Clan Hunter Association, Canada

Spring 2025

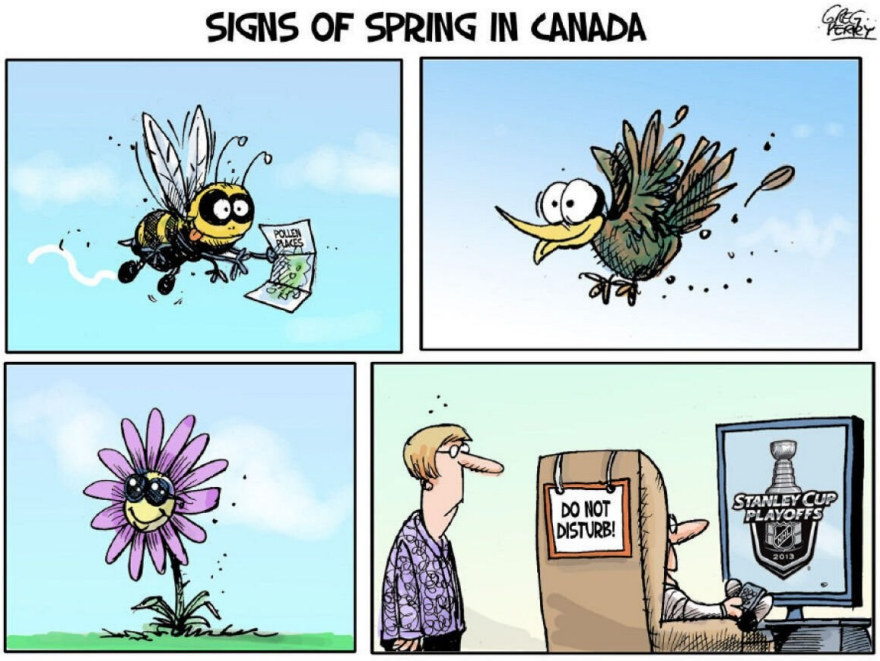
Hunters' Halloo

From the Editors

Welcome to another spring edition of Hunters' Halloo! I think spring is really trying to peek its head around the corner; we'll get there soon.

We have some housekeeping items in this edition to do with membership payments and how-tos for anyone who needs it. Also, a list of Highland Games is included. Please browse through, click the links for more information and addresses (if you are a digital reader) and give some serious consideration to visiting a festival or games near you. Canadian summers are always better with a wee taste of Scotland in them! I visited many a highland games when my daughter was dancing and competing and it was a wonderful highlight of our summer. The food, the music, all the sights and sounds are something to be experienced and you will take away a little part of Scotland with you when you go. Until then though, enjoy your spring and all the celebrations and holidays that it holds for you!

Lynn & Lizz



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From the Clan Officer, Dale Hill

Greetings fellow Clan Hunter Canada members! I hope this newsletter finds you all doing well as we eagerly await the warmer weather that is coming - soon - maybe. Your executive had a very productive meeting recently where we discussed the upcoming year, events that we are going to be represented at, concerns coming from members as well feedback to provide the International Team and Madam Pauline. We are pleased that e-transfer has become a popular way for yearly membership fees to be paid. You may wish to consider this format to submit your fees as July 1st approaches. Tom Ball, our treasurer, would be pleased to assist you with this process.

We are thrilled to announce that Clan Hunter Canada will be present at Scottish Festivals and Highland Games in *4 provinces* in 2025! Thanks to those members who have stepped up to volunteer and represent us on both coasts for the first time in recent memory. If you're able to visit us, we would be thrilled to see you at the games in **Victoria BC, Embro ON, Halifax NS, Sherwood Park AB and Fergus ON**. See further details later in this newsletter for dates and locations. If you would like to see Clan Hunter at an event closer to you, please consider hosting a tent for us. I am here to support anyone who is interested and happy to assist you in the process of purchasing Clan Hunter promotional materials as well as provide ideas of what to display, discuss, and share with those who visit your tent. All it takes to get started is sending me an e-mail!

You may have recently seen advertised that Hunter of Hunterston tartan is now available for purchase from Clan Hunter USA. For members in Canada, it is recommended to continue purchasing directly from Hunterston Castle as shipping from the UK may help avoid any additional import fees/tariffs.

Our Annual General Meeting of members this fall will be held in a hybrid format with in person and virtual options available. The in person location will be in Kitchener, ON and include a potluck meal. A Zoom link will allow folks from across the country to continue joining as active participants in the process. More details will be shared in the Summer and Fall newsletters.

For any members who live close to Pennsylvania, USA or may be travelling this spring, the James Hunter III Family, wishes to extend an invitation to other Clan Hunter members who would like to meet and greet Madam Pauline during her visit to Deer Creek United Presbyterian Church on June 28, 2025. This 100th anniversary reunion celebrates the efforts to encourage younger generations to continue the legacy of James Hunter III and his wife Margaret. Although an exact number of descendants is unknown they currently have contact with over 200 living members of the family. If you are interested in attending all or part of the festivities, please reach out to the reunion President, Karen Hunter Dwyer, at 100thhunter.reunion.cb@gmail.com for more information or to RSVP.

Madam Pauline has announced the next Clan Hunter International Gathering will be held at Hunterston Castle July 24 - 26, 2026. Watch our social media channels and the International Newsletter for further details, including registration links, to be released over the next few months. Hopefully Canada will be well represented once again.

**Please join us for a Clan Hunter Luncheon! Info on page 6!

Membership Report—Spring 2025

Christine Hunter,

We have only had one new member since my Membership Report for the Winter Newsletter.

We welcome **Dr Devon Caldwell** to Clan Hunter Canada. Dr Devon resides in the Province of Manitoba. Devon joined us in January of this year.

Welcome to Clan Hunter Association of Canada.

The Spring Newsletter is where we usually add a reminder that dues are payable each year on July 1st. This year we will be adding a report on "How to Pay Your Dues". Since we now have the ability to pay by e-transfer we will be helping you make your decision by including a "how to" for each different way of making this payment. The dues are $30.00 per year.

I would like to thank all the folks who caught up on their payments this past year. It was a difficult year for all of us – because of the change-over of treasurers, and also because we forgot to put that reminder in the Spring Newsletter saying that these payments were coming up soon. I apologise to anyone who felt I was a bit harsh in my reminder memos – but I was trying to make sure that our Association would be able to carry out our plans for the coming year.

Fergus Highland Games take place each year in early August. They are on August 8th – August 10th this year, and our Clan Association always has a big presence at these Games. The Games give us an opportunity to meet old friends, get to know new people – and enjoy some Pipe Bands, some caber tossing, and some fine Scottish food. Put this in your calendar, and, if possible, plan to join us there.

Yours aye,

Christine Hunter,

Membership Secretary

Do you find paying your Annual Subscription online, confusing?

Maybe we can help. There are **two** ways that you can submit your Annual Subscription online:

Direct deposit from your bank

Proceed to….. http://www.clanhuntercanada.com/membership.html
Select: "**Register online Canada only"**
you will be presented with a Membership form which you can….

Fill in and **submit** via computer.

And Then….

You may use the **direct deposit** option from your bank account using this link
ClanHunterPayments@gmail.com
(When using this option, we ask that you include text within your bank transfer to include your membership number **e.g. CHAC*** ** or if appropriate the note **"New Membership"**)

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To create a PayPal account, access this web address at www.paypal.com
PayPal will ask you for your email address and to create a password and how you wish to pay for any transaction you initiate. This can be a credit card and/or a bank account number. During a transaction PayPal will attempt to use your initial payment choice and should that be unsuccessful it will try the second choice. I personally use a special bank account with only a minimum of funds to cover small to medium purchases.

To register online using your new **PayPal account.**
Proceed to….. http://www.clanhuntercanada.com/membership.html
Select: "**Register online Canada only"**
you will be presented with a Membership renewal form which you can….

Fill in and **submit** via computer. (please remember to include your **CHAC number**

And Then….

You must select the pay by PayPal option to complete the transaction

Note

PayPal will automatically ask you to log in (email address and password previously created and should everything match, it will send your pre-determined fee to the merchant website (Clan Hunter Canada) and you are done.
(You will find other opportunities to use PayPal to purchase an item and the procedure is the same. Just select the PayPal button on the merchant's website and proceed as before.)

Annual Subscription by Regular Mail:

If you wish to pay your yearly subscription of $30.00 by cheque, please supply:

Dues for year(s): _____(insert appropriate year(s))

Amount: $ _____

Name: _____

Membership No. CHAC_____

Address: _____

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Cheques should be made payable to Clan Hunter and mailed to the Clan Hunter Association treasurer at:

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New Members

may download a membership application form from the website
http://www.clanhuntercanada.com/membership.html

or any Highland Games in which Clan Hunter is participating

From the Clansfolk — stories of our family

Road Trip: New Scottish Restaurant – *Butties of Scotland*

If are up for a Scottish Adventure Road Trip in Ontario, You should visit ***Butties of Scotland***, a new Scottish Restaurant and shop in Ancaster, Ontario. Located in a small plaza at 21 Panabaker Drive.
The owners are the Butties Family from Dundee, Scotland who share family Scottish recipes on their menu. The restaurant is very cozy and warm. The walls are decorated with Scottish Flags, maps and traditional sayings. The food is delicious and service is very efficient. Butties has a very warm and friendly atmosphere. You never have to worry about asking for more coffee. The Butties take very good care of you.
The menu consists of a wide variety of traditional Scottish foods. The highlight for me was their traditional Scottish Breakfast which includes, eggs to your preference, sausages, roasted tomato, peameal bacon, haggis, black pudding and homemade tattie scones. Butties website says, "Our menu is a tribute to Scottish traditions, infused with a touch of Canadian flair." Everything was delicious. They even make their own homemade meat pies. They also serve loaded chips and hot filled rolls. There is a selection of Scottish desserts made by some local bakeries at the register. This restaurant would be perfect for breakfast or lunch. Portion sizes are quite large. You definitely won't leave hungry. Clan Officer Dale Hill really enjoyed his breakfast! I think I took home half of my breakfast and enjoyed another meal with it.
They are open Tuesday to Sunday from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. If the parking lot is full on the weekend you can use the Bishop Tonnos Highschool parking lot that is kitty corner from the restaurant.
Before leaving, Be sure to wander to the back of the restaurant to find lots of Scottish goodies direct from the homeland to buy and take home. Items include, walkers cookies, galaxy chocolates, canned goodies, mugs, tea towels, candies, etc… They even have a freezer where you can pick up black pudding, haggis and meat pies to take home. I bought some of their homemade tattie scones to enjoy. It is a wonderful place to experience Scottish food and hospitality.
For more Information, visit www.buttiesofscotland.com, Instagram @buttiesofscotland

Clan Hunter Luncheon

When:

1:30 to 4:00 on Saturday May 24.

Where:

Butties of Scotland (in Ancaster/Hamilton)

Please join us!

Feel free to wear your finest Scottish attire for some photo ops!

Link to menu: Butties of Scotland

Please R.S.V.P. to Dale

by May 16th.

Highland Games in Canada 2025

Let's hope you can make it to some of these! It will be well worth it!

Alberta		
Red Deer Highland Games	June 28th	
Canmore Highland Games	August 30-31	
Sherwood Park Highland Gathering	July 19-20	**Clan Hunter Canada attending
British Columbia		
Campbell River Highland Gathering	August 9-10	
Victoria Highland Games & Celtic Festival	May 17-18	**Clan Hunter Canada attending
ScotFestBC – The British Columbia Highland Games	June 20-21	
Penticton Scottish Festival	July 4-5	
Kamloops Highland Games	July 12	
Manitoba		
Manitoba Highland Gathering	July 21-22	
Winnipeg Scottish Festival Pipes and Drums	June 23	
New Brunswick		
Perth Andover Gathering of the Scots	June 5-8	
Fredericton New Brunswick Highland Games	July 25-27	
Greater Moncton Highland Games & Scottish Festival	June 10-14	
Nova Scotia		
Antigonish Highland Games	July 6-13	
Margaree Highland Games	August 9-10	
Halifax Celtic Festival	May 21-25	**Clan Hunter Canada attending
Halifax Highland Games and Scottish Festival	July 5	
Ontario		
North Lanark Highland Games	August 23	
Almonte Celtfest	July 4-6	
Cambridge Scottish Festival	July 18-19	
Northumberland Scottish Festival and Highland Games	June 20-21	
Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games	August 8-10	**Clan Hunter Canada attending
Georgetown Highland Games	June 14	
Goderich Celtic Roots Festival	August 8-10	
Kincardine Scottish Festival	July 4-6	
Glengarry Highland Games	August 1-2	
Orilla Scottish Festival	July 18-20	
Embro Highland Games	July 1	**Clan Hunter Canada attending
Quebec		
Montreal Highland Games	August 3	
Festival celtique de Québec	September 5-7	
Festival Celtes et Cie	August 15-16	
Saskatchewan		
Saskatchewan Highland Gathering & Celtic Festival	May 17	

From one of our members,
Denis Hunter

From February 21 to August 15,
I'm exhibiting six photographs at Galerie 500 in Boucherville.
This selection offers a glimpse of my current approach, which uses the square format.
Water and temporality remain my favourite themes.

Anse-au-Port, Nicolet (7368-24)

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!