Clan Hunter Association, Canada

Summer 2025

Hunters' Halloo

From the Editors

It appears I must once again start the newsletter with an apology for the delay. We try to start the summer newsletter at the end of June, but this year that coincided with a very busy exam schedule and moving house. Only yesterday did I finally put back together all of the pieces of my computer and establish internet. So here we are.

There have already been a lot of Highland Games this summer. If you attended any in your area, please send us some photos. If you haven't made it to any yet, don't worry—there are still lots to come! See the list on pages 3 & 4.

We hope you have a safe, healthy and relaxing summer!

Lynn & Lizz

This meme is far from the truth since my connection was just fine while there last summer, but after not having had any internet for the first half of July, it caught my fancy.

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From the Clan Officer, Dale Hill

Greetings Clan Hunter Canada Members,

I hope the weather is warm and sunny where you are and that your summer is off to a great start! Our summer began with a wonderful day celebrating Scottish Heritage and Canada Day at the Embro Highland Games. Held annually on July 1st, these are the longest running games in Ontario and celebrated their 86th edition this year. Clan Hunter was well represented in the Opening Ceremony and it was great to meet members and potential new members at our tent. This is one of my favourite parts of the job as Clan Officer - being able to connect with fellow Hunters, learn about their connections to Scotland and share interesting facts about our Clan and Hunterston with them. We are pleased to include some photos from Embro and you will notice the merge of both Scottish and Canadian attire for the day! **(See following page)**

A huge thank you to Sheila Massie, from Vancouver Island, for setting up and hosting a tent at the Victoria Highland Games on May long weekend. You can read more about this event and see pictures later in the newsletter.

A special shout out to John Fearnall for his generous donation of a new-to-us tent that we used in Embro and will now be able to transport to other festivals. It is more compact than our current tent and hopefully more waterproof, but I'm sure we will find out at an upcoming festival. John also volunteered at the Embro festival along with Daphne and Susan. We love having members' support and I would be happy to connect with anyone who is interested in hosting a tent at a festival near you or joining us to greet guests at one of our upcoming events. Please reach out at clanhunter.ca@gmail.com so I can answer any questions you might have and we can make plans!

I hope that some of you will be able to visit us at Sherwood Park Highland Gathering in Alberta on July 19 and 20 and Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games in Ontario on August 9 and 10. It would be great to see you!

Our Annual General Meeting will be held in a hybrid format on Sunday November 23 at 3 pm. Anyone who lives nearby Kitchener, Ontario is welcome to join us in person for social time before and a potluck dinner after the meeting. Those who are farther afield and across the country will be able to join via Zoom, similar to the past several years. More details will be shared in the fall newsletter along with an RSVP. Stay tuned.

I wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer!

Dale
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From the Clan Officer Cont'

Highland Games Still to Come

Cambridge, Ontario—July 18-19
Orillia, Ontario—July 18-20
Sherwood Park, Alberta—July 19-20
Fredericton, New Brunswick— July 25-27
Ailsa Craig, Ontario—July 26
Uxbridge, Ontario—July 26
Maxville, Ontario—August 1-2
Fergus, Ontario—August 8-10
Goderich, Ontario—August 8-10
Campbell River, British Columbia—August 9-10
Margaree, Nova Scotia—August 10

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Membership Report—Summer 2025

We have had two new members since our last report. Please welcome:

Karen Hepditch to our Association. Karen hails from Edmonton, Alberta

Graeme Kenneth Hunter, who resides here in London, Ontario.

We welcome both new members to our Association and hope that they enjoy being a part of this group.

It is time to be paying this year's membership fees – but I am happy to say that these have already been coming in at a lovely rate – and we did not have the cards ready to mail when we first started receiving payments. Now the new membership cards are ready and I have mailed all the cards to date.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about membership, payments or anything else you are struggling with. I can answer you – or pass your questions on to someone who can give you an answer.

Fergus Highland Games are coming up in a few weeks time – I'm sure there will be information about dates etc. later in this newsletter. This is a really good way to meet other Hunters, and generally enjoy getting to know some other Hunters. Hope to see y'all there.

Yours aye,

Christine Hunter

Membership Secretary

Highland Games Still to Come Cont'

Saint-Malachie, Quebec—August 15-16
Sydney Mines, Nova Scotia—August 17
Flagstaff, Alberta—August 23
North Lanark, Ontario—August 23
Canmore, Alberta—August 30-31
Quebec, Quebec—September 5-7
Oakville, Ontario—September 27-28
Cape Breton Celtic Colours International Festival, Nova Scotia—October 10-18

If you would like more information about any of the Games or Festivals listed here, please check out Events in Canada at highlandgamesandfestivals.com/events-in-Canada

Paying your Annual Subscription

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 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

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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.

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Identification: including your name, address, appropriate subscription year

e.g 2024-2025 and membership number **e.g. CHAC*** ** and then send with a cheque for $30 made out to **Clan Hunter**

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New Members may download a membership application form from the website **http:// www.clanhuntercanada.com/membership.html** or pick one up at any Highland Games in which Clan Hunter is participating.

From the Clansfolk — The 162nd Victoria Highland Games

Thanks to Sheila Massi for hosting the clan tent at the Victoria Highland Games in May and for providing us with this article and photos.

The 162nd Victoria Highland Games

Even with a bit of a rainy start and lots of gusty winds, the 162nd Victoria Highland Games, this past weekend, on Vancouver Island saw Clan Hunter return once more. Many folks remember Clan Hunter pre-covid when Leanne hosted the tent. It was an honour to be able to greet one and all especially the Hunters and those with Hunter connections, including Kenneth whose mother's family were the Hunters of Hunter House in Goderich!

Clan Officer, Dale, warned me of the folks that would come in to seek their clan. Fortunately, Clan Hunter was strategically placed between the helpful folks at Scots Canada and the Victoria Genealogy Society. There were many who stopped by to admire our castle and learn more as well as those that loved our beautiful tartan. The toffee candies were spotted by many children who drew their parents closer. We had information on The Ancient Society of Kilwinning Archers, The Wallace Oak and the TV show Outlander. All of which interested some of our guests.

Thanks to my daughter, Liz, who was assisting me, I was able to take a few peeks at the events. There was the usual marketplace, heavy events, highland dancing and pipe bands, along with knights in mock battles, the 78th Fraser Highlanders with their cannon and muskets, displays of Scottish Country Dancing, the Victoria Gaelic Choir along with the weavers putting on a waulking demonstration. Of course, there was lots of musical entertainment and off on a side field a tournament of Gaelic Football, a combination of soccer, rugby and basketball. The ball was kicked, thrown, carried and dribbled across the field.

The heavy eventers had some challenges with the gusty winds during the caber toss. Many times, everyone held their breath as the caber seemed suspended upright for long moments before falling back to record a no toss. Great cheers went out at each successful toss and there were even a few 12 o'clocks! The final event on Sunday was the keg toss in front of the beer gardens. Thankfully the kegs were empty as after two full days of tossing stones, hammers and cabers, I imagine the athletes were ready to relax.

I learned a lot in my first foray into hosting a clan tent, especially what was required in strong winds! The friendly helpful folk in the Clan Village made for a delightful experience and I'll certainly be back again next year as well as possibly venturing up island to the Campbell River Highland Gathering.

From the Clansfolk — The 162nd Victoria Highland Games Cont'

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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for funnies, announcements, keeping up with members lives, and all sorts. You can comment on, like, or share any posts that interest you.