Clan Hunter Association, Canada

Spring 2026

Hunters' Halloo

From the Editors

Spring has sprung…..maybe? You never can be too sure in Canada, but I think we are probably past the worst of it. As the last traces of winter melt away and the days grow longer, there's a renewed sense of energy in the air. Spring in Canada is always a welcome transformation—fresh blossoms begin to appear, the landscape shifts from white to vibrant green, and communities come back to life with outdoor gatherings and celebrations.

This season of renewal makes it the perfect time to look ahead, and in this issue, we're excited to share a comprehensive list of Highland Games taking place across Canada this summer. Whether you're a longtime enthusiast or simply curious to experience the rich traditions, music, and athleticism of these events, there's something for everyone to enjoy. If you find one near your home, perhaps you would like to volunteer to help with the Clan Hunter tent, or just plan a visit to one of these lively festivals.

Please take note of all the wonderful information from our Clan Officer, a couple of exciting invitations, and before you go, don't miss the recipe on the last page. It's a perfect way to bring a taste of your Scottish heritage into your home and share it with family and friends.

Here's to sunshine, fresh beginnings, and a wonderful Canadian spring.

Warm regards,

Lynn & Lizz

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From the Clan Officer, Dale Hill

Spring Has Sprung

I hope this newsletter finds you all doing well. The seasons have now officially changed to Spring even if the weather across all of Canada doesn't quite feel that way yet. Sunny days are coming and that means outdoors events and act ivities won't be far behind. There is upcoming excitement within Clan Hunter Canada, with our American cousins and at Hunterston this year. See below and throughout this newsletter for further information.

New York City Tartan Day Parade

David and Monique Hunter, who some of you may have met at the Fergus Festival in 2025, will be leading Clan Hunter at the NYC Tartan Day Parade on Saturday April 11. If any of you might be in the area that weekend or would like to plan a roadtrip, please contact David at hunterd@icloud.com. For more details about the full event visit Tartan Week.

Revolutionary War Hero - James Hunter

On the eve of America's 250th anniversary, the Freedom Forge Foundation is excited to invite Hunters from near and far to a special Hunter Clan Gathering in honour of James Hunter and his significant contributions to America's independence. You'll find more information and a QR code link to further details later in this newsletter.

Visit Clan Hunter Canada this Spring and Summer

We are pleased to share that we will have representation hosting a tent at the following games this year. For more information about the events please click on the links below. If you would like to see Clan Hunter have a presence at an event near you and are willing to help host a tent, please reach out to Dale. We would love to have you on board!

- Victoria, BC - May 16 and 17 - Welcome - Victoria Highland Games & Celtic Festival
- Kingsville, ON - June 27 - Kingsville Highland Games
- Embro, ON - July 1 - Embro Highland Games - Zorra Caledonian Society
- Fergus, ON - Aug 7 to 9 - Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games

Become a Volunteer

Clan Hunter Canada relies on the support of our members and the generous donation of volunteer time to perform all of our work. We are currently recruiting assistance in the following areas. If you are interested in taking on one of these roles or would like to learn more and discuss how you might be able to contribute, I'm happy to connect virtually or by phone. Send me an e-mail (clanhunter.ca@gmail.com).

-become our Membership Secretary
-host a tent at a Scottish Festival or Highland Games near you
-contribute to our Canada or International Newsletters
-become a moderator on Facebook (Canada and/or International)

Thank you, Christine!

After 30+ years of volunteer service as Membership Secretary, Christine Hunter has decided it is time for her to step down and pass the torch along to the next generation. Christine has been the essential link between the association and its members, processing all things membership related - sending out new member packages, yearly membership cards, newsletters to those who receive them by mail and reminders to those who have forgotten to pay their fees, among other tasks that most of us probably don't even know about. This behind the scenes job is hugely important to health and continuation of our association, yet often underappreciated. Please join me in thanking Christine for her commitment and dedication to our members and helping Clan Hunter Canada thrive over the past three decades! We look forward to formally acknowledging her immense contributions in the near future.

Clan Hunter International Gathering - July 24 to 26, 2026

We hope many of you have, like me, booked your plane tickets and reserved your place at the Clan Hunter International Gathering 2026 - an extraordinary celebration of heritage, history, and Highland pride. Whether you're reuniting with fellow Hunters or discovering the depth of our clan legacy for the very first time, this gathering promises moments you'll remember for a lifetime. For all of the exciting details and to book, visit Clan Hunter International Gathering - Clan Hunter's Official Site. Please let Dale know if you are planning to attend so we know who to connect with from Canada when we arrive at Hunterston!

We hope to see YOU soon. Please reach out if you have any questions or suggestions for how we can better engage with YOUR Clan Association. Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed Spring!

Dale
Clan Officer
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Membership Report—Spring 2026

Christine Hunter,

Membership Secretary

Membership Report – Spring

We have welcomed 4 new Members to Clan Hunter Canada since our last newsletter. Let me introduce you to:

Brent Gessner. Brent joined us at the end of January – and he hails from Saskatchewan

Our February new member was Lara Hunter, who resides in beautiful British Columbia

Numbers 3 and 4 both joined us in March. Jesse Hunter joined in mid March and again lives out west

— in Alberta

And our most recent newcomer is Wayne Hunter – who lives in Ontario.

We welcome these new members and hope that they find a home with us that fills their "clan" longing.

Clan Hunter attends as many Canadian Highland Games as they can possibly attend in the summer – so if you live near when there is a Summer Games Festival – try to visit it – and if there is a Hunter Clan tent there – please make yourself known to whoever is in charge. This is a good way to get to know clan members. The Newsletters usually provide a list of Highland Games - and if they can – they will tell you which ones will have a Hunter Table for you to visit.

Yes – get involved and you can really enjoy being part of "The Clan"

Yours aye,

Christine Hunter,

Membership Secretary

From the Clans Folk
-A Hunter Wedding

I'm a little late get ting the photos in, but my daughter Christina (you may remember her as our little highland dancer of newsletters past) got married.

Tom and Christine Hunter with grand-daughter Christina

The ceremony included candles signifying the becoming one together and the Hunter tartan was used to tie/bind them together.

An outdoor ceremony and celebration with most of the London Hunters attending (and a cousin flown in from Scotland)
*Can you pick out your newsletter editors, membership secretary, and treasurer in there?

Tom Hunter (grandfather) read a beautiful verse while little Willow (our next highland dancer?) looked on.

Highland games in Canada—2026 list

Alberta

Red Deer Highland Games,	June 27 2026
Water Valley Celtic festival	June 20, 2026
Canmore Highland Games	September 4-6, 2026
Edmonton Scottish Society Highland Gathering	TBA
Sherwood Park Highland Gathering	July 25-26, 2026

British Columbia

Campbell River Highland Gathering	August 8-9, 2026
Victoria Highland Games & Celtic Festival	May 9-17, 2026
British Columbia Highland Games	June 19-20, 2026
Penticton Scottish Festival	July 3 & 4, 2026
Kamloops Highland Games	June 27, 2026

Manitoba

Manitoba Highland Gathering	June 20 & 21, 2026

New Brunswick

Gathering of the Scots, Perth Andover	June 4th-7th, 2026
New Brunswick Highland Games and Festival	July 24-26, 2026
Greater Moncton Highland Games & Scottish Festival	June 9-13,2026

Nova Scotia

Antigonish Highland Games	July 5-12, 2026
Celtic Colours International Festival	October 9–17, 2026
Margaree Highland Games	August 7-9, 2026
Halifax Celtic Cultural Festival 2026	June 17 to 21, 2026
Sydney Mines Highland Games	August 22, 2026

Highland games in Canada—2026 list continued

Ontario

Ailsa Craig Highland Games & Scottish Festival	July 25, 2026
North Lanark Highland Games	August 22, 2026
Almonte Celtfest	July 3-5, 2026
Cambridge Scottish Festival	July 17-18, 2026
Northumberland Scottish Festival and Highland Games	June 19-20, 2026
Fergus Scottish Festival & Highland Games	August 7-9, 2026
Georgetown Highland Games	June 13th, 2026
Goderich Celtic Roots Festival	August 7-9, 2026
Kingsville Highland Games	June 27, 2026
Kincardine Scottish Festival & Highland Games	July 3-5, 2026
Glengarry Highland Games	July 31-August 1, 2026
Oakville Fall Celtic Festival	TBA
Orillia Scottish Festival	July 17- 19, 2026
Uxbridge Scottish Festival	July 25, 2026
Embro Highland Games	July 1, 2026

Quebec

Montreal Highland Games and Festival	August 2, 2026
Festival Celtique de Québec	September 5-7, 2026
Festival Celtes et Cie de Saint-Malachie	August 14-15, 2026

Saskatchewan

Saskatchewan Highland Gathering and Celtic Festival	May 15-16, 2026

Freedom Forge
FOUNDATION

Hunter Clan Gathering

June 5, 2026

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UNION CHURCH HISTORIC SITE
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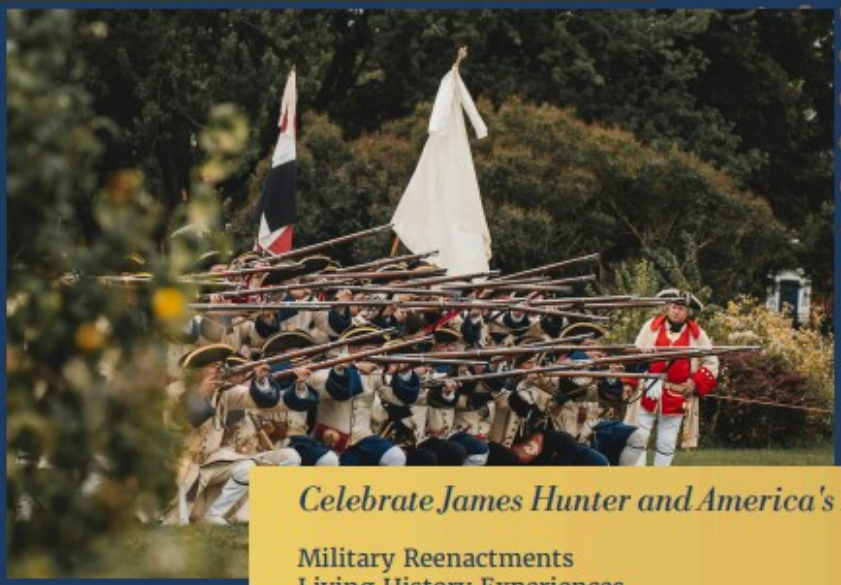
Details

FreedomForgeFoundation.org

Freedom Forge Foundation presents

REVOLUTION ON THE RAPPAHANNOCK

STAFFORD COUNTY VIRGINIA250 AMERICAN REVOLUTION



Celebrate James Hunter and America's Independence!

Military Reenactments
Living History Experiences
Blacksmithing and Forging
Symposium Speakers
Military Honors
Bagpipes, Recorders, Fife & Drums

June 6-7, 2026

Falmouth, Virginia

Details

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Recipe Corner

Scottish Cheddar Cheese Loaf

**this bread is best made fresh but you can store any leftovers in a sealed container or wrapped in a piece of beeswax wrapping or similiar. I would toast up any leftover bread the following day to create a lovely warm slice for your soup.*
**you can serve this bread up with jams, cold meats, pate or with Scottish smoked salmon and some homemade crowdie cheese.*
**this is a simple recipe but if you want to go all out you could add some pickles into this recipe or even some olives.*

230g Self Raising Flour
1 tsp Mustard Powder
1/2 tsp Cayenne Pepper
55 g Margarine
115g Mature Cheddar Cheese (Grated)
Salt & Pepper
1 Egg & 140ml Whole Milk (Mixed Together)
Mature Cheddar Cheese (Grated to sprinkle on top)
Preheat the oven to 180C (fan oven).

Add the flour and spices together in a large mixing bowl and mix together.

Rub the flour mixture together with the margarine until you have a bread-crumb type consistency. Add some salt and pepper.

Add in all of the grated cheese for the loaf. Mix the egg into the milk and pour into the flour and cheese mixture and mix well until well combined.

Add all mixture into a greased loaf tin and press down lightly.

Bake for 35-45minutes and sprinkle some extra grated cheese on the top as soon as the loaf is out of the oven. Leave to cool. Remove from the tin and serve.

Please remember to visit us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/Clan-Hunter-Canada-Official-188145284625528/

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!