

# Hunters' Halloo



## From the Editors

I hope everyone is staying safe and ready for the reopening of our country/provinces. I am certainly ready to get back to shopping, services that have been

off limits, and getting back in the classroom in the fall!

I do have to say "Go Habs Go!" for all you hockey fans. The Habs were the last team to make it into the playoffs. They had the worst record of all playoff teams, and now they are fighting for Lord Stanley! There are no real Montreal fans in my household, as they beat out our beloved Maple Leafs, but as true Canadians, we need to cheer our boys on!

Canada Day is this week, and to our family it has a very big significance this year. It was 50 years ago on Canada Day weekend that my family first arrived in Canada! Hopefully the covid rules will let us have a small outdoor gathering to celebrate. I don't remember too much from way back then, but I was a little blonde girl with a big accent that everyone wanted to hear! I don't have that accent anymore (except when it surfaces sometimes in the company of other accents) and I am a proud Canadian, but I still fully embrace my Scottish roots. I am looking forward to visiting Scotland again as soon as I can, and as soon as all the travel restrictions are lifted!

We seem to be almost through this pandemic, vaccines have been and are being administered, and we are going to make it! Stay the course everyone! We are almost there!



*Lynn & Lizz*

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## From the Clan Officer, Tom Hunter



Greetings fellow Clansfolk, This is one of the first messages I have composed at my computer in 3 months . You see, three months ago on 27<sup>th</sup> March I fell down the stairs at home and ruptured my spleen and broke a rib, resulting in the removal of my spleen and about 3weeks in hospital. There was much more involved than that but suffice to say that after three months I can now say goodbye to my Home Nurse and rejoice that my chest wound is healing and now all that remains is some follow up in August and

September to confirm my return to “normalcy” just in time to shake off some of these Covid19 restrictions as well. After some discussion with Madam Pauline, I have agreed with a suggestion by her that I appoint a Deputy Clan Officer and so with her approval I have selected/nominated Dale Hill of Hamilton. This will be an action item at our 2021 AGM, (date yet to be selected). I am including here Dales Bio for your perusal...

***Dale Hill was raised in Dundas, ON and currently lives in Hamilton near the West Harbour waterfront. His Hunter lineage comes from his maternal grandfather, Allan Hunter, who was born in Ulverston, England and immigrated to Canada at 6 months old. Current genealogical research has not yet connected back to Scotland but there are definitely Scottish traits found in the bloodline as well as a love of Scottish treats! Through his father's maternal grandmother, direct connections to Scotland can be found in Galbraith roots, who once shared a tartan with the Hunters.***

***Dale attended Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, ON where he graduated with a B.A. and B.Ed. He has been working for the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board since 2000 and in his current role as an Elementary School Vice Principal since 2011. Dale has also taught at Redeemer University's Teacher College for the past several years as a part-time instructor of the Elementary Reading Practices night course.***

***In his spare time, Dale enjoys volunteering for a variety of organizations, including Food 4 Kids Hamilton, Save the Mothers, and VRPro Races. He recently received a 20-year volunteer recognition award for his work with the Community Living Hamilton Drum Corps. Dale attends Knox Presbyterian Church in Waterdown where he enjoys singing with the Praise Team who have hosted an annual Celtic Christmas Ceilidh for several years which provided a perfect excuse to pull out his kilt (and flask!). His trailer, located on Lake Erie, is his home away from home from May to October. Dale loves to enjoy the outdoors, decorate for every holiday and spend quality time with friends and family. When not locked down by the global pandemic, Dale loves travelling within Canada and around the world. Some of his recent favourite destinations include Newfoundland and Australia. In 2017 Dale enjoyed his first trip to Scotland with his mom and had the opportunity to tour Hunterston Castle, search for Nessie and experience the sights and sounds of the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. He can't wait to return one day!***

***Since joining the Clan Hunter Canada, Dale has taken part in a number of annual meetings and hosted the Clan tent at the Fergus Scottish Festival in 2019 with his wonderful friend Daphne Clarke. Dale is excited about helping to promote the Clan through Highland Games and Festivals and supporting other members to do the same. He looks forward to working with Madame Pauline, Tom and the rest of the team in Canada to learn more about Hunter history and traditions. Dale cannot wait to meet and get to know fellow Clan members across the country and around the world!***

Stay Safe everyone (try not to fall down any stairs)

*Tom*

## Membership Report—Fall 2020



### Membership Report – Summer 2021

I am so happy to tell you that although COVID has closed down so many stores, activities, churches and schools, we are still receiving requests for membership in the Canadian Clan Hunter Association – here is a list of our newest members:

Diane Ann Hunter residing in Cornwall, right here in Ontario joined us in March.

North-Marie Hunter from Lumsden in Saskatchewan, joined us in mid April. North-Marie and another of our members, Jean-Pierre Hunter won 2nd prize in the competition set up by Clan Hunter U.K. earlier this year.

Congratulations Jean-Pierre and North-Marie on your win.

Carrying on our wonderful tradition, we welcomed Megen Husk to our numbers in early May. Megen also hails from Ontario, from the town of Newmarket.

I just noticed that so far this year we have welcomed 4 new members from Ontario, 1 new member from Saskatchewan and 1 new member from British Columbia. Should we be starting a competition to see which province can recruit the most new members before the end of 2021? Interesting, huh?

Another note on our members “doings”!! The 1st prize winner of the Competition run by Clan Hunter UK was also a member of Clan Hunter Canada. None other than Dale Hill from Hamilton, Ontario, ably assisted by his friend Daphne Clarke.

Well done Clan Hunter Canada members. 1st and 2nd prizes were both won by our members~

I have now sent out all the membership cards to those members who have paid their membership dues for this year – July 2021 – June 2022. If you have not received your card, you have not paid your dues. Please consider sending your payment by cheque or Paypal so that we can start catching up again. Dues are \$30.00 per year. . Just a reminder: payment can be made by Paypal, or by cheque - made out to Clan Hunter and sent to our Treasurer:

Donald Hunter, 439 - 8 The Donway East, Toronto, ON. M3C 3R7

Christine Hunter.

Membership Secretary



## From Clan Hunter UK

Dear Clansfolk,

Following the announcement from our governments that the date for opening up the UK is to be delayed by several weeks due to the rise in Covid-19 cases from a new variant, I have made the very sad decision that we will **not** hold our full International Gathering this year. It will be moved to 2022. The date to the Clan Hunter International Gathering will be over the weekend of the **2nd to 4th September, 2022** and I am so looking forward to welcoming you finally to your Clan home, Hunterston Castle.

The tour that was being arranged by Carol Hunter Sullivan and Lois Wallace (pictures to the right) is to be transferred to next year with their original programme. However if you have already made plans and booked your flights I will be holding a smaller gathering at Hunterston Castle with almost the same programme. The only real change will be our Dinner venue. I will be able to confirm the venue once I know how many will be joining me.

We are pleased to announce that plans are underway to produce a wonderful Virtual Clan Hunter Gathering. If you cannot come to Hunterston, let us bring Hunterston to you! It will be available on a virtual event platform September 11th 2021. Check on the Clan Hunter website and Facebook page to find out how to obtain the virtual event. In the meantime, I invite you to visit our official Clan Hunter website [www.clanhunterscotland.com](http://www.clanhunterscotland.com). Please rest assured that you will all always be welcome to visit Hunterston Castle.

Yours aye,

Madam Pauline

Clan Chief of Clan Hunter

“Carol Hunter Sullivan and I will be going back to the original itinerary for the Clan Hunter Group tour 2022, adding back in the overnight on the Isle of Arran and including excellent guided sightseeing as well as transportation and inclusions in all Madam Pauline’s Gathering plans. Watch for more information in September. I will be keeping you on my email list so we can keep connected.”

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Lois and Carol



George Square, Glasgow



Glasgow, the River Clyde



Hunterston Castle in Spring



Largs Viking Festival



Dumfries House



## Connections Corner by Lizz Hunter Thibodeau



Genealogy is fun. That's my opinion and I'm sticking to it. To me, genealogy is like a jigsaw puzzle, or a scavenger hunt, or a crossword puzzle. You have to look at clues and put them together, and you often can't figure out one element until you figure out something else. Here's a recent story to demonstrate.

My dad has been stuck on one ancestor in our genealogy for several decades now. I can remember being quite young – probably an early teen – when dad found the fateful census record with James Iven Hunter on it. “Were you born in this county? No”. Eventually, the census question would be changed to “Where were you born?” but in at this time the question simply asked people if they were born ‘round here and if they weren’t, well tough.

So James Iven Hunter, born around 1780, is as far back as our family has been able to get. Years go by with very little action, and then suddenly dad will take up the chase again and see if any new data has come to light.

A wee while ago, dad was on Ancestry.ca poking around to see if there were any James Hunters who had been born around 1780 and died somewhere between 1840 & 1850 (when our James disappears off the census) and he found one! And this James’ father’s name was James which fit the correct pattern. So just to keep track of him, dad tentatively put him into our family tree.

Now dad has a cousin, Eleanor, who is also keen to find James Iven Hunter’s information, and she does the same as dad and just keeps having a look for him whenever she can. Not too long ago, she sent my dad a message, all excited because she had found James Iven through the Shetland Genealogy Association. Dad was excited too and when he looked up the information (paying \$8 for access!) he was especially excited to see that this new data confirmed the guess that he had made some time previously. It looked like it was the same James that dad had already pencilled in. He was just about to call Eleanor to celebrate her find when he thought he would just dig a little deeper first. The data from the Orkneys had no sources listed, but did have an email address so dad sent off a message asking for confirmation of the sources for this data (i.e. was there a birth certificate or death certificate or some other documentation).

He quickly received a response from Tony, apologizing for not posting his sources. He explained that he had found the information on Ancestry.ca on the family tree of someone named thunter01...

That’s my dad.

Tony had found the unsourced information that dad had posted as his own reminder and taken it for accurate. He had then posted it to his own site without sources. Eleanor found it and took it for truth without checking sources. It was only when dad looked for the sources that they all realised that they had inadvertently created a genealogy vortex.

This is such a great example of the importance of citing sources that I even use it in my class to teach my students why references are important! So check your sources everyone. Don’t get caught out by “Wishful Linking”.

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### 5 GOLDEN RULES OF GENEALOGY

- #1 Leave no stone unturned, unless it is a headstone.
- #2 Handwriting legibility is inversely proportional to a documents importance.
- #3 The further away a cemetery or library is, the more awkward the opening hours will be.
- #4 The relative you most need to talk with is the one whose funeral you are currently attending.
- #5 Wherever you find two or more siblings, there also will you find two or more surname spellings.



GENE TOONS by Wendell Washer



It only took ten minutes to find him, and I love the search!

## From the Clansfolk—stories of our family

Lizz here. I asked my daughter, Torry, if she would write something for the newsletter this month. My suggestion was to tell us something about what teenagers are doing to occupy themselves during COVID. We all know teenagers love their video games, but in our house, watching video game championships on tv has replaced all other sporting events. Here is Torry's explanation of the Minecraft Championship Games.

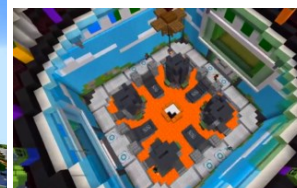
As we've all experienced throughout the pandemic, COVID-19 has cancelled many in-person events for people of all ages. But there's one event in particular that's continued going strong, and even raised over \$300,000 for charity this month. This event is the Minecraft Championship, a live video game sporting event that draws in hundreds of thousands of viewers every month, mostly teenagers, to watch their favourite internet comedians compete for the top spot.

The Championship consists of forty players divided into ten teams of four, who then play in eight unique minigames. Each minigame allows the players to gain coins for their team, and then the top two teams face off in one final game to see who will take home the crown. And, since this is the Minecraft Championship, the entire tournament takes place inside the video game Minecraft, meaning that the games are not the typical games you'd expect from other sporting events.

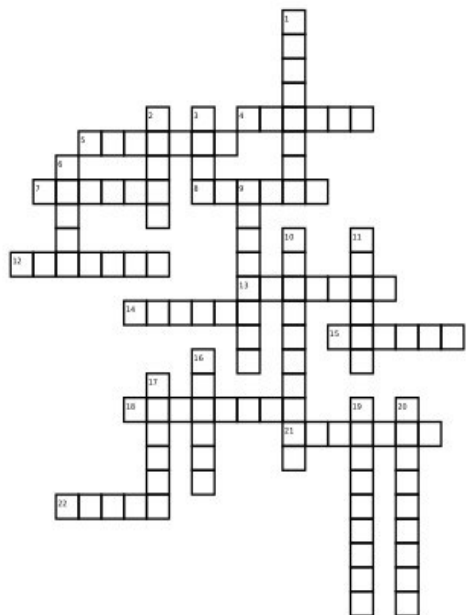
The game roster has changed quite a few times throughout the last fourteen Championships, but there are some that are an essential part of every tournament. My personal favourites are Hole in the Wall and Battle Box. Hole in the Wall is a very straightforward game where the competitors must jump through small holes and stay on a slowly-shrinking platform for as long as possible. Battle Box is a more aggressive game almost like Capture the Flag where two teams are pitted against each other in an arena, and the first team to place all of their coloured wool in the centre of the arena wins. Extra points are awarded for eliminating the other team, so it can get pretty exciting when your team is fighting for their virtual lives. Even though the games stay mostly the same, the order always changes based on how the players vote during the event, and as the coins increase the longer the events go on, this is a crucial part of the event's strategy.

All in all, Minecraft Championship is an exciting online event that takes place once a month and lasts about three hours, encompassing on-the-spot comedy, competitive gaming, amazingly-designed environments, and enthusiastic teamwork. At the end of every event, the winners don't even get a cash prize--it's all just for fun, entertainment, and a small celebratory token in the shape of a coin embossed with the MCC logo. Plus, the most recent MCC was devoted to supporting charity, and over \$300,000 was donated across the few days leading up to the event and the event itself. It's amazing what can come out of just some funny people enjoying themselves on the internet.

By Torry Thibodeau



# Clan Hunter Crossword Puzzle



## Down:

1. Hunterston home - West
2. Fergus Highland
3. fèileadh
6. crest dog
9. transportation to International Gathering 2021
10. castle
11. fling, sword, and the Gay Gordons
16. Hunterston
17. people related either by consanguinity or affinity
19. Torry's championship game
20. Connections Corners topic

## Across:

4. ours is green hunting ground colour, with narrow gold (yellow) and red stripes
5. four new members this year
7. stay the \_\_\_\_\_
8. restricted by COVID
12. shirt sleeve dessert
13. Lizz says, "Don't get caught out by wishful \_\_\_\_\_"
14. our home and native land
15. official animal, Canada
18. government travel document
21. Tom Hunter, clan \_\_\_\_\_
22. how many years Lynn has been in Canada

answers will be available on the **Clan Hunter Canada - Official facebook page**  
<https://www.facebook.com/Clan-Hunter-Canada-Official-188145284625528/>



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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.

## 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!

## Recipe corner

### Jam Roly-Poly (or shirt sleeve pudding)

Ok folks, let's give this one a try! Honestly, I just really liked the name of it!

***Jam Roly-Poly is a traditional British dessert probably invented in the early 19th century. It is a flat-rolled pudding, which is then spread with jam (preserve) and rolled up. Jam Roly-Poly was also known as shirt-sleeve pudding, because it was often steamed and served in an old shirt-sleeve. It can be served with pouring custard.***

#### INGREDIENTS

- 1 pound [Flour](#)
- 6 ounces Beef suet finely [minced](#)
- 1 ounce [Flour](#) extra
- 1/2 teaspoon [Salt](#)
- 1 teaspoon [Baking Powder](#)
- 1/2 pint Water ; or yolks of 4 eggs
- 1/2 pound Raspberry ; or Strawberry Jam

#### Method:

##### **To make suet crust pastry:**

Sift flour, baking powder and salt

Add suet, rub well into flour with tips of fingers

Add water (or egg yolks) gradually, making a very dry dough. Do not add all water unless necessary.

On a floured board roll out the suet crust to an oblong about 1/4 in thickness.

##### **To make the roly-poly:**

Spread the suet crust with as much jam as you wish, to within 1/2 in of the edge all round.

Roll up as for a Swiss Roll, seal the edges and close the ends.

Take a clean cloth large enough to take the pudding, and wring it out in hot water.

Spread it flat, and dust liberally with flour.

Roll the pudding in the cloth, tie both end tightly with string.

Lower it into a large pan of boiling water, with a trivet or inverted plate on the bottom.

Let it boil continuously for 1 1/2 hours, adding extra boiling water from the kettle if needed.

Serve with custard, or sweet white sauce, or jam sauce.

