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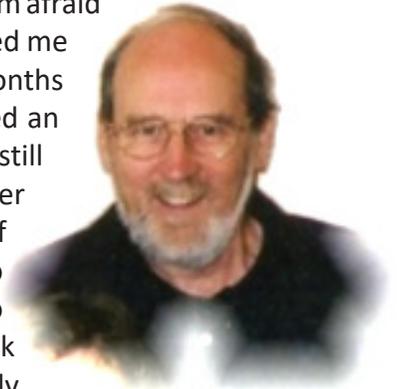
Newsletter of the Clan Hunter Association, Canada

Summer 2017

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Greetings fellow clansfolk, at last I'm back. I'm afraid looking after some medical issues has caused me to be somewhat lax over the last couple of months with the result that we have actually missed an issue of the newsletter. I, of course, am still urgently looking for content for the newsletter and really need your help. Jan Lindstrom of Kenora, Ontario very kindly volunteered to take some "New Membership" packages to the Moncton Highland Games and report back thus helping with two current problems. Firstly, an item for the newsletter (see page 8) and secondly, a presence at a Highland Games event. If we could have others volunteering to attend their local Highland Games, the Clan Association could not fail to benefit.



If you are thinking of attending the International Clan Gathering this year, it is not yet too late but you would have to get organised quickly. You can find all the current information at <https://www.facebook.com/pauline.hunterston/posts/10209121635172462> Unfortunately my medical situation does not allow Christine and I to attend this time but I can thoroughly recommend it. I expect those attending to send me lots of photos and reports on the good time they had.

Don't forget this is the time that we all renew our memberships. Christine reminds you how to do that on page 6.

Tom



Our Treasurer, Don Hunter with his wife Marion (pink jacket), and the Executive Director of their new residence. Celebrate Tartan Day





Lizz Thibodeau

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How Do I Wear This Thing?

By Lizz Hunter Thibodeau

With summer fast approaching, many Canadians and Americans will take to the Games for the annual Scottish festivities. What a marvellous opportunity we have to watch telephone poles be thrown, hear music beaten out of a dying cat, and taste delicacies better left as a mystery! Thank goodness all we have to do is throw on a bit of tartan - the more the better, some would say - and cheer enthusiastically with a few "achs" thrown in for good measure. Ah, but here's the rub: just as there are long-standing traditions and rules for scoring the caber toss, making beautiful music on the bagpipes and cooking up some haggis, so too are there rules and traditions for wearing Scotland's national dress. As with so many things in life, once we know the rules, we can bend them to our own individuality without causing unintentional offence. Before outlining the "rules", however, let me first clarify that these do not apply to dancers, pipers, competitors and the like, who must conform to the rules as set out by their organisation. These "rules" apply only to us common folk.

Let's start with the ladies: For once, dressing for women is easier than for men. Whereas in most societies, there are many more rules for women to adhere to than men (no white

We are Family, I've got all my cousins with me!

shoes after Labour Day, don't wear black to a wedding, never wear runners with a dress, etc.), the Scots have focused most of their energy on the men's national dress, hoping that women can dress themselves appropriately with only a few guidelines. That being said, these few guidelines must be explained.

SKIRTS:

Traditionally, ladies do not wear kilts. The kilt is for men. However, that does not exclude us from wearing a tartan skirt. There are no rules about the length of this skirt, nor the style. It may even be pleated in the back to look similar to the man's kilt; however, a "kilted" skirt should open in the opposite direction from a man's kilt (ie. the top flap should open on the left-hand side). Also, the weight of the woman's skirt is normally less than that of the man's kilt. None of the kilt accessories (sporrans, belt, socks, garters, etc.) are worn with the lady's skirt.

SASH: The only other article of clothing that requires a comment for women is the sash. The tartan sash gives women a fantastic opportunity to turn any outfit Scottish; however, the sash does have one hard and fast rule along with a few important traditions. Only the Chief, the wife of a Chief, or the wife of a Colonel of the Regiment of Scottish regiments may wear her sash on the left shoulder. Everyone else should don the sash on the right. While this may seem insignificant, think of how you would have felt if someone else had worn a wedding dress to your wedding. When you're the honoured one, it's nice that everyone else follows the rules. Out of respect for our Chief, we too should follow the rules to let her be the special one. As for the traditions, different ways of wearing the sash indicate different marital status. A woman who is

either born into the clan or who marries into the clan may wear her sash with the middle on her left hip and the two ends hanging over her right shoulder. A woman who has married out of the clan but still wishes to wear her maiden clan's tartan may wear the sash with the middle on her right shoulder and the ends tied on her left hip. There are many other ways that the sash can be worn, allowing women to express individuality, as long as the left shoulder is avoided.

Now on to the men:

First a note: while casual attire (ie. what's worn to the Games) is considered day wear, and more formal attire is considered evening wear, evening wear should be worn to any formal event (ie. a wedding) even if it takes place during the day.

KILTS: The kilt is the most well-known piece of the Scottish national dress for men. To wrap oneself properly, a man should start with the kilt as one long piece of material with the pleats behind him. Wrap the right-hand side across first (and buckle), then the left-hand side on top (and buckle). This should leave you with pleats at the back and a smooth front. Once men have learned how to put on the kilt, the next most important lesson is how to sit in the kilt! Please, knees together or legs crossed at the knee. It's not feminine - just polite! To ensure that your kilt is the right length, kneel on the ground. The kilt should be one inch from touching the ground.

Use your belt to adjust the kilt to the right height. The top of the kilt should be closer to your rib cage than to where your pants normally sit. Don't be embarrassed that this will show your knees to the world - all Scottish knees are beautiful!

BELTS: A belt is useful both in adding a decorative touch to the top of the kilt as well as for holding all that heavy material in the right spot; however, it is not a legal requirement

and the Scottish fashion police will not shake their bobby sticks at you for going without. If you are wearing a belt as part of evening attire, a black kilt belt should be worn (not to be confused with a Karate black belt). The design of the buckle is entirely up to you.

SOCKS: Proper kilt socks should always be worn with the kilt. They come in a variety of colours and should complement the colour of the kilt. Pure white socks are generally kept for evening wear. The tops of the socks should be folded over the garters and should not come all the way up to the knee.

GARTERS & FLASHES: Garters are needed to avoid droopy socks. The colour of the flashes should also complement the socks and the kilt. Only the flashes should show below the fold of the socks.

BROGUES: Due to the influence of the military, it is generally expected that brogues (kilt shoes) should always be black leather, regardless of all other accessories. The colour of the belt & sporran do not make a difference to the shoe.

SGIAN DUBH (pronounced Ski an doo): The sgian dubh is the small knife worn on the right-hand side of the right-hand sock (imagine the most accessible place for a right-handed person to grab it in an emergency, like not being able to open a package of crisps!). Always make sure that the sgian dubh is in its sheath before inserting it in your sock. Once there, only the top of the sheath should be showing. Your garters need to be tight enough to stop the sgian dubh from falling out. By the way, sgian dubh means black knife in Gaelic.

DIRKS: Dirks are only worn as evening wear by us common folk (pipers can wear them in the day), and traditionally they hung immediately to the right of the sporran. Due to military custom, they are now worn on the side of the right buttock, in the position of a bayonet.

SPORRANS: The sporran is the man's wallet, hung in the middle of the front of the kilt. Imagine the sporran, not only as a wallet, but also as a modesty piece for men and you'll have the placement correct. Sporrans come in many different styles and designs. In general, leather is worn in the day, fur in the evening. Black leather can also be worn for formal occasions. The leather of the sporran should always match the leather of the belt. The straps of the sporran should go through the belt loops along with the belt.

JACKETS: There are many different styles of jackets. If you choose to wear a jacket, it must be a proper kilt jacket - suit jackets are too long and don't look good with the kilt. A general rule for jackets would be tweed for daytime, black for evening. In Canada, a jacket is unnecessary and downright uncomfortable for most people in July and August at the Games. Looking good is not worth it if the only people who get to see you are the ones dealing with your heat stroke in the back of the ambulance!

BONNETS: If you choose to wear a bonnet, the ribbons and slit should go to the back with the badge by the left eye. The top is pulled to the right front. The bonnet should be further forward rather than back - no hair should be seen at the front. As with all hats, bonnets should be removed when entering a church or private home. Due to the difficulty of replacing the bonnet, and the mess it leaves your hair in when removed, it is not required to remove a bonnet when entering a tent or when addressing a lady. A slight touch of the bonnet as salute will suffice for all well brought up ladies.

FEATHERS: Common folk don't wear feathers! Three feathers indicate a chief, a chieftain wears two, and a gentleman who has the rights to heraldic arms wears one. If you're not sure where you fit, leave feathers to the birds.

One final rule for everyone:

When it comes to tartan, less is more. An attractive person should become more so when dressed in the Scottish national dress. The tartan should not overwhelm the eye. And while we are all proud of our ancestry, choose only one tartan to wear at a time. Wearing different tartans together is much like wearing a Bermuda shirt with polka dot shorts.

Do we have your current e-mail address?

Whenever I send out a mailing via e-mail I can be sure of 1 or 2 addresses which fail because they are no longer



valid. Unfortunately many of our members forget that when they change their e-mail address or service provider they need to send us a change of address just as they would for their regular mail. Please don't forget to bring us up to date if you change your address (e-mail or postal) Even if you have your newsletter sent by regular mail we would appreciate having your e-mail address so that we could keep you up to date with information that can't wait till the next newsletter.

Are you still receiving your newsletter by regular mail? Why not try the e-mail version in full colour? You can always change back if you change your mind. Just drop me a line at this address and ask me to change you over.

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CLAN HUNTER ASSOCIATION (CANADA)

2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2016 Annual General Meeting of Clan Hunter (Canada) was held on Sunday, October 23rd in Chalmers Presbyterian Church, London, Ontario.

There were 15 members present.

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm by Clan Officer, Tom Hunter who welcomed those present.

CLAN OFFICER'S REPORT.

Tom reported that due to his and Christine's visit to Scotland along with some other health issues they were only able to attend the Fergus games this year.

Tom also reported on the death, in September, of Dr. Nadene Hunter, of Dansville, NY. at the age of 98. Dr. Nadene for many years was a regular attendee at Fergus. In addition to being a member of our Association, she was also a member of Clan Hunter USA. She will be missed by all who knew her.

MINUTES OF THE 2015 AGM.

The minutes of the 2015 AGM were approved as circulated on a motion from Mida Hunter Lecocq, seconded by Bill Jones.

BUSINESS ARISING.

Tom asked if we could defer discussion of the Dr. Nadene Hunter Youth Heritage Fund to later in the meeting.

All present agreed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Due to the absence of our Treasurer, Don Hunter, Tom presented the Financial Report. As of June 30, 2016 we had a Bank balance of \$2906.03. As of today's date, we have \$1956.93 available to us as well as a balance of \$450.00 in the Dr. Nadene Hunter Youth Heritage Fund. Tom then answered questions about the report before moving for its acceptance, seconded by Lizz. Carried.

Tom also complimented Don, in absentia, on a job well done.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT (Christine Hunter)

Christine reported that after a fairly quiet year from August 2014-August 2015 when we only welcomed 4 new members this year was much better when we welcomed 11 new members.

Andrew Salgo from Mississauga, Ontario in September.

Three new members joined in January 2016. They were:

Robert Hunter from Cottam, Ontario and his father Kenneth Hunter from Kingsville, Ontario.

Kirstin Hunter from Three Hill, Alberta;

Everet Bentley from Humbolt, Saskatchewan, joined in late May;

Judith Harrison from Sherwood Park, Alberta joined in late June.

Lois Hunter Quesnel from Chatham, Ontario joined in late July.

Douglas Hunter, from Frazier Park, California but who was born in Canada was given a Membership in Clan Hunter, Canada as a Birthday gift by his wife Carla to honour his ancestry.

Wendy Hunter, from Mississauga, joined in Late July.

Eric Hunter and his wife, Gloria Hunter from Dunville joined in late August.

Valerie Wall from Edmonton Alberta, membership package is in the process of being put together.

We welcome these 11 people to Clan Hunter, Canada, and hope they enjoy Being part of our Association.

Moved by Christine, seconded by Bob Hunter that this report be received. Carried..

GENEALOGY REPORT (Lizz Thibodeau)

I have been having fun the past few years with finding different angles to write about in the genealogy column in the newsletter. I hope that this means that people are having success on their own and are being inspired to look at new avenues or regard history in a new light. Personally, I think the best thing about genealogy and researching history is finding out the stories that go along with it.

In my first article this past year, Marian Hunter shared part of her story and told about several certificates that she has received to complement her genealogy, celebrating family lines that have been in Ontario for over 150 years and recognising that one of her ancestors was a United Empire Loyalist.

The next two articles were very much focussed on history which might have included some of our ancestors. One article focused on the plantation of Protestants from Scotland and some from England in Northern Ireland during the late 16th and 17th centuries to help keep the Catholic Irish under British rule. The second article looked at the influence of the Vikings on not just Scotland but also England.

The most recent article highlighted a story from my recent trip to Scotland when we met a man who was researching his family and discovered some possible links to the family of my cousin's husband.

In closing, I will once again remind everyone that I am always looking for ideas for articles that may inspire our clansfolk in their own journey into the past. If you have a story to share or a subject you'd like to hear more about, please let me know.

Moved by Lizz Thibodeau, seconded by Lynn Hunter that this report be received. Carried
NEWSLETTER & WEB REPORT (Tom Hunter)

As always, newsletter continues to be a challenge but I am thankful for Lizz and Christine who consistently come up with something on demand. We send out 64 newsletters by email and 43 by regular mail. Since 1989 we have been sending out 4 newsletters per year. My thanks, one again to those loyal folk who send articles for the newsletter. Your help is greatly appreciated. We are hoping to update our list of members in the near future.

WEB SITE

Our website is pretty stable.

FACEBOOK PAGE I would love to encourage some traffic but it just doesn't seem to be me.

Tom moved the acceptance of his report seconded by Lizz Thibodeau. Carried

DR. NADINE HUNTER YOUTH HERITAGE FUND

As of June 30, 2016 there was a balance of \$450.00 in this fund.

The Youth Heritage Fund Committee had one applicant for a grant from this Fund and recommended on a motion made by Lizz Thibodeau and seconded by Tom Hunter of Hagersville that Justin Hunter (son of member, Kirstin Hunter) of Three Hills, Alberta be the first recipient of a grant. Carried

Justin is in Grade 12 and has been Highland Dancing since he was 3 or 4 years of age. He competes at the Championship level where he hopes to someday represent his home Province at "Canadians". He is also an Associate Teacher and hopes within the next year or so to become a fully qualified Highland Dance Teacher. We look forward to receiving a report from Justin on what this grant has meant to him and how it has helped him.

Moved by Bob Hunter, seconded by Carol Jones that a grant of \$250.00 be awarded this year. Defeated

Moved by Carol Jones seconded by Bob Hunter the grant awarded this year be for \$300.00 and that the amount of the grant for next year be revisited at the 2017 AGM. Carried.

Moved by Andrew Thibodeau, seconded by Kathryn Lecocq that a cap of \$500.00 be applied to the fund. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

CLAN HUNTER GATHERING will be held at Hunterston this year, the weekend of July 28-30. The Clan has been offered the opportunity to be included in a special program presented by the Edinburg Military Tattoo. All of the information was included in our Fall newsletter.

North America Leadership Conference 2017. In honour of Canada's 150 Anniversary is to be held at the University of Guelph from August 10-12, in conjunction with the Fergus Scottish Festival. The conference is open to all persons with an interest in Scottish Heritage and History. This is the first time this Conference has been held in Canada. More information about this event can be found at: www.CASSOC.ca

HIGHLAND GAMES.

Tom mentioned that he has been the Clan Officer for Canada since 1984 and thinks that it is time to start looking for a successor.

Tom also mentioned that since there are many Highland Games being held and that he and Christine are finding it more difficult to attend as many as they have in past years, it would be nice if Clan members who live near the venues would consider “manning” the Clan Tent at these games. Anyone interested in helping the Clan out in this way should contact him to find out what would be involved.

AGM for 2017.

Discussion around a possible new venue to hold our AGM on the Saturday of the Fergus games took place. Kathryn Lecocq volunteered to investigate other restaurants, etc. in the Fergus-Guelph that would be suitable for our purposes.

The Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm on a motion by Bill Jones following which 14 members gathered at a local Swiss Chalet Restaurant for dinner and Fellowship.

Respectfully submitted:

Mida Hunter Lecocq
Secretary

Membership Report Spring 2017

We have had a bit of a lazy spring in the Hunter Clan Association, but I would like to give a warm welcome to :

Kelsey Hunter who is our most recent joinee (is there such a word?). Kelsey lives in the Hamilton area of Ontario, and just recently requested membership in the Clan Association. Hopefully we can encourage Kelsey to come to the Fergus Highland Games and get to know some of her new family.

I know Tom will be covering both of my comments here in his diatribe, but I’m going to add them anyway!

Fergus Games is an ideal place to meet other clan members. We usually have a fair number of members attending these Games – and that is part of this request! Please try to make that extra effort to join us at the Games this year. Tom and I enjoy “manning” the Clan Hunter tent in the Avenue of the Clans, but it is so nice to meet new faces, and of course to catch up with those who have been members for a few years some for many, many years! We love to hear your news! Please make yourself known to us, just in case we don’t recognise you!

2017 – 2018 Dues. I will put a wee note in with this Newsletter if you have already paid this coming year’s dues, so if there is no note – your Clan Hunter Association dues of \$30.00 are due now. The annual dues pay for the New Members Packages, newsletters and other correspondence sent out for your information, they help towards the Heritage Bursary system recently put into place, and a small part is sent to Hunterston Castle to help defray the costs of Gatherings etc. Please take the time to send us your dues by cheque or through paypal (click here www.clanhuntercanada.com) so that we can continue to have an active Clan Association. Cheques should be made out to **Clan Hunter** and sent to our treasurer, Don Hunter , Donway Place, 8 The Donway East, Suite 439. Toronto, ON. M3C 3R7
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Dr. Nadine Hunter Scottish Youth Heritage Fund

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,

Administration The fund is administered by the Youth Heritage Fund Committee of Clan Hunter Canada.

Decisions for the distribution of the fund will be made prior to the Annual General Meeting of Clan Hunter Canada. The names of successful applicants will be presented at the AGM for approval and will be published in the Fall newsletter.

Conditions of Disbursement

- Each year, up to three (3) bursaries of \$100 each may be awarded to successful applicants.
- Applicants must be 18 years of age or younger.
- Preference will be given to first-time applicants.
- Applications must be received by the committee by July 15th of the current year.

Expectations After Receiving a Grant Photographs and a summary of the activity will be submitted to Clan Hunter Canada in a timely manner. This enables your story to be shared with the Clan.

Send your request for an application form to

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or by email to

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Clan Hunter Association - Canada

Fergus Scottish Festival & Highland Games **Aug 12-14 2017**

you can find us there at...

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|---------------------------|---------|----------|------------|--------|
| •Fergus Tattoo & Lighting | 6.45pm | Friday | 11Aug 2017 | Fergus |
| •Fergus Highland games | 7.00am | Saturday | 12Aug 2017 | Fergus |
| •Fergus Highland games | 12 noon | Sunday | 13Aug 2017 | Fergus |

Why not plan to attend this special gathering

Stay over in the Fergus area

Enjoy the Games - Hang out at the Clan Tent

Join in with other Hunters in the Clan Parade - 11.30 am on 12th

Enjoy the fabulous Celtic Music

Meet some old and new Clan friends

Share your genealogy with other clan members

Check out the Fergus Highland Games website

for up to date information

<http://www.fergusscottishfestival.com>

Moncton Highland Games.

Christine and I are now finding it very difficult to attend the various Highland Games in our area so it was with great appreciation that we accepted the offer of Jan Lindstrom of Kenora, ON to act on our behalf at the Moncton Highland Games and distribute Clan Hunter Packages. Jan's brother is one of the organizers of the games and as she was visiting, she kindly stepped up for us.

From Jan:....Well the games are now history. It was a rainy morning but not bad afternoon. Since you are involved in games, you will know how much work my brother had to do in preparation. I guess they were not as successful as last year because of the weather but competition is competition and they did carry on. They had for viewing.....sheep dog "herding", shearing, archery, fly casting, the heavy games (one of the organizers set a Canadian record), Highland dancing and of course pipe bands. I was there pretty well all day. I had to hand out my Hunter info from the Fraser tent because I was in clan alley and there was no specific tent for me. It was a good day. Jan



Two beautiful Draft horses,
all dressed up and ready to show



A Highland Cow



Sheep Shearing.
I hope it was a warm day!



Scottish (or Gordon)
Setter.



Massed Pipe Band

Clan Hunter Association - Canada

Notice of Dues for July 1st 2017to June 30th 2018

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