

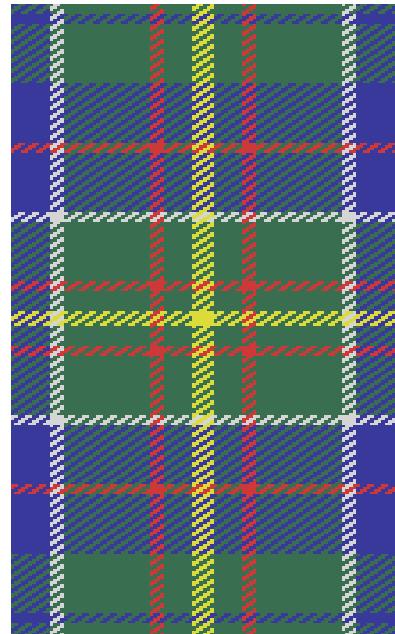
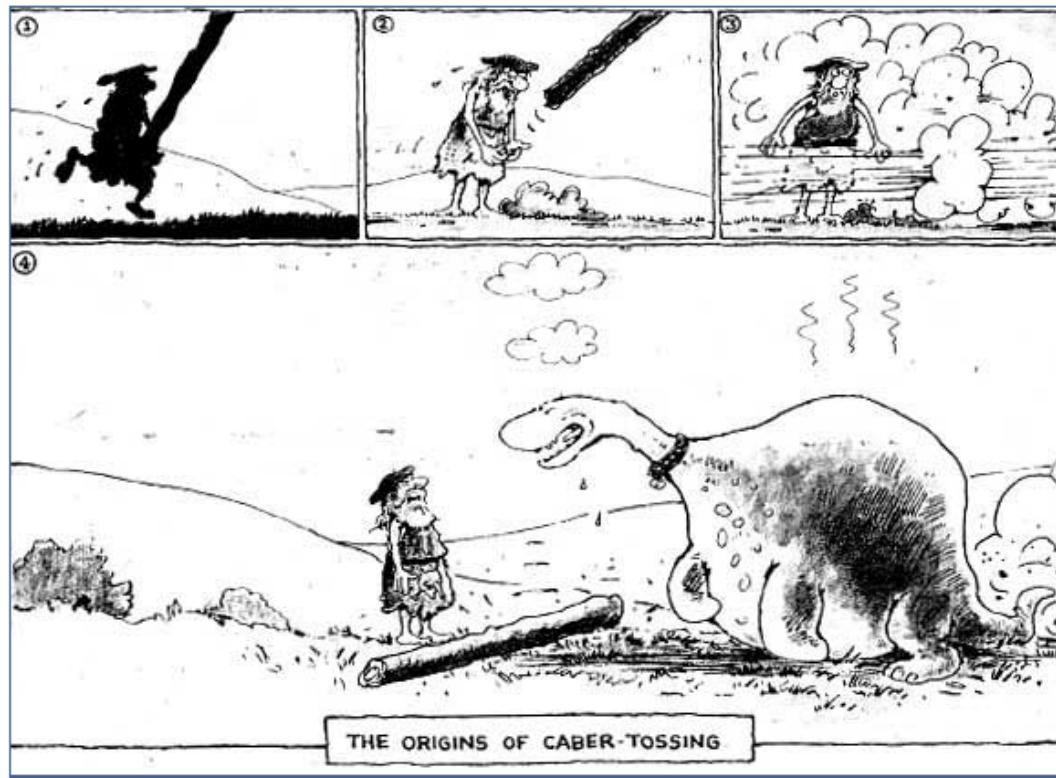
# Hunters' Halloo

## From the Editors

Welcome to the Fall Newsletter! Christmas and the Holiday season are fast approaching, but we hope to bring you a little feeling of the warmth of summer as we look back on several of the Highland Games Clan Hunter visited this past summer. We are so appreciative that several of our members were able to attend games on behalf of the Clan and have a lot of fun doing it! If you have Games near you and would like to attend on our behalf next summer, just let us know and we'll make sure you have what you need.

There is also some important news about the upcoming Gathering at Hunterston in 2020, and lots of wonderful photos of many Clan members. We hope you enjoy this newsletter. Please take a photo around the Christmas tree, or around the dinner table this Holiday season and send it to us for the Winter newsletter. We'd love to be able to include photos of Hunter celebrations across Canada.

*Lynn & Lizz*



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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!

## From the Clan Officer, Tom Hunter

Greetings Clanfolk and a special welcome to all our new members. I hope you enjoy your experience as an official member of Clan Hunter – Canada. I hope everyone took the chance to get out to a Highland Games near you this year and show off your Hunter Tartan. (Kilt, skirt, shorts, waistcoat, hat or whatever is your thing) We were excited this year to have Clan representatives in BC, Alberta and Ontario. Look for coverage in this issue. I have just received an update on the 2020 Clan Gathering complete with the programme for the weekend from Madam Pauline which I will send out as a separate publication. Those wishing to include their visit to Hunterston within an organized tour will be excited to discover that such a tour is available. Details below:

A Tour is being organized by Lois Wallace and Carol Hunter Sullivan

### **Clan Hunter Custom Tour 2020**

A special Customized tour that will include the Clan Hunter gathering for 2020 is being planned. To include transportation to and from Gathering events accommodations as well as sites of Historic significance to Clan Hunter and Scotland.

Carol Hunter Sullivan is planning and coordinating the itinerary with Authentic Celtic Travels. Tentative dates are Sept.2-10, 2020. To be on the list to get the full information as soon as it is available contact Carol at 928-542-2072 or carolhuntersullivan@gmail.com. She is compiling a list of those interested in this one of a kind trip.

Folks I would suggest that if you are interested in this trip you should contact Carol soon. In the meanwhile enjoy this newsletter and as always send us your news and photos.

*Tom*

## Membership Report—Autumn 2019

We have had a wonderful year with a new member almost every month since January. Carrying on in this mode I am pleased to welcome the following new members to our Association:

**Mason Hunter** from Bracebridge, Ontario sent us his membership application in August.

This was followed in September with a membership request from **Caroline Lenardon** who hails from Nanoose Bay in BC.

October saw us welcoming **Linda Wright** who lives in Ottawa, Ontario.

We're now half way through November and I am feeling quite abandoned! No new member this month – SO FAR!

We welcome these new members and hope that they find a comfortable home among other Hunter's. If you attend Highland Games in the summertime – and if there happens to be a Hunter Clan presence there – please make yourself known and get to know some other folks who share your heritage.

We have welcomed 11 new members so far this year – I think that is a record, and is very affirming of the love Hunters still have for their history and for their heritage.

I only have one thing left to say..... Okay – here it comes!! We have 97 active members on our records and this year we have received 47 annual fee payments. That is not a good record for any Association – and can mean that we are not able to fulfill our commitment to have a presence at some Highland Games. I will be sending out notices to those who are not paid up members with this newsletter, please think about bringing your membership up-to-date. I thank you in advance for giving this your attention,

Christine Hunter  
Membership Secretary



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

A hearty Hunter's "Halloo" to you all and welcome to the latest 'Memoirs of a Mountie'. In this edition of my prattles (Thank you for indulging me), I need to 'toot my own horn' and tell you about something amazing that happened...

On October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019, I attended a ceremony hosted by the Surrey Board of Trade, during which they honoured police officers that had shown dedication to the community, excelled in a particular area of policing, etc. The top prize (Think 'Best Picture' at The Oscars) is 'Police Officer of the Year – Nominated by the Community' and I was one of three people nominated!



The awards ceremony was held in a hotel ballroom in Surrey, BC, with a live band, a stage had been set up with a local news anchor acting as the emcee, and theatrical lighting added an air of spectacle to the proceedings.

After enjoying a wonderful meal while listening to the folksy band, it was time for awards to be presented. It was wonderful to watch as my colleagues won their respective awards and were presented with a handsome plaque as a keepsake. I was feeling very proud of them all for the outstanding work they had done over the year.

...Then it was time for 'Police Officer of the Year – Nominated by the Community' the award I was nominated for!

I don't mind telling you that this was probably the most nervous I have ever been in my life. I couldn't look at my friends and family who were present, I couldn't stop wringing my hands beneath the table, and my heart was doing an anxious, but merry, jig – beating at the inside of my ribcage.

The news anchor read out the nominees and why they were nominated, before opening up a sealed envelope which contained the name of the winner... my heart's jig started to go double-time... then he read my name. I won. I actually won!

So... I gathered my thoughts, stepped up onto the stage to shake some hands and be presented with my plaque (Which now has pride of place on my wall) and gave a brief 'thank you' speech acknowledging that awards like the one I was holding are not earned by the individual – they are a product of an individual working within a supportive environment in which everyone excels in their own way.

I am, truly, humbled to have been given the award and to have shared that moment with my friends and family. I love my work with the RCMP and over the last year I have given a lot of my time to engaging with the community and mentoring youth in the community – one youth in particular, Brahmroop, was in attendance. Brahmroop was the member of the community that nominated me for the award and wrote in his nomination that, "...Constable Wright has changed my life forever."

I do my job because I love it. I get to meet exceptional people, like Brahmroop, and to help the community feel safe. I don't do what I do for accolades – but that award was special and gratefully received.

Speak to you all soon,  
Richard



## Fergus Scottish Festival & Highland Games—August 9-11

On August 9-11, 2019, the Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games were held. The weather was perfect and lots of people attended over the three days. As the Clan Hunter tent hosts in the Heritage Village, we had the pleasure of meeting and greeting fellow clans' people and guests from across Canada, North America and beyond. We introduced visitors to our clan tartans, crest, motto and shared some history about the clan seat at Hunterston. Dale also shared some of his personal pictures from his visit to the Hunterston Castle. This year there were over 50 clans represented and this was a new record for the Fergus Festival!

We were honoured to welcome Lord Lyon, King of Arms, to our Clan Hunter tent. He shared with us fond memories of meeting Madame Pauline over the years in Scotland. We were privileged to share the tent with Clan Officer Tom Hunter and his wife Christine, the membership Secretary, for a few hours in the afternoon. We benefitted from the stories they shared with guests and increased our own knowledge of clan history as well.

Visitors to our clan tent included Graham Hunter, one of the newest members of our clan, Johnny Hunter-Wilson who is currently discovering and learning about his Hunter heritage, along with a number of young children who were named Hunter and we were able to share samples of the Hunter tartan with them. Many visitors connected to Hunter families through bloodlines or marriage, two of which were attending Hunter family reunions in the next few weeks! We provided them with information packages on how to become a member of our wonderful clan.

One of our highlights from the weekend was proudly representing the Hunter Clan in the Opening Ceremonies Parade of Clans. Other enjoyable activities included the Ashley MacIsaac concert, Regimental Tug of War competition, Massed Bands, Heritage Village Passport program, delicious Scottish treats, Highland Dancing and heavyweight competitions to just name a few.

All in all, it was a wonderful event. We would like to thank you all for the opportunity to proudly represent Clan Hunter. We look forward to meeting more fellow clan members next year. We will see you in Fergus. As the festival says, "It's like Scotland without the airfare!"

Dale Hill and Daphne Clarke



## Fergus Scottish Festival & Highland Games—August 9-11



## Canmore Highland Games—August 31st-September 1st

Judith Harrison hosted the Clan Hunter tent at the Canmore Highland Games in Alberta on Labour Day weekend. The day was a wee bit overcast, but spirits were high!





## 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** Tom Hunter, 61 Downing Crescent, London, Ontario, N6C 3C7 **or by email to:** tomhunter670@gmail.com

## 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



## 2019 Highland Games

A big thank you to our Clan members who hosted Clan Hunter tents at their local Highland Games this year.

Richard Wright—Coquitlam Highland Games

Dale Hill—Fergus Scottish Festival & Highland Games

Judith Harrison—Canmore Highland Games,

If you'd like to join the fun next year, please let Tom Hunter, Clan Officer, know and he will provide you with materials and encouragement!

