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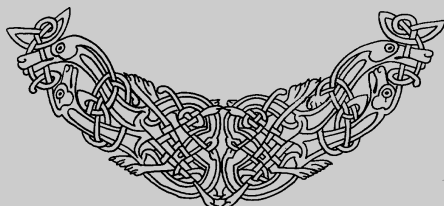
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This has definitely been a summer to remember and in order to try and share as much with you as I can you will find lots of photographs included in this special issue. For me personally the excitement began in the spring when David, the younger of my two sons, was married and then in August, Elizabeth, my youngest daughter and last chicken in the nest, was also married. Both of the weddings were very Scottish and Elizabeth had the additional honour of having our chief, Pauline Mullen Hunter of Hunterston and her mother, Sonia Madam Hunter of Hunterston attend the wedding. Then of course we had the Fergus games with its four days of activities, beginning with the sponsors reception at which we had eleven people representing Clan Hunter. A very good showing indeed. This year we were a featured clan to honour the attendance of our Clan Chief. This distinction provided us with a slightly bigger tent and the elimination of attendance fees, (no complaint from us in that regard). It was a great moment when our chief led us onto the the parade field followed by our own clan piper, Mel Hunter, and approximately 25 clan members all sporting their clan tartan and carrying the clan flags. Yes indeed Clan Hunter did very well. The annual meeting, this year, was held in the Dalby House Restaurant in Elora, which is only a few miles from Fergus and again we had a record turnout with lots of good things to eat and lots of fun and fellowship. The big surprise of the meeting was the announcement that John Hunter our Clan Officer (Retired) was to be awarded "The Order of the Royal Huntsman". This is a newly created award to honour those Clan members who have made exceptional contributions to the Hunter Clan and was justly deserved by John. In return, in order to make her feel closer to Canada, Clan Hunter - Canada presented Pauline with a certificate to authenticate that she now owns one metre of the Trans Canada Trail and her name will be displayed in one of the specially designated locations along the trail. A big thank you to all of you who have taken the time to comment on how much you are enjoying the newsletter. It is very encouraging for me. And another big thank you to those who are conscientiously paying their yearly subscriptions.

Tom

Unexpected Guests

Visiting Canada to compete in three weeks of Scottish Highland Dance competition, the Sarah Hendry Dance School of Glenrothes, Scotland, brought with them an unexpected pleasure in the form of one 13 yr old

Kennedy Hunter. We had the pleasure of meeting Kennedy and her mother at the Chatham Games on the first weekend of their three week trip. I am pleased to say that we saw Kennedy dance her way to a second

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A Word from the chief

Dear Clansfolk,

My first visit to Canada as Clan Chief was wonderful. I was so pleased to meet up with all of you who came to Tom and Christine's home for the informal supper and to Fergus for the Highland Games. It was such a proud moment for me to be able to lead you all onto the field in the Parade of Clans. The enthusiasm from everyone was great, thank you all for coming and supporting our Clan it was an excellent turnout. Our Clan tent was certainly the best this year and with Tom's display we should be winning prizes at all the Highland Games. Mostly I wish to thank both Tom and Christine for their kindness in inviting my mother and I to their daughter Elizabeth's marriage to Andrew Ross Thibodeau. It was one of the happiest weddings I have ever been to and I certainly wish them both every happiness in the future and a warm welcome to Andrew to the Hunter Clan as Elizabeth's husband. Tom and Christine apart from organizing a wedding also organized the tent display for the Fergus Highland Games and an informal supper for me to meet Clan members.

I have to thank Bob and Aldene Hunter for meeting my mother and I on our arrival to Canada it made us feel so welcome, also for having me to stay at their home and arranging for me to have a tour round Dufferin Retirement Home, as I am a community nurse I found it very interesting. Catherine and Dave Elder also helped to make my visit to Canada relaxing by fetching me from Livonia, Detroit and taking me to their home for lunch then taking me to visit the Chicoine family and finally to Tom and Christine's to meet Clan members over a delicious supper. Mostly thanks go to Dave and Catherine for raising my awareness about our Hunter genealogy. At Catherine's suggestion I shall arrange for us to

have, at Hunterston, a collection of all our Hunter genealogy either on paper or on disc so that any Clan member may carry out searches. Don, your Clan Treasurer, arranged a gift from the Canadian Clan members that could not have been more appropriate. He and Marion on behalf of you all have arranged for me to be a trail building supporter of the Trans-Canada Trail. I happen to be a keen hiker and am delighted to have an excuse to make my next visit to you all an extended one so that I can walk some of the trail. Mel, thank you for loaning me your very fine staff. It made me feel just right to be able to walk onto the field with it when I was leading you in the Parade of Clans at Fergus. To Dr Nadene thanks for keeping the Hunters visible at so many of the Fergus Games, I hope you will attend many more.

There has been some confusion about the payment of dues annually. When each of you join the Clan you become a life member of the Hunter Clan with rights to visit the Castle, for life, but you are not life members of the Canadian Clan Association. If you pay your annual dues the money goes towards the newsletter which keeps you informed of happenings at Hunterston including my letter and the amount that gets sent to Hunterston now goes into the The Hunterston Castle Restoration fund. The Castle is one of the few Clan centres that is in good condition and that has remained in the hands of the Hunters since they settled in Scotland.

*I had the special pleasure of announcing the creation of a new award for Clan Hunter members. The idea for the award originally came from Hunter Smith the current US Clan Association President. The name of the award is **The Order of the Royal Huntsman**. It will be awarded annually to only one Clan member from our worldwide membership for outstanding services to Clan Hunter and is a means of saying thank you to those members who*

contribute over and above what is expected of them to our Clan. Each person being presented with the award will have their name engraved on a plaque and their photograph on show in the Castle in a prominent position permanently. As this is the inaugural year I decided to make an exception and award three Clan members The Order of the Royal Huntsman one of them being your past Clan Officer John Hunter.

John served my father the 29th Clan Chief extremely well in the early years of the Hunter Clan Association in Canada. He is much admired and respected by all who meet him and have worked with him. We are all very honoured to have had such an excellent ambassador for Clan Hunter. I presented him with his award wishing him and his wife, Marion, all good wishes for the future.

Thank you all for making my mother and I so welcome, I am certainly hoping to see many of you in 2001 at Hunterston. One final piece of news, the Hunter Clan is once again active in the UK. Stuart Hunter of Winchester is our new Clan Officer and he expects to have the first newsletter published for UK Clan members by Christmas

*Yours,
Pauline*

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place in the Jig and another second for her Sword dance. Then at Cambridge she won a fifth place medal for her Highland Fling. At Barrie she won a sixth place in the Sean Truibhas and finally at Uxbridge she was delighted to win a first place in the Barracks Johnnie, a second place in the Jig and sixth place in the Highland Laddie.

The seven dancers in the troupe ranged from primary to premier levels (7yrs - 14yrs) When

Fergus Highland Games

Below: Our Clan Piper, Mel Hunter of Battle Creek



Above: The Clan Hunter tent at Fergus



Above: "The Chief" Pauline Mullen Hunter of Hunterston and her mother Sonia Madam Hunter of Hunterston enjoying lunch in the VIP tent.



Above: Marion and Don Hunter(our treasurer) of Toronto with Pauline in the "Hunter" tent

Below: Clan Hunter marches on the field led by our Chief



Above: The Clan assemblies prior to the parade of the clans. In the foreground Don Hunter of Toronto, Mel Hunter of Battle Creek and Pauline Mullen Hunter of Hunterston

Left: The Clan on the parade ground.

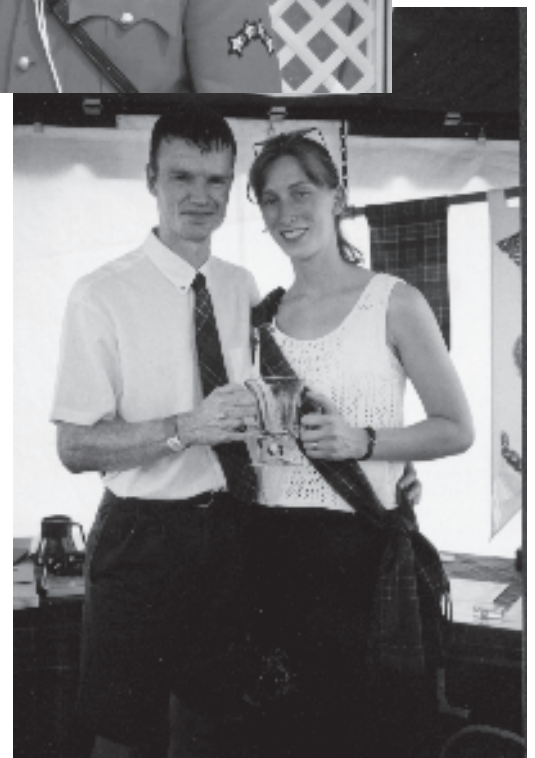
Right: Paul Hunter and his wife Jane Ann outside the Clan tent.

Below - Left: Dr Nadine Hunter of Dansville with Pauline.

Below: Pauline poses with one of Canada's finest.

Below: Clan Chief on stage awaiting the march past of the clans.

Right: Andrew and Lizz Thibodeau holding their Hunterston loving cup. A wedding gift from Pauline.





*Left:
Bob and Aldine
Hunter with
Pauline at the
Sponsors
Reception, Fergus*

*Right:
Tom Hunter, Clan
Officer - Canada
chats with Pauline
at the Sponsors
Reception, Fergus*



*Right:
Bob, Aldine and
Marion Hunter look
on as Jennifer
Roland of Cape
Breton entertains
at the Sponsors
Reception, Fergus.*



*Below:
A happy group of Hunters enjoy
dinner with the chief and her mother
at the Old Mill restaurant, Elora.*



*Above:
Dr. Nadine
Hunter chats
with her
daughter
Nadine while
her son, Wally
Hunter, chats
with Christine
Hunter. Tom
Hunter in the
background*



*Left:
Sonia Madam Hunter of Hunterston, Don
Hunter, Pauline Mullen Hunter of
Hunterston and Christine and Tom
Hunter do a little sight seeing in Elora.*



Above: Sonia Madam Hunter of Hunterston and Don Hunter our treasurer at the business meeting in Elora.

Below: Catherine Elder, our genealogist, chats with Aldine and Bob Hunter of Scarborough



Above: Sharron and Al Chicoine and Dr Nadine and Wally Hunter enjoy lunch with Sonia Madam Hunter of Hunterston prior to the business meeting in Elora.



Above: Crystal Hunter carries the clan banner with her grandmother, Dr Nadine Hunter, followed by Tom and Christine Hunter and John and Marion Hunter



Left, clockwise: Marion Hunter, Toronto, Marion Hunter London, Jane Ann and Paul Hunter, London and Pauline



Above, clockwise: Aldine Hunter, Scarborough, Andrew and Lizz Thibodeau, London, Dave Elder, Chatham, Christopher Reiger, now of Vietnam and Mark and Julie Nykamp, Millgrove

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they were not competing, the dancers attended a dance school at Matthew Hall, London, where they practiced Highland and National dances and



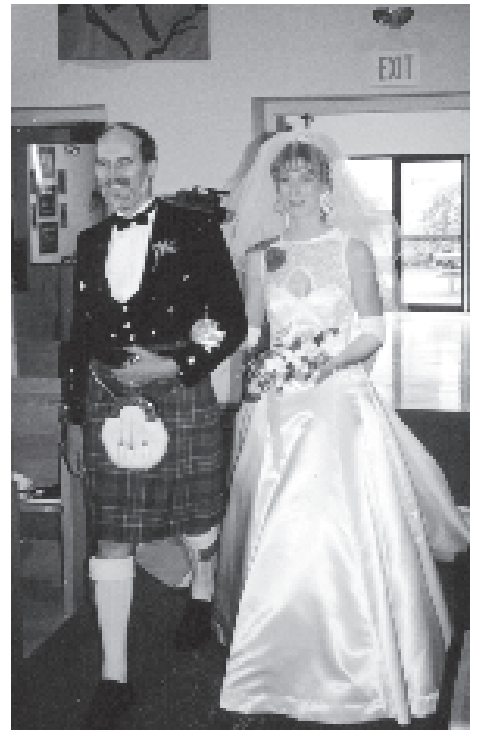
Tom Hunter - Clan Officer - Canada with 13yr old dancer Kennedy Hunter of Glenrothes, Scotland

learned new techniques in stretching exercises and made up their own dances in choreography class. The girls also had time to visit Storybook

Gardens, Wally World and of course lots of shopping. While staying at the Howard Johnston Hotel in London the girls were asked to dance for the Reo members who were holding a conference there. From London, the

girls moved on to Toronto and while there they visited Black Creek Pioneer Village, Ontario Place, Ontario Science Museum, CN Tower, Canada's Wonderland and of course Niagara Falls, (by all accounts awesome), where they stayed two days. These youngsters saved very hard for two years for this trip as well as organizing many fundraisers. By the end of their tour the seven girls had amassed the grand total of 58 medals and three trophies. I think that deserves a resounding round of applause, don't you? As a special note, since returning home to

Scotland, Kennedy has won six firsts and four thirds. Congratulations Kennedy, we're proud as punch that you are "one of us".



Elizabeth Hunter with proud father Tom marching down the aisle.

The Wedding

The wedding of Elizabeth Helen Hunter, daughter of Tom and Christine Hunter (Clan Officer & wife) to Andrew Ross Thibodeau was held on Saturday 25th July in Chalmers Presbyterian Church, London, Ontario. The wedding which was attended by Mistress Pauline Mullen Hunter of Hunterston, 30th Laird, chief of Clan Hunter and her mother Sonia, Madam Hunter of Hunterston, was Scottish from start to finish with many of the guest wearing kilts and other tartan apparel. The bride, who wore her Hunter of Hunterston sash over her right

Christine Hunter, mother of the bride accompanied by her two sons, David and Paul.



shoulder fastened by a "Tara" brooch was piped down the aisle to the tune "The Highland Cathedral". During the ceremony the groom, Andrew, removed the Hunter of Hunterston sash from Elizabeth's shoulder and returned it to her father. He then replaced it with the Ross tartan sash received from his mother, through whom his Scottish ancestry comes, in a purely symbolic gesture to indicate Elizabeth's acceptance of Andrew's clan (family) as her own.



The happy couple, Elizabeth and Andrew with the clan Chief, Pauline Mullen Hunter of Hunterston

The Order of the Royal Huntsman

This year, we had a lovely surprise for John Hunter, Clan Officer (retired), in the form of a special award just newly created by our chief, Pauline. John was among the first of three who received "The Order of the Royal Huntsman" for extra special services rendered to the Clan Hunter Association. In addition to a wall plaque John received a silver pin in the form of a hunting horn to wear in his lapel. John was an excellent choice for this award having dedicated 12 years of enthusiastic hard work to making Clan Hunter - Canada a success. A photograph of John will be framed and mounted in the castle. Our sincere congratulations go out to John for a job well done.

Thank You Everyone

It is typical of the man that John has asked that I express to everyone his

*Right:
The bride's sister,
Lynn Hunter Ball
and daughter
Christina, chat
with John Hunter,
Clan Officer
(retired)*



sincere thank you for making this special award to him possible. Some of John's happiest times were spent as Clan Officer and as far as he is concerned there were many others who worked hard and helped him in the work of the

Clan Association.

Congratulations

Congratulations to David and Stacey Hunter of Petawawa (lately of London) on the birth of their first child. Stacey gave birth to a lovely little girl, Rachel Anne, on Sunday

27th Sept. David is a cook in the Canadian Armed forces and is stationed in Petawawa. Both mother and daughter are doing just fine.

Best Wishes

Best wishes to Christopher Reiger who is taking his teaching credentials to Vietnam to take up a new 2 yr post. Christopher is hard to keep up with as he has just returned from a 2yr teaching position in the Middle East.

Apology

Due to a severe limitation of space in this edition of the newsletter, the minutes of the Annual Membership Meeting held in Elora, Ontario will be held until the next mailing at which time we intend to include an updated edition of the Clan Hunter Constitution and By-Laws.



John Hunter, with Marion his wife at his side, receives "The order of the Royal Huntsman" from Pauline Mullen Hunter of Hunterston, 30th Laird and Clan Chief

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