Clan Hunter Association, Canada

Fall 2024

# Hunters' Halloo

## From the Editors

Welcome Fall!

It's been a busy summer for many of us, and while the cooler weather is welcome, it brings a different kind of busyness. I hope a lot of you had the chance this summer to check out some highland games or make that spectacular trip to Scotland! In this edition of our newsletter we have some wonderful pictures and articles to share with you. We have some new members who have joined our Canadian Clan Hunter Association, and we welcome them and hope to meet them soon! How? Well I'm glad you asked! We have an Annual General Meeting coming up soon and with it being online it is the perfect chance for us all to get to know each other a little, be you new or old. Another way for us to meet each other is of course through the highland games, although those are mostly done until next summer. What about our Facebook page? Yes, you can join in there and send in pictures, articles, funny little blurbs, or whatever you feel people would like to see. I'm always asking for more input and pictures of your family at special events whether it is a Burns supper, birthday, anniversary, or any other celebration. Keep a eye on our page also to find out about any other meetings or dinners that you may be able to partake in!

Enjoy the beautiful Canadian fall weather everyone…… and send us some pictures of what that looks like from your part of Canada.

*Lynn & Lizz*

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# From the Clan Officer, Dale Hill

## Clan Officer's Report Fall 2024

Hello Clan Members! I hope this newsletter finds you all doing well. I don't know about the rest of Canada, but we have recently had gorgeous summer-like weather here in Southern Ontario. Since my summer, unfortunately, did not go according to plan, and I had to cancel my travels to Iceland, Ireland and Scotland due to health concerns, I've certainly enjoyed the extra sunshine. I am pleased to share that I am recovering well and building my strength back up and wish to thank those of you who sent best wishes my way. Despite the disappointment of not traveling to the International Gathering at Hunterston, I did have the opportunity to meet up with several Clan Members at the Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games. Our tent was very busy Saturday and we were pleased to have a small, but mighty group of Hunters in the Parade of Clans proudly marching under our banners and flags. We also had the pleasure of meeting Rupert Irving of Bonshaw, the Chief of Clan Irving. I would like to express my thanks to those who assisted with hosting the tent and welcoming guests and those who dropped by for a visit. You will be able to read more about the Fergus Festival later in this newsletter. This summer also saw the official hand over of the Treasurer role from Don Hunter to Tom Ball. Once again, I want to express our sincere appreciation to Don, on behalf of all the members, for his faithful service over the past 40+ years. Tom has shared an introduction of himself to everyone in this edition of the newsletter. In September, I had the opportunity to visit the Niagara Celtic Festival just over the New York border and meet the hosts of the Clan Hunter USA tent in the Clan Village. It was a beautiful day and wonderful to connect with new friends. David and Monique indicated to me that they hope to join us in Fergus next August and I look forward to introducing them to our amazing members. Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday October 27, 2024 at 3 pm ET, online. More details and a link to the meeting will be sent out closer to the date. If you have any questions, please reach out to me directly at clanhunter.ca@gmail.com so I can assist you. I hope to see all of you at the AGM. Until then, take care.

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*Dale and Chief Rupert Irving*

*Dale visiting with Clan Hunter USA*

# Membership Report—Fall 2024

This quarter we have added 3 new members to our numbers.
Will Hunter joined us in August – and Will is from the Greater Toronto area. Maybe we will meet Will at Fergus Highland Games next August.
Jessica Hashey joined our Association recently, and hails from New Brunswick, a beautiful area in this wonderful country of ours.
G, Brian Maier is our very latest new member, having sent his registration information just today! Brian is from Pentiction, British Columbia.
We welcome these three new members and hope they find what they are looking for with us. With the Annual General Meeting being online, maybe we can meet these new members there and start to get to know them.
The Meeting is on **October 27th at 3pm**.

**Payment of Dues:** In the last newsletter I thanked those who had paid there dues earlier in the summer - but now I must say that many, many members have not yet paid their annual dues. If you do not have your new 2024 membership card then you have not paid your dues. Please consider making this commitment – we need your help to maintain a presence at the Highland Games – and that is one of the ways we spread the news of the Clan Association. Please consider paying your dues $30.00 by Paypal, or by sending a cheque for that amount, made out to Clan Hunter, to our New Treasurer, Tom Ball at 2-295Oxford St E, London ON, N6A 1V3.

On a lighter note, my husband Tom and I, along with our daughter Lizz and her two daughters Torry and Islay, had a trip to Scotland this year. It was mostly a 'visit the family' trip and we certainly enjoyed spending time with our folks. We also managed to head over to Hunterston area (we are from Edinburgh) and enjoyed joining the clan for the banquet and a bit of dancing. The highlight of the evening was when Tom, standing in for Dale, our Clan Officer, presented a memorial plaque, celebrating Madame Pauline's 30 years as our Clan Chief. The plaque was lovely and was designed by our Clan Officer, Dale Hill and his friend Daphne. They designed it, had it made, and then Dale took sick and was not able to attend the Gathering. Tom was totally blessed to be able to step in and make the presentation.

Christine Hunter
membership Secretary

# From the Clansfolk — stories of our family

## Madam Pauline

Submitted by Daphne Clarke

*Madam Pauline Hunter 30th Chief of the Clan Hunter, and Tom Hunter ORH*

*Photo credit Martin Beer*

As Madam Pauline has reached her 30th year as Clan Chieftain of Clan Hunter, our Clan Hunter Canada Association decided to honour this significant event with a custom handmade plaque made by a local wood artist in Hamilton, Ontario. This artist was truly honoured and poured many hours into creating it.  Tom Hunter, past Clan Officer, graciously presented this to Madam Pauline during the International Gathering in Scotland, on behalf of our Clan Officer, Dale Hill. The plaque includes a maple leaf for Madam Pauline's support of Canada, a hunting horn, a carving of Hunterston Castle and a 30 in honour of her 30 years of dedicated service leading Clan Hunter. It is hoped that this plaque will be displayed in a special place at the castle. Dale wrote, "In recognition of your 30th anniversary and in honour of what I have been referring to as your champagne celebration - 30 years as our 30th Laird. This plaque represents your close connection to all of us and your excellent work as a champion of not only Hunters, but also Scottish heritage around the world. You should know that at every festival we attend members of other Clans always approach us to let us know how much they enjoyed meeting  you at previous events and how genuine you are and so generous with your time. We couldn't agree more!" Madam Pauline was very pleasantly surprised and touched by this beautiful plaque that she received from all of us. Congratulations to Madam Pauline and cheers to many more years!

## Northumberland Highland Games

*Northumberland Highland games*

Northumberland Highland Games  In June, Clan Hunter proudly participated in the Northumberland Highland Games at its new location in Port Hope, ON. It was a great day, perfect weather and lots of fun. There were approximately 15 clans represented in the Clan Village. We had the added bonus and pleasure of watching the heavy events right behind our Clan Hunter Tent.

*Dale Hill, Clan Officer Canada, Don Hunter, and Nessie*

## Nessie Returns!

Guess who has returned!  That's right a famous face for many years at the Clan Hunter Tent has come out of hiding.  Yes, we had Nessie sightings this year!

Thanks to Don Hunter and family, Nessie who is proudly wearing Hunter of Hunterston Tartan and her very own bagpipes has returned for festival fun and photos. We even had people come to the tent at Fergus looking for her because they had heard Nessie was with us. There were lots of fun discussions with children about the Loch Ness Monster in Scotland. Some of our long standing  members were quite happy to see Nessie again. Next time you attend a festival, keep your eyes out, you might just spot the typically elusive Nessie!

## Meet our new Treasurer

My name is Tom Ball, and I'm thrilled to take on the role of Treasurer for Clan Hunter. I currently work as a senior accountant for an engineering firm, which has prepared me well to manage the financial responsibilities for the Clan. Having grown up in Clan Hunter Canada, with my grandfather Tom Hunter serving as the previous Clan Officer, I was a regular at Highland games across Ontario and even had the opportunity to visit Hunterston in Scotland — a trip I hope to make again. I'm grateful for this opportunity and look forward to getting to know everyone better.

## The Link for Membership Crests and Logos

Hi everyone, for some time now we have been sending out a special link with every new membership, giving permission to use special Clan Hunter crests and logos within their own publications and correspondence etc. Just recently we received notice from one of our new members that the link was not responding. This prompted me to capture the images and create a new link until such time as the old link breakage is investigated and/or repaired. This further caused us to think "What about all the other long-time members who never received the link in the first place?" (something we should have thought about a long time ago).
So! We have decided to send the link to everyone in the present newsletter. Here it is

### Membership Crests and Logos

http://www.clanhuntercanada.com/members-crests-and-logos.html

Tom Hunter ORH

# Fergus Highland Games 2024

*Dale with the Hearth*

Again this year, Clan Hunter was present at the Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games on August 9-11, 2024. We were entertained by The 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (MAW) Band from the United States who played famous Scottish songs along with the Fergus Pipes and Drums at the Friday evening Tattoo. Dale and I proudly represented Clan Hunter in the Hearth Lighting Ceremony. We ended the evening with fantastic fireworks and a concert by 'The Next Generation Leahy.'

Saturday we had fantastic weather and an amazing turn out at our Clan Hunter Tent. It was so wonderful to see so many fellow clansfolk who dropped by to say hello and greet others. We also had Clan Hunter members actively involved in Scottish Country Dancing demonstrations throughout the weekend, including the opportunity to dance with Duncan Lacroix and Marie Doyle Kennedy from the 'Outlander' tv series. Our dancers were Mida Betty Lecocq, Kathryn Lecocq and Stephanie Lecocq-Heathcote. A special thank you to Susan Hill, John Fearnall , Mida Betty Lecocq and Kathryn Lecocq for not only greeting people at the tent but also sharing their Hunter cultural heritage with others.

*at Tent with Daphne, Susan*

*Dale, Daphne and Megan*

*at Tent with John*

We had eight people eagerly participate in the Parade of Clans during the Opening Ceremony. It was great to see you all. Thanks for joining us!

It was our distinct pleasure to meet and chat with Chief Rupert Irving of Bonshaw at our tent over the event days. He was very jovial, knowledgeable and friendly.

Unfortunately, on Sunday we had a lot of rain and although we were a little wet, we still had the pleasure of connecting with some fellow Hunters.

Overall, it was another great year at the Fergus Games. We look forward to seeing even more Clan Hunter clansfolk next year.

*Dale on the rainy Sunday*

# Recipe Corner

## Traditional Scottish Clapshot

**Karon Grieve**

A super easy and tasty dish of mashed potatoes and turnip traditionally served with haggis but perfect with lots of other dishes too.

**Ingredients:**

500g potatoes

500g turnip *swede (it's the same thing)*

2tbsp butter

2tbsp chives finely chopped

Salt and pepper

**Instructions:**

1. Peel and chop the potatoes and turnip into pieces about 1.5cm and place in a pan with enough water to cover, add salt and bring to the boiol cover and boil for about 20 minutes till tender,

2. Drain and mash the vegetables together in the pan, add the butter and most of the chives (reserve some to decorate the dish) and salt and pepper

3. Serve with extra chives and a knob of butter

*Note:*

*Serve clapshot with haggis for a traditional Burns Supper. However, it goes just as well with a traditional roast dinner or with pork chops, steak etc.*

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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.

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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!