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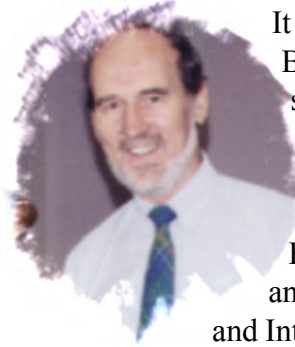
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It is with much sadness that I must report the death of Bert Hunter - Australian Clan Officer. Our deepest sympathies go out to Bert's wife Claire and his children, Marice, Rodney, Glenice and Julie. I spent time with Bert and Claire at previous Clan Gatherings and enjoyed their company very much. Bert was a dedicated and enthusiastic Clan Officer and will be sorely missed by his Australian colleagues and International friends.

This issue of the newsletter contains details of the Clan Gathering at Fergus. I hope everyone will make an attempt to be with us and enjoy the fun of the Games. There is an article giving all the details on page 3. Also in this issue we have an article sent to me from a new friend in Argentina now living in the USA. The article supplied by Daniela Hunter has particular interest to her as one of the characters in the story is a direct ancestor. For the answer to which one you will have to wait until the next newsletter when the story concludes. (If you can't possibly wait you can find it on the Clan Hunter Canada web site)

Tom

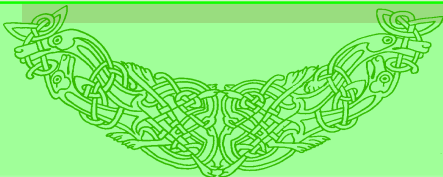
Visit of Madam Pauline Hunter of Hunterston 2003

We are already making plans for the visit of our chief Madam Pauline Hunter of Hunterston in **August 7, 8, 9, 10, 2003 (NEXT YEAR)** and you should be too. Preliminary plans include ...

- Sponsors Reception 7 Aug 2003 Fergus
- Fergus Tattoo & Lighting 8 Aug 2003 Fergus
- Fergus Highland Games 9 Aug 2003 Fergus
- Clan Hunter reception 9 Aug 2003 Local restaurant, Fergus
- Evening entertainment 9 Aug 2003 Fergus
- Kirkin' o' the Tartan 10 Aug 2003 St Andrew's Presb.Fergus
- Clan Lunch and meeting 10 Aug 2003 Ramada Hotel & Conference Centre Guelph

If you intend to join us at Fergus and you think you will need accommodation then you will need to book well in advance. Accommodations during the time of the Fergus Games is extremely difficult to come by. I will include a list of accommodations in the Fergus area supplied by the Fergus Games Committee. Please note that this is just a list and should not be taken as an endorsement of any of these establishments. There will be of course, more information made available as plans begin to develop and take shape.

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Dear Clansfolk,

It is with tremendous sadness that I have to inform you of the passing of one of our most valued Clan Officers, Bert Hunter, Clan Officer for Australia. I know that you will all join with me in sending our most sincere condolences to his wife, Claire, and his children. Bert has been Clan Officer for Australia since the inception of the Hunter Clan Association in Australia. He was the recipient of the Order of the Royal Huntsman for his valiant services to Clan Hunter. Bert was a very well respected and active member of the Scottish Australians in Sydney and always with Claire at his side. At the last Clan Gathering at Hunterston, 2001, Bert was a font of strength and support. Many of you who attended will remember him with warm affection. I shall always remember Bert with great gratitude and fondness. It has been a great pleasure and honour to have had him as my Clan Officer.



The central Clan Hunter web site, www.clanhunter.com, is being changed and improved, with the help of one of our newest and most active Clan members, Peter Hunter. We have simplified ordering from the Mail Order, payment for Clan goods can be made as before in either US Dollars (US\$) or UK Pounds (,). Urgent orders may be e-mailed through and courier delivery can be arranged if required. We hope you like the new changes and please feel you can give us feedback. The site is for you all and I would be pleased to receive suggestions from anyone.

I was fortunate to be able to take some pictures of Hunterston Castle when the bluebells were in bloom and shall be posting these on the web site. Hunterston Castle looks its best in spring with all the flowers and the memorial trees just coming into leaf. The Rowan tree planted last year at the Gathering for Brett Hunter Pirkle (US) has grown well and is flourishing. I recently planted a weeping cherry in memory of Adrian Hunter Gardner (UK). Dr Nadene Hunter (Canada) requested that the tree she planted in memory of her husband be replaced and we now have a fine weeping laburnum opposite the Castle. While I was in the walled garden this spring after the lawns had been mowed, I found a fine Horse Chestnut, which I have now planted on the larger lawn in front of the Castle. It will make a fine tree in a few decades and replace those that are aging.

All my best wishes and thanks to those of you who are attending Highland and Scottish events during this year. It is largely due to all your efforts that our Clan continues to thrive and grow. Since I became Clan Chief in 1995 we have doubled our membership numbers and doubled our Clan Associations. I thank you all for your wonderful work. We all appreciate what you do for the Hunter Clan.

The Wild Boys of the Goulburn

People Magazine, September 12, 62
The boisterous Hunters tamed
Victoria's toughest country
By Francis Murray

During the early 1840's, Lamb Inn in Collins Street, Melbourne, became notorious as the haunt of high-spirited young men, among the wildest of whom were the "Goulburn Boys" –squatters from the Goulburn River runs. Led by the Hunter brothers, they swooped on Melbourne for intermittent après. Their boisterous practical jokes made them the bane of the constabulary and the despoise of sober-minded citizens.

However, the Hunter brothers were not mere playboy-hooligans; they were tough pioneers who helped the Port Phillip district to blossom into the State of Victoria. Overlanders and pathfinders in

its alpine terrain, they also played a leading role in establishing Australia's horse-racing fame. In 1838, Alexander Hunter, Writer to the Signet in Edinburgh –a high judicial office- formed a company to take up land in Australia. The shareholders included the Marquis of Aisla and other Scottish noblemen. Hunter then had six sons, of whom five came to Australia between 1839 and 1851. They were John, born 1820, Alexander McLean (1821), James Arthur Carr (1824), Andrew Francis (1827), and William Ferguson (1828).

In 1839, the company sent James Watson and Alexander McLean Hunter to Melbourne to find suitable land in the Port Phillip district. For the company they chose property near Keilor, about 10 miles from Melbourne, and sailed to Sydney to buy stock.

Soon after they arrived there, John landed. He was followed in 1840 by James and two cousins, Campbell Hunter, and "Old" John (later nicknamed Howqua) Hunter, and the Marquis of Ailsa's younger son,

Gilbert Kennedy.

Reckless gig race

Watson was essentially the business manager. He was too preoccupied with company affairs to keep a tight rein on the bunch of boisterous men under 21, who had been foisted on him. With no work to occupy them, they painted Sydney red.

They were all accomplished horsemen, John being particularly reckless. Challenged to a gig race, he drove furiously along George Street, scattering pedestrians in panic, until the gig collided with a wagon. The gig was a complete wreck and two men and a woman were injured.

Angry citizens demanded his arrest, but Alexander sent the young men out of town before the police acted. He kept them holding a mob of cattle on the outskirts of Sydney, while Watson

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**Fergus Scottish Festival Accommodation
PhoneList All in the (51 9) area code.
April 19, 2002 version.**

Code	Name	Address	Town	Tel
B&B	Blossom Hill B&B	RR 2 Elora Region	Ariss	836-2062
B&B	Jorunna Stables B&B	RR 1	Ariss	846-2327
B&S	Baumdale Farm	5949 Wellington Rd. 26, RR 6	Belwood	855-6320
B&B	Maple Brea Farm B&B	8724 Wellington Rd. 18, RR 6	Belwood	787-0346
B&S	Riverwood B&B	6885 5th Line, RR 1	Belwood	843-9982
B&B	Townsend's Whimsical Schoolhouse	6381 6th Line, RR 5	Belwood	787-5262
B&B	Appleby Acres B&B	RR 2 (12 miles NE of Fergus)	Belwood/Orton7	87-9993
B&B	Log House B&B	6435 Crowsfoot Rd, RR 1	Breslau	648-9474
B&B	Country Spirit	66 Ash St	Eden Mills	856-9879
B&B	Blinkers B&B	Box GG 26, 53 Victoria St	Elora	846-0703
B&B	Cottage on the Park	RR2	Elora.	846-8193
B&B	Dr. W. F. Savage's House 1875	45 Colborne St	Elora	846-5325
B&S	Fortress B&B	297 Geddes St, SS4	Elora	846-5673
B&O	Four Seasons B&B	RR 2, 7379 Wellington County Rd 21	Elora	846-0461
B&B	Gingerbread House	22 Metcalfe St.	Elora	846-0521
B&B	Grand Escape B&B	RR 2	Elora	846-0126
B&B	Grand River Guesthouse B&B	94 Water St, PO Box 1636	Elora	846-5980
B&S	Lord Ponsonby House	RR 2	Elora	846-8487
B&B	McWater's Home B&B	RR 2	Elora	843-4028
B&B,	Middlebrook House	7446 Middlebrook Rd	Elora	846-0938
B&B	Old Bissell House B&B	84 Mill St E	Elora	846-6695
B&B	Serenity Renewal Centre B&B	456 Irvine St	Elora	846-1997
B&S	Stoneacre B&B	363 Geddes St	Elora	846-5497
B&B	Three Bears B&B	RR 2, 0568 South River Rd.	Elora	843-5556
B&B	Vickerage B&B	90 Moir St.	Elora	846-9641
B&B	Water's Edge	68 Water St	Elora	846-9020
B&B	WimView B&B	83 Thomas Blvd, SS3	Elora	846-5649
B&B	Sem Wissler House	Site 1, Box 9, RR 1, 17 George St	Elora/Salem	846-2130
B&B	Cedarbrook Country Inn	5483 Wellington Rd 24, RR 2	Erin	833-1000
B&B	Brigadoon B&B	325 St Andrew St E	Fergus	843-5608
B'&B	Dalevista B&B	599 St Andrew St W	Fergus	787-7448
B&B	Dream Comers B&B	498 St. David St. N.	Fergus	787-7737
B&B	Fergus Fly-in B&B	6868 Beatty Line RR 1	Fergus	843-1487
B&B	Fergus Lee B&B	RR 4, 6287 Second Line	Fergus	843-5936
B&B	Gallery of Dolls B&B	250 Hillside Dr.	Fergus	843-6504
B&B	Grand Retreat B&B	340 St. Andrew St. E.	Fergus	843-1851
B&B	JK Bed and Breakfast Inn	RR 1, 7784 Sideroad 15	Fergus	787-1860
B&B	Maplecrest Farm	RR 3, 6827 2nd Line West Garafraxa	Fergus	787-1849
B&B	Rose & Thistle B&B	235 St David St S	Fergus	843-7041
B&B	St. George B&B	185 St. George St. W.	Fergus	787-1825

All festival on site camping reservations start Mon. May 27, 2002 at 9 am. List is not intended as an endorsement of any establishments.

Code	Name	Address	Town	Tel
B&B	Stonehurst B&B	255 St David St S	Fergus	843-8800
B&B	Thompson's B&B	360 Provost Lane	Fergus	843-4065
B&B	Elm Park	Fischer Dr.	Guelph	821-8734
B&B	Gardenviev B&B	296 Water St	Guelph	822-0664
B&B	London House	80 London Rd W.	Guelph	824-6874
B&B	Lyon's Den	18 University Ave. E.	Guelph	821-2556
B&B	Maples Inn II	25 Wellington St W.	Guelph	823-1090
B&B	Norfolk Guest House	102 Eramosa Rd.	Guelph	767-1095
B&B	Oasis, The	402 Ironwood Rd.	Guelph	822-0465
B&B	Suffolk B&B	115 Suffolk St W	Guelph	823-1910
B&B	Sugarbush B&B	2 Sugarbush PL.	Guelph	760-4103
B&B	Wakefield House B&B	11 Graham St	Guelph	822-1479
B&B	Willow Manor	408 Willow Rd	Guelph	763-3574
B&B	Glenna Guesthouse B&B	RR 2, 7816 4th Line	Wallenstein	638-2470
Camp	Highland Pines Campground	RR 1	Belwood	843-2537
Camp	Elora Gorge Cons. Area	County Rd. 21	Elora	846-9742
Camp	Fergus Scottish Festival Site	PO Box 25	Fergus	787-0099
Camp	Guelph Lake Conservation Area	Township Rd. 6 RR 4	Guelph	824-5061
Camp	Guelph Township Recr. Park	7376 County Rd: 30 (PO Box 3000)	Guelph (Rockwood)	824-4470
Camp	Rockwood Conservation Area	Highway 7	Rockwood	856-9543
Hotel	Schoolhouse Country Inn	24 Broadway, Wellington Rd. 26	Bellwood	843-3576
Hotel	Drew House	120 Mill St E	Elora	846-2226
Hotel	Elora Mill Country Inn	77 Mill St W. PO Box 218	Elora	846-5356
Hotel	Metcalf Inn	59 Metcalfe St.	Elora	846-0081
Hotel	Village Inn	66 Guelph Rd.	Elora	846-5333
Hotel	Blue Horizon Inn	820 St David St N	Fergus	843-2100
Hotel	Breadalbane Inn	487 St. Andrew. St. W.	Fergus	843-4770
Hotel	Groves Mill Brewhouse and Inn	170 St David St N	Fergus	843-8871
Hotel	Highlander Inn	280 Bridge St.	Fergus	843-3115
Hotel	Best Western Emerald Inn,	106 Carden St	Guelph	836-1331
Hotel	Comfort Inn	480 Silvercreek Pkwy N.	Guelph	763-1900
Hotel	David's Country Dining, B&B	Hwy 6, 5 minutes south of Fergus	Guelph	822-9000
Hotel	Holiday Inn	601 Scottsdale Dr.	Guelph	836-0231
Hotel	Holiday Inn Express	540 Silvercreek Pkwy N	Guelph	824-2400
Hotel	Parkview Motel	721 Woolwich St.	Guelph	836-1410
Hotel	Ramada Hotel and Conference Cntr	716 Gordon St	Guelph	836-1240
Hotel	Super 8 Motel	281 Woodlawn Rd. W	Guelph	838-5850
Hotel	Days Inn	785 Gordon St	Guelph	822-9112
Housing	University of Guelph		Guelph	824-4120

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Clan Hunter Association
Canada
Annual Clan Gathering/meeting
5.00p.m.
Saturday 10th August 2002

Meeting Room
Fergus Highland Games
Fergus, Ontario
Join us afterwards for supper
in the
Countryside Family Restaurant,
Fergus
(please be sure to let us know beforehand
for reservation)

Why not plan to attend our gathering
at the Fergus Highland Games
9-11 August 2002

- ◆ Stay over in the Fergus area
- ◆ Enjoy the Games
- ◆ Hang out at the Clan Tent
- ◆ Join in with the other Hunters
in the Clan Parade
- ◆ Enjoy the fabulous Celtic
Music
- ◆ Meet some Clan friends
- ◆ Attend the Kirkin' of the
Tartan in St. Andrews
Presbyterian Church, Fergus.
10 am Sunday morning
- ◆ Share your genealogy with
other clan members
- ◆ Check out the Fergus
Highland Games web site
for up to date information

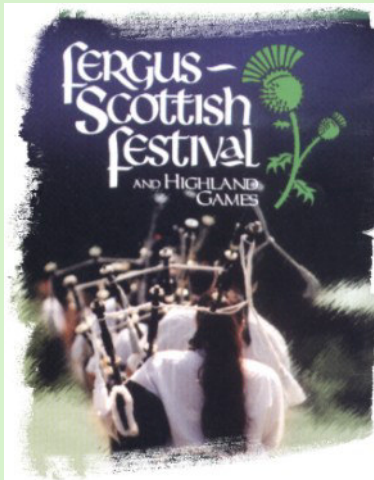
www.fergusscottishfestival.com

General Information

Pets: Absolutely no pets
on the Festival site!!!
Please leave your pet
(including dogs) at
home.

On site Festival Camping

Reservations begin
Monday May 27, 2002
at 9am. First come first
served. Reserve by
phone (519) 787-0099
with VISA or
MasterCard only, or
reserve in person at the Festival office.
\$65 per site for the weekend. Arrive as
early as THURSDAY after 3pm and stay
as late as Monday 12 noon.
All those camping must have tickets for
Friday, Saturday and Sunday, or have a
weekend pass. Shower, flush toilets,
electricity. No dump station or
guaranteed water hook-up. Absolutely no
pets on the festival site. Pets permitted
on campsite only. Camping cancellation
fee of \$20 applies.



Ticket Information

Adult: 19 to 59 years
Senior: 60 years and
over
Student: 13 to 18 years.
No students admitted to
the Scotch Tasting
Children: 12 years and
under admitted free. No
children admitted to the
Scotch Tasting.
Weekend Pass: Includes
admission to all events,
except the Scotch
Tasting.

Ticket Discounts

10% discount on all tickets paid by Friday
July 12, 2002. No 10% discount on the
Scotch Tasting

Ticket Ordering Advance tickets on sale
Monday May 27, 2002

Mail to PO Box 25, Fergus, Ontario,
N1M 2W7, Canada. Pay by cheque, VISA
or MasterCard. Cheques payable to
Fergus Scottish Festival Inc. Do not mail
cash.

Fax to (519) 787-1274

Pay by VISA or MasterCard only

Friday August 9 Includes day on site and
Tattoo

Adult \$14 ea
Senior \$12 ea
Student \$12 ea

Saturday August 10

Adult \$15 ea
Senior \$12 ea
Student \$12 ea

Sunday August 11

Adult \$14 ea
Senior \$12 ea
Student \$12 ea

Weekend Pass

Adult \$37 ea
Senior \$31 ea
Student \$31 ea

10% Discount if paid by Friday July 12,
2002

Postage & Handling \$2.00

Saturday August 10th:
"Scotch Tasting"

Adult/senior \$30 ea

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negotiated for labour and more stock. Although free labour was at a premium, assigned convict servants were available to landowners. Watson put in a claim for a run at Lake George to secure 20 servants for the company. Speeding up his buying Watson built up the herd to 500 head to get him mettlesome assistants on the track before they could cause further trouble in Sydney. Despite his youth, Alexander had a sense of responsibility, which was lacking in the happy-go-lucky John. He was tackily acknowledged as

the leader in all matters other than business, and took charge of the drive southward. On the track, he joined forces with Edward Bell, who was overlanding with 1,000 head. At Goulburn, Alexander was faced with mutiny. There was a race meeting on and his brothers and cousins flatly refused to break camp until it had finished. All the Hunters rode at the meeting, and James won his first race.

Long cattle drive

As the Lake George claim was a mere

subterfuge to get labour, Alexander ignored it. Purchasing more cattle en route, he reached Tumut with 1,000 head and bought a run at Gilmore Creek. Leaving Bell in charge there, Alexander bought another 700 head of cattle before going on to Keilor.

With a fine homestead and head station established at Keilor, John joined the young bloods at the Lamb Inn. One of their favourite sports was to race through the streets at midnight, scattering the

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watch and yelling "Fire". Disgruntled citizens, roused from bed by the false alarm, returned home to find sheep's heads and rude notices nailed to the front doors. Meantime, the steadier Alexander searched undeveloped country for more runs. Disappointed with the poor soil on an area, he had selected at Ballowea, near the present Mansfield, he pushed into wild terrain at the headwaters of the Goulburn River.

Having located good land on a tributary, he returned to Melbourne to learn that John's escapades with the Lamb Inn roisterers had earned him the nickname of Jack the Devil. Alexander cracked the whip. He dragged his relatives from their fun and games and put them to droving the Keilor cattle to the Goulburn.

Expert bush riders

At the first camp on the selected site, the brothers were awakened by banshee screams from the banks of a nearby stream. They discovered a big tribe of natives daubed with clay, dancing a fearsome corroboree around huge fires. Alexander named the stream Devil's River. Undaunted by this experience, Alexander took up six runs covering nearly 200,000 acres along Devil's River. He stocked them heavily with cattle and with sheep from Van Diemen's Land. In this wild country the Hunter brothers found an outlet for their high spirits. Already expert riders in the formal style, they rapidly became superlative bush horsemen and gained the reputation of being ready to ride anything, anywhere, and at any time.

John excelled as a horseman. Without saddle or bridle, he would race through the bush, swerving from trees and taking logs of fences without slackening speed. They not only trained a blind horse as a steeple-chaser, but won races on it.

As Alexander's sense of responsibility never sapped his enthusiasm for racing, the brothers visited Melbourne whenever a meeting was to be held there. Two meetings had been held in Melbourne before the Hunters arrived, on a course on the site of the present Spencer Street railway station. Sportsmen as keen as

the Hunters needed a secret track for trials. They found a mile-square flat beside the Saltwater (now Maribymong) River, where a semicircle of hills made a natural grandstand. The track was so good that the Melbourne Race Club staged a three-day meeting there in March, 1840. Run under English Jockey Club rules, riders wore silks for the first time in Victoria. Within a year, the Saltwater track had ousted the old course, and Flemington racecourse was born.

When a new turf club took control of the new course, Alexander became the honorary secretary and held office for nearly 20 years.

Not content with executive office, Alexander was a formidable rival to his brothers as the leading rider. Their services were so much in demand that three of them often had mounts in the same race. When Andrew Francis joined them later, the four brothers rode in one steeplechase.

Having imported outstanding thoroughbreds, including Rembrandt, Pilot, and Romeo, Alexander not only raised the standard of racing, but helped to pioneer the Victorian bloodstock industry. Tiding Romeo in 1841, he won the Town Plate, forerunner of the famous Melbourne Cup.

Alexander's popularity in Melbourne's sporting world was emphasized in a practical manner on one notable occasion. He delighted in driving a mettlesome four-in-hand, and when they bolted in Collins Street wrecking the carriage of a prominent banker, damages of £500 were awarded against Alexander. He called on his solicitor to arrange payment, only to be told that the damages had been paid by subscriptions from local sportsmen. Heading the list of contributors was William Stawell, later Sir William and Chief Justice of Victoria. He had been leading counsel for the plaintiff in the suit.

Meantime, James quickly rivalled John as a daring steeplechase rider. Riding a wild, untrained steeplechaser in a memorable race, he put his mount at a fence, but found a stray dog in the way. To avoid a bad crash, James swerved his horse and drove him at the high wing. To his horror, he saw a man and woman

seated in a buggy drawn up hard beyond the wing.

It was too late to stop. James "lifted" his mount and they cleared both the wing and the vehicle without a touch.

In women's clothes

John's prominence among the Goulburn Boys led to reckless extravagance, which landed him heavily in debt. When the police came to arrest and imprison him on a creditor's complaint he hid in a William Street house run by an old lag known as Slippery Sam. Before things were safe for John a big meeting was scheduled for the Saltwater. Although constables would be there searching for him, John refused to miss the races.

During the last race two disgruntled constables stood near some Goulburn Boys who were grouped around a young woman in meticulous riding habit and mounted, side-saddle, on a thoroughbred. The horses ridden by Alexander and James cleared away from the field over the last fence and the horsewoman's excitement routed her discretion. She shouted enthusiastically in a deep bass voice and the startled constables moved in on their quarry. At a touch of the crop the thoroughbred plunged wildly, scattering the Goulburn Boys and the constables. Then, jumping into stride, it cleared a fence on to the course proper. The "young woman" doffed her bonnet to the police before heading across country to the comparative safety of the Keilor homestead. John returned to town within a few days. He was playing billiards in the Lamb Inn when troopers blocked the doorways. With no hope of escape, John submitted quietly and was taken away, mounted, with a trooper holding the reins. Nonchalantly whittling tobacco to fill his pipe, John suddenly leaned forward and slashed the reins, simultaneously driving in the spurs. His horse sprang into a gallop and Jack the Devil, without reins, showed the police a clean pair of heels.

Look out for more of the "Wild Boys" in our next issue.