoping to attend every year from here on out. I understand from Tom that there has been a surge of members signing up to represent our clan at various Highland Games across Canada, which is fantastic to hear. We are a small clan, but the effort and dedication you have all shown makes us mighty. We accomplish our course!







Coquitlam



## Dr. Nadine Hunter Scottish Youth Heritage Fund

**Purpose** The purpose of the Dr. Nadine Hunter Youth Heritage Fund is to assist young people in pursuing activities that support their Scottish heritage. Activities may include, but are not limited to, dance or music lessons or competitions, travel expenses to activity, entrance fees for activity,

**Administration** The fund is administered by the Youth Heritage Fund Committee of Clan Hunter Canada. Decisions for the distribution of the fund will be made prior to the Annual General Meeting of Clan Hunter Canada. The names of successful applicants will be presented at the AGM for approval and will be published in the Fall newsletter.

### Conditions of Disbursement

- Each year, up to three (3) bursaries of \$100 each may be awarded to successful applicants.
- Applicants must be 18 years of age or younger.
- Preference will be given to first-time applicants.
- Applications must be received by the committee by July 15th of the current year.

**Expectations After Receiving a Grant** Photographs and a summary of the activity will be submitted to Clan Hunter Canada in a timely manner. This enables your story to be shared with the Clan.

### Send your request for an application form to

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## Next Clan Gathering—2020

Taken from Clan Hunter-UK Facebook page:

Our gathering will be held over the weekend of 4th to 6th September 2020. You will all be able to visit the Largs Viking Fire Festival and Viking Village which is being held over the same weekend.

Programme will be announced soon.

Looking forward to sharing Hunterston Castle with everyone.

Madam Pauline, Clan Chief



## Upcoming Highland Games

Canmore Highland Games, August 31—September 1st, 2019, Clan Hunter tent hosted by Judith Harrison

Fergus Scottish Festival & Highland Games, August 9-11, 2019, Clan Hunter tent hosted by Dale Hill

Saskatchewan Highland Gathering & Celtic Festival, Regina, May 2020, Clan Hunter tent hosted by JP Bautista-Hunter

