Clan Hunter Association, Canada

Summer 2024

Hunters' Halloo

From the Editors

Summer is here! Time to relax, enjoy the sunshine, and get the next newsletter published!

It's been a long year with a lot going on, but vacation time has finally arrived and I'm trying to get all sorts of little odd jobs done (things I've been putting off for months) before I head off for three beautiful weeks in Scotland. Due to health issues and covid and, well, life, I haven't been to Scotland since 2018 (when my sister, parents and I dashed over for an impromptu week's visit) and I'm very much looking forward to seeing all of my cousins and family again. I'm going to be flying over first for a few days of relaxing on my own before my daughters and parents join me for a couple of weeks of family visiting. We are also going to be able to squeeze in a quick appearance at the Gathering, although our time there will be short due to other commitments. But it will still be nice to have the opportunity to catch up with Madam Pauline and the other clansfolk who are able to gather at Hunterston.

I hope you are all able to have a relaxing summer, soaking in some sunshine and whatever else you enjoy doing. Perhaps a visit to some local highland games???

Lynn & Lizz

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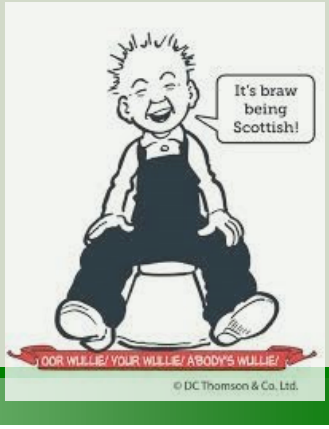

From the Clan Officer, Dale Hill

Hello again everyone and happy summer to you all. I hope that you are finding exciting activities to take part in during the warmest season we have in Canada, wherever you are located across this vast country.

In May, we held a special members meeting to elect a new Treasurer. After more than four decades in the position, Don Hunter is retiring from the role and leaving huge shoes to fill. We plan to recognize Don for his many years of faithful service to Clan Hunter Canada in person at some point later this year. For now, we say thank you for a job well done for many, many years and we know that as a founding member of the Clan association in Canada, you won't be going too far!

It is my pleasure to introduce Tom Ball, who will be assuming the role of treasurer this summer. Tom is a financial controller for an engineering company. The nomination committee recommended that Clan Hunter Canada elect Tom as the new Treasurer and the motion was passed unanimously. We are looking forward to working with Tom in the years ahead and thank him for his willingness to accept the position.

In June, Clan Hunter was represented at the newly branded and relocated Northumberland Highland Games. Formerly held in Cobourg, Ontario, the Port Hope fair grounds provided ample parking and even a cool breeze blowing across the field for the majority of the day. It was great to be surrounded by pipes and drums and where the clan alley was located we had front row seats to the heavy events from the back of our tent. The mass fling took place in a circle surrounding the clan representatives after our parade of clans, which was something we have not experienced before and was quite enjoyable.

We are looking forward to seeing members from around Southern Ontario at the Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games in Fergus on August 10 and 11. As always, we anticipate a great gathering of clans, pipes, drums, dancing, heavy competitions and other Scottish culture. If you happen to be in the area, we hope you will join us!

If you would like to see Clan Hunter represented at a festival near you, please consider hosting a tent. Reach out and let me know what questions I can answer and how I support you with this endeavor. I look forward to hearing from you.

Also, a final reminder that the next application deadline for the Dr. Nadine Hunter Youth Heritage Fund is coming up on August 1. The fund was established to assist youth and young adults in pursuing activities that support their Scottish heritage. If you are a member of Clan Hunter Canada (paid and in good standing for at least 2 years) and have a child/ward/grandchild that is 20 years of age or younger involved in activities anchored in Scottish heritage (e.g. highland dancing, piping, among many others) please contact me directly for the fund description, conditions and application form.

Take care,

Dale
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Membership Report—Summer 2024

Daphne Clarke was our first new member since the last Newsletter was published. Daphne has already made herself known to us by her enthusiasm as she assists our clan officer, Dale Hill, at many of the highland games they attend. Daphne joined us as a member on April 14th. She hails from Brantford, Ontario. Welcome Daphne and many thanks for all your help at the Highland Games you attend.

Then we had a 'surprise' birthday gift of a Clan Hunter Membership for Dale Hill's mom, **Susan Hill** from Dale and Daphne. Susan lives in Dundas, Ontario – and I do hope this was a pleasant surprise for her. Welcome Susan, hope to see you at Fergus Games when we can get to know you better.

Ian Matties is our most recent new member, and Ian lives in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Ian is a very new member, and his New Member's Package is still in the process of being prepared. But we can still send a warm welcome to Ian and hope that he enjoys being a member of the Canadian Association of Clan Hunter. Ian hopes to visit Hunterston Castle at some future date – and I hope his plans become a reality,

We welcome these three new members to the Clan Hunter Canada Association and hope they will enjoy being part of the Association – and will be able to participate in some Highland Games, the Annual General Meeting (always on-line), or even by attending the Hunterston Gathering held at two- or three-year intervals, and always help on the beautiful grounds of Hunterston Castle.

I am pleased to say that we have already had a number of members pay their annual dues – and all the Membership Cards have been sent to these paid-up members,

Please – if you have not received your card, think about paying your annual dues of $30.00. Payment can be made through PayPal, or by sending a cheque, made out to Clan Hunter, to our current treasurer, – Don Hunter at 439-8 The Donway East, Toronto. ON. M3C 3R7

Christine Hunter

Membership Secretary

Clan Hunter Association -
Canada Notice of Dues for July 1st 2024 to June 30th 2025

This is a gentle reminder that a new season is upon us and now is the time to renew your membership in the association. If you have already renewed your membership, we thank you sincerely and please kindly ignore this reminder. If not perhaps you would like to fill in this note, add a cheque for $30 and pop it in an envelope. You can also pay by paypal HERE on the official clanhuntercanada.com page.

Name:_____
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Cheques should be made payable to Clan Hunter and mailed to the
Clan Hunter Association treasurer at: Donald R Hunter
138 Sweeney Drive
Toronto, ON M4A 1T9

From the Clansfolk — stories of our family

We always love to receive input from Clan members. Thank you to Jan Lindstrom from Kenora, ON for taking the initiative to share her genealogy research with us.

Search for "My Hunters"
Janet (Stewart) Lindstrom

In the fall of 2023, I was asked to make a presentation to my Genealogy Club regarding the search for ancestors in New Brunswick. I live in Kenora ON, near the Manitoba border but grew up in NB. I hesitated but eventually took it on. I thoroughly enjoyed the project and decided to tell the story of my search for my four ancestral families – Stewart, Hunter, Steeves, and Jonah.

Here is my Hunter story.

Paternal Grandmother: Mabel Jewett Hunter, born Moncton, NB

My father always claimed that his mother told him "our" Hunters came from Hunterston Castle in Hunterston, Ayrshire, Scotland. Unfortunately I have been unable to prove that. I have been told that it could be that our Hunters worked at the castle using the name Hunter. I want to believe that ours were actually of the Hunter lineage there! I do have a genealogy line going back as far as my 8 times great grandfather, John Hunter, born in 1683 in Ayrshire, Scotland. His son, Andrew Hunter, born in Ayrshire Scotland in 1702, went to Ireland and died there. Andrew's son, David, born in 1720 in Northern Ireland travelled to Nova Scotia.

Hunterston Castle 2011

From the Clansfolk — stories of our family cont'

Although I have not been able to find the name of the ship travelled on, I found out that my 6 times great grandfather, David Hunter was on a ship heading for Pennsylvania when they were shipwrecked off Sable Island. Consequently, they went to Halifax where he and his sons William (my 5 greats grandfather), James and Ludovick and two other individuals were granted 1,850 acres of land in the Ardoise area of Nova Scotia. I have a copy of the land grant received via the Nova Scotia Natural Resources. This area is just north of Halifax. I have visited the area and taken photos of the land where they built a house. This I was able to find out through the **Public Archives of Nova Scotia**. I also visited a few cemeteries in the province after finding out where they were buried. My favourite is **"The Old Parish Burying Ground"** in Windsor, NS where the Hunters, Ludovick being one, had a whole section, fenced in, Hunters only! This was discovered through **"Find a Grave".** I have visited this cemetery twice. I just like it!

The Old Parish Burying Ground

I belong to The Hunter Clan UK as well as The Hunter Clan in Canada. I need to actually go and research the Hunters. I was at the castle once in 2011 but not quite ready to research. And I am pretty certain that were I willing to pay, the Hunter Clan would research my line. They have online meetings one of which I attended.

A few years ago I discovered online a book titled **"History of the Hunter Family 1769-1960" …"Sailed from Londonderry, Ireland for Philadelphia 1769, Shipwrecked at Sable Island near Halifax, Settled at Willow Hill, Ardoise, Nova Scotia".** It was through finding this book (from a Hunter Society in Hants County, NS) that I was able to discover the Ardoise connection. I also have been able to see how my Hunter ancestors came to New Brunswick mostly by following their burial sites…from Windsor, NS to River Phillip in Cumberland County NS to Moncton. And great grandfather Rupert Hunter is buried in Calgary after marrying a second wife.

From the Clansfolk — stories of our family cont'

Ardoise Union Church founded 1830 in Ardoise, NS

The property in Ardoise, NS granted to "my Hunters"

Dr. Nadine Hunter Scottish Youth Heritage Fund

Revised 2023

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, or supporting the purchase of appropriate attire for performances or competitions.

Administration

The fund is administered by the Youth Heritage Fund Committee of Clan Hunter Canada. The Committee (Graham Hunter, Kathryn Lecocq and Dale Hill) will be established at the AGM and have the ability to make decisions on behalf of the membership. Decisions regarding the disbursement of bursaries will be made twice per year, in the Spring and Fall. The names of successful applicants will be acknowledged at the AGM and published in the Spring or Fall newsletter.

Conditions of Disbursement

· Each year, up to three (3) bursaries of $100 each may be awarded to successful applicants (Spring and Fall disbursements combined).
· Applicants must be 20 years of age or younger.
· Applicants must be the child/ward/grandchild of a Clan Hunter member paid and in good standing for at least 2 years.
· Preference will be given to first-time applicants.
· Applications must be received by the Committee prior to March 1st of the current year to be considered for the Spring disbursement and August 1st of the current year to be considered for the Fall disbursement. The Committee will endeavour to notify candidates of their decisions within 25 days of the application deadline.

Requirements After Receiving a Grant

Photographs and a written summary of the activity/use of funds will be submitted to Clan Hunter Canada in a timely manner. This enables your story to be shared with the Clan in an upcoming newsletter.

Send your request for an application form to

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Recipe Corner

Scottish Cranachan

"The oats remain a bit crunchy, which is a nice contrast against the smooth whipped cream. The sharp raspberry flavor plays well with the malty notes in the whisky. This dessert is not overly sweet, rather light and refreshing."

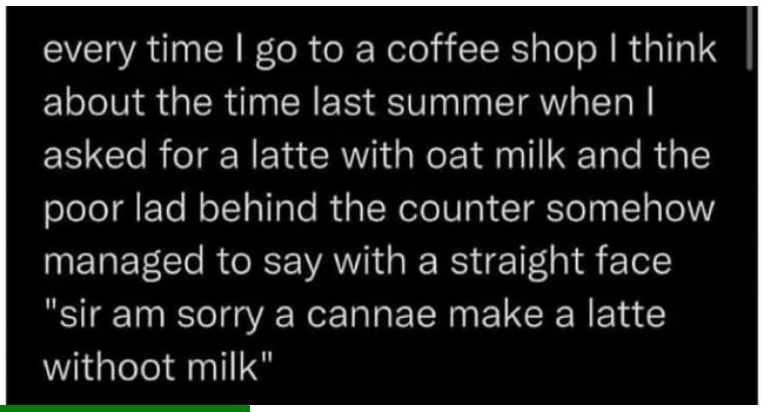
Ingredients:

1/4 cup (55 grams) steel-cut oats, pinhead oats, or rolled oats
1 1/2 cups (250 grams) fresh raspberries, Scottish if possible, divided
2 cups (475 milliliters) heavy cream, or double cream
3 tablespoons malt whisky, good quality, optional
1 tablespoon honey, or Scottish honey, more for serving, optional

Method:

1. Heat a large, heavy-bottomed skillet on medium-high heat until hot, but not burning.
2. Add the **1/4 cup (55 grams) streel-cut oats (pinhead oats or rolled oats)** and, while stirring constantly, toast until they have a light, nutty smell and begin to change color, about 3 minutes. (Do not leave the oats unattended, as they can quickly burn.) Remove immediately from the pan.
3. Remove **1/4 cup of the fresh raspberries** for garnishing later, and place the remaining **1 1/4 cup raspberries** in a food processor. Pulse once or twice to create a thick purée; do not over-blend it. It's okay if there are a few bigger lumps of berries. Alternatively, you can simply crush the raspberries with a fork. This will give you a more rustic-looking dish.
4. In the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the whisk attachment, whisk the **2 cups (475 milliliters) heavy cream** along with the **3 tablespoons malt whisky (optional)** to form firm peaks, about 3 minutes. Alternatively, use a hand-held electric mixer. Take care not to overwhip.
5. Layer the dessert into either a glass bowl (1 1/2 quart or 6 cup capacity) or individual serving glasses, starting with either a layer of the cream or raspberries and finishing with a layer of the cream. If you wish, you can sprinkle a little raw oatmeal on the top for decoration.
6. Cover the bowl or glasses with plastic wrap and chill for a minimum of 1 hour.
7. To serve the cranachan, drizzle over a little extra honey, if desired, top with the reserved whole raspberries, and if you fancy, add a piece or two of Scottish shortbread.

Recipe from The Spruce Eats



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for funnies, announcements, keeping up with members lives, and all sorts.

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!