

Hunters' Halloo

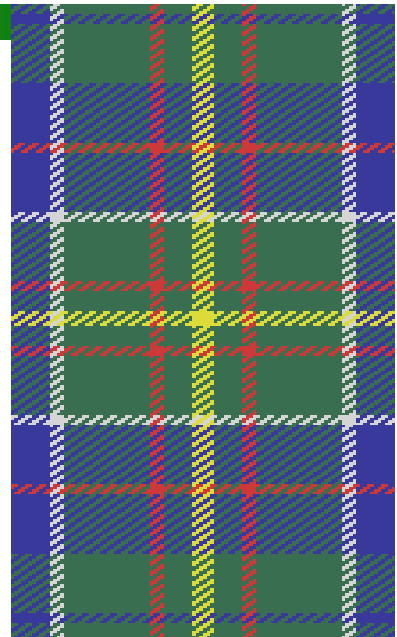
From the Editors

Well, we're a little late with this edition of Hunters' Halloo and for that Lynn & I do apologize. However, we are happy to be able to report in this newsletter that our father, Tom Hunter—Clan Officer, has come through his surgery with flying colours and is recovering very well. Much nicer to be able to report that than to still be awaiting the surgery. As he mentions in his own wee blurb from the Clan Officer, it is a fairly long recovery period and he will be unable to look after the clan tent at Fergus this year. It would be great if we were still able to have a Clan Hunter table, but that will only happen if someone is willing to look after it.

In the Winter newsletter, we asked people to watch the Facebook group for ideas of what to contribute to the upcoming newsletter, and in February we asked people to share photos of any Burns' Suppers that they had attended. Thanks to those who did share!

We will again post on Facebook to encourage people to share photos of Scottish summer activities, but in case you are not on Facebook, Lynn & I would love to receive photos of any Highland Games that you attend this summer and we will include them in the next newsletter. Our email addresses are in the right-hand column of this page. If you're looking for some Games in your area, have a look at our list on page 3.

Lynn & Lizz



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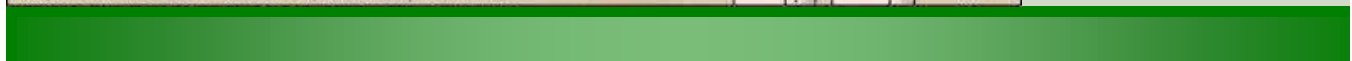
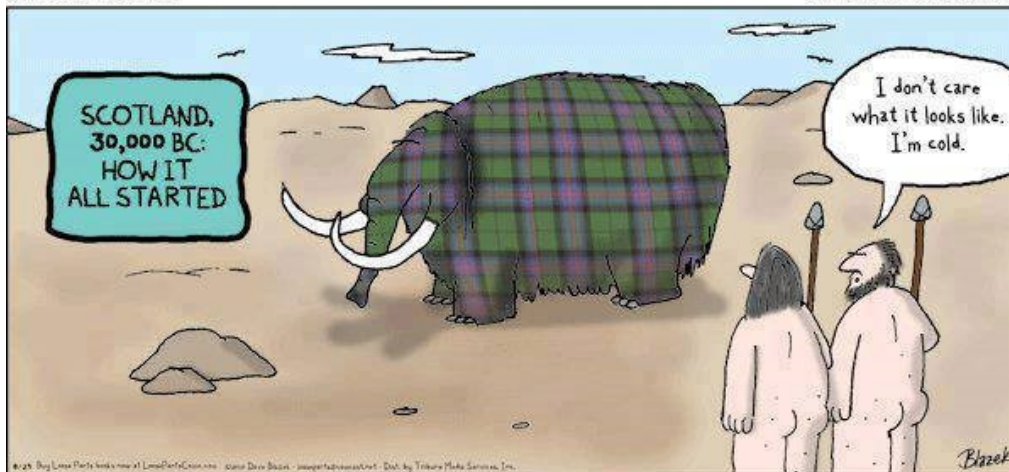
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BY DAVE BLAZEK



From the Clan Officer, Tom Hunter

Greetings fellow Clansfolk, At long last Spring seems to have reached us here in Southern Ontario. Isn't it amazing what a little sunshine can do to your mood? For the last couple of "sunny" days, Christine and I (with the help of a couple of the grandkids) have been bringing the garden back to some semblance of order after the Winter messiness. But back to the Clan business. In the last newsletter, I announced that it was time for me to retire and I put out a request for a replacement for the Clan Officer. To date, I have had no response or replies whatsoever. My latest consultation with my surgeon indicated that it has become necessary for me to undergo serious bladder surgery which will mean that I will not be available to host the Clan Tent at Fergus this year. So.... do we have anyone willing to assume the role of host in my place. The tent, table and chairs are all provided by the Fergus Games organization along with free admission for two and parking. Anyone volunteering would need to pick up handout material and display items from me. The Games organizers would like Clan tents to be available to the public on both Saturday and Sunday although some Clans only stay for Saturday. Please let me know ASAP if you can fill this role.

Tom

Membership Report—Spring 2018

Well is it really spring now, or are we being lulled into thinking so? It has been a very strange winter, and I think we are all ready for a little bit of warmer, kinder, gentler weather now!

Say "Hi" to our newest member, **Moira Hunter-Kenyon** who joined us in mid February. Moira hails from Paris, Ontario.

I would like to thank all those who took my last message to heart and sent us their dues for the 2017/2018 year. We thank them all for this and all membership cards have been sent out to those paid-up members. We do still have some un-paid-up members, and that will be looked after with this newsletter. Our membership year goes from July 1st of the current year to June 31st of the following year, and so memberships will be due again in just a few weeks' time. Notices (reminders) will be sent with this Newsletter. Please take note of this, and consider taking the time to send your dues by July 1st this year.

How did you like the Scotch Eggs? I'm sure you all rushed out to get the ingredients to make this dish. If anyone has a favourite Scottish recipe – feel free to send it to me and I will see that it is shared with the Clan members!

Christine Hunter, Membership Secretary

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

But, if ye wish her grateful' prayer, Gie her a Haggis

January 25th is a special day for Scottish people. It commemorates the life of the bard (poet) Robert Burns, who was born on January 25, 1759. The day also celebrates Burns' contribution to Scottish culture. Our culture is special to us, and even more so it seems to those of us living far from the homeland. It is a day, or night, when we can don our kilts, tartan skirts, or trews, eat haggis or other Scottish delicacies, and put on a much broader accent than we normally would!

The usual celebration is a Burns dinner. The night normally includes a haggis supper, piped in and addressed properly with Burns' famous 'Address to the Haggis', highland dancers showing their best leaps, high cuts, and pas de basque, and singers regaling us with wonderful renditions of Burns' best works. An oration on the life of Robert Burns teaches us all about his literary genius, his politics, his highs and lows, his human frailty and - most importantly - his nationalism. Soon, Scottish dancing takes over the floor and the colourful tartans whirl and twirl to the Gay Gordons and such, with the sound of bagpipes filling the air. Ah, just thinking about it all makes me smile! Tis a night not to be missed, and a wonderful time when those who are not Scottish, can join in and be just a little bit Scottish, if only for a night!

Lynn (Hunter) Ball



Mida Betty Hunter-Lecocq, Kathryn Lecocq, Stephanie Lecocq-Heathcote and Faith Heathcote at the Kitchener-Waterloo Branch of the Royal Scottish Dance Society Annual Burns Supper 2018



Tom and Christine Hunter
Burns Supper 2018
Chalmers Church,
London, ON



Tom Hunter :
Toast to the
lassies



Lizz (Hunter)
Thibodeau:
Reply from the
lassies



Andrew and Lizz
Thibodeau

Highland Games

Here are just a few of the Highland Games happening this summer in Canada.

- Georgetown Games, Sat. June 9th
- BC Games & Scottish Festival, Coquitlam Sat. June 16th
- Kincardine Scottish Festival, Sat. July 7th
- Cambridge Scottish Festival, Sat. July 21st
- Uxbridge Scottish Festival, Sat. July 28th
- Glengarry Highland Games, Maxville ON, Aug 3-4th
- Fergus Scottish Festival, Aug 11-12th

For more options, check out one of these websites:

- <http://www.topeventscanada.com/canada-events-festivals-themes-canada-scottish-highland-games.html>
- <https://www.transceltic.com/celtic-festivals-canada>
- <http://ppbso.org/games>

From the Scottish Recipe Files

Having grown up in a Scottish household, we have some wonderful memories of mouthwatering traditional Scottish cooking (and some not so mouth watering that we are still trying to forget) We thought we would share some of our favourites with you.

Millionaires' Shortbread * *Our mum always put some of the caramel filling aside on a plate to cool, and each of us got a spoonful! It was such a treat! I think that is why this recipe is one of my favourites.*

Ingredients (Biscuit Base):

8oz (200g or two US cups) plain flour
6oz (150g or 1½ US sticks) margarine
3oz (75g or half US cup) caster (fine white) sugar

Ingredients (Filling):

2oz (25g or ½ US stick) margarine
2oz (25g or between a ¼ and a ½ US cup) soft brown sugar
A large tin of condensed milk

Ingredients (Topping):

8oz (200g or one US cup) light brown chocolate

Method:

Rub the margarine and flour together in a bowl until you have a mix which is similar to breadcrumbs. Stir in the sugar. Spread the mixture evenly into a 9" (23cm) square tin which has been lined with baking parchment. Bake in a pre-heated oven at 170C/340F (160C/320F if fan assisted) for approximately 35 minutes until it is golden brown. Allow the base to cool.

Heat the filling ingredients together in a pot, making sure that you stir it constantly (otherwise it will stick!) until it begins to simmer. Continue stirring until it thickens (which it should do in a few minutes). Spread the filling evenly over the base and again allow to cool.

Melt the chocolate so that you can spread it over the filling.

When it has cooled and you are ready to eat it, cut up into squares or rectangles with a sharp knife.



Photo from the Food Network UK

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!