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Member of Clan Hunter

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*Newsletter of the Clan Hunter Association, Canada*

*Fall 2017*

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This year we held our International Gathering at Hunterston Castle, the Clan Seat. Thank you to everyone who attended. It was wonderful to be able to welcome Hunters from so many places and countries, from Australia, Canada, United States of America, Great Britain and for the first time Hunters from Mexico. Maria Cuevas Hunter had brought her mother, Aunt and two of her cousins to visit Hunterston Castle and join us for our Gathering. Thank you to everyone for making them feel so welcome. It is a real joy for me to be able to share Hunterston Castle, your Clan Seat with you and give those at the Gathering a flavour of our long history and heritage and your place of belonging.



On Friday we were entertained by local storyteller, David Campbell who was accompanied by his sister on the guitar. He regaled us with the story of young Archie Hunter's experience of the Battle of Largs. David even had us all singing a couple of well known Scottish songs with him as part of the storytelling, which got us in the mood for the excellent food provided by the Rowantree Restaurant.

In the afternoon I was honoured to be presented with a pen made by Nicholas Hunter, who is an Eagle Scout and is aiming to go to medical college. Once again Hunters are following in the footsteps of our famous ancestors John and William Hunter, both renowned medical Doctors of the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Thank you Nicholas for such a fine present.

Later on, the Isle of Cumbrae Pipe Band came to play for us outside the Castle. For several Hunters this was their first experience of hearing a live pipe band. The pipe band played several well known tunes such as Highland Cathedral, which is a particular favourite of mine and some new tunes. They were not able to join us at the Tattoo as they were going to be playing at a remembrance parade for the Battle of Passchendaele.

Saturday morning brought Dr. Joseph Morrow, the current Lord Lyon to Hunterston. He spoke to us about the Court of the Lord Lyon and Heraldry. His talk was not only interesting but entertaining. There

were so many questions for him that he stayed for lunch to answer them all.

That evening our Clan Dinner was held at our usual venue, the Masonic Hall in West Kilbride. We have our Clan dinners at this Hall as the 27<sup>th</sup> Laird was instrumental in raising the funds for this building. After our excellent meal several clan members were persuaded by the band to take part in some Scottish dancing, well done to you all.

Before we set aside the table for dancing I was presented by Laura Muirhead Convenor of Clan Muirhead with a beautiful handmade sporran, made and designed by Raymond Morehead, Chief Elect of Clan Muirhead. Graham, Macer Venatorus proudly wore this sporran for our appearance on the Esplanade at the Edinburgh Tattoo. I was deeply honoured by this presentation as we have for many years had a Link of Friendship with Clan Muirhead. Clan Muirhead have no Clan Seat that they can call home in Scotland. Early in my Chiefship I was introduced to Raymond Morehead and seeing that they had no home in Scotland I offered them Hunterston Castle with us in a Link of Friendship so that they had a spiritual home in Scotland. Sadly Raymond had had to cancel his trip so was unable to make the presentation himself.

On Sunday the Burns Birthplace Museum saw an invasion of Hunters. The Hunters were early patrons of Robert Burns by subscribing to his first book of poems. The museum has been completely renewed and the cottage had some very fine restoration work done to show how it would have looked at the time of Robert Burns childhood. The guides in the cottage entertained us with stories of life in those times, so very different from today but very enlightening. The new museum has displays laid out in a random way and interactive activities for all ages. I especially enjoyed hearing songs written by Burns.

We returned to Hunterston for our final meal that evening. Everyone had got on really well and I observed a lot of swapping of emails and new friendships being made. Ronnie Galloway, our official photographer, took the photos you can find on our Clan Hunter UK Facebook page. Do check it out.

I wish to thank you all for the donations that you send to the Clan Seat in Scotland, this year your contributions have been put to a new carpet for the Old Hall as the old one had become very stained and worn.

The next major event for Clan Hunter was our march into the Esplanade the following Saturday to take part in the welcoming ceremony of the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. This year's theme was a 'Splash of Tartan' What an honour that was for Clan Hunter to take part in this pageant

Hunters turned up in numbers, about 60 in all, with everyone wearing something in our tartan. Well done Hunters for creating such a Splash of our Tartan! We looked stupendous. It was a great experience for us all to be able to march with our retinue proudly onto the Esplanade. I was given by the Salute Taker, General Mark Milley, 39<sup>th</sup> Chief of Staff of the United States Army a Challenge Medallion, a very great honour as these medallions are not given lightly, followed by a welcoming dram in a quaich. After the grace I was expected to take the dram turn the quaich upside down and kiss the base. We were then all shown to our seats to enjoy the rest of the show.

The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo is an iconic pageant famous worldwide for bringing people together through a diversity of performances by many nationalities from many countries.

The feedback I have had from the Tattoo organizers has been very rewarding. They were so pleased to see the colourful Hunter tartan dressing the Esplanade. I was so very proud as your chief to lead the distinguished Hunter Clan retinue. Thank you all for coming.

Cursum Perficio (I will complete the course)

Madam Pauline

## *The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo* (Cineplex & Cinemalive)

I wanted to let you know that The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo is going to be screened in cinemas across Canada at the end of October through our partners CinemaLive. This is a new activity for us and hopefully one that we can repeat in future years and possibly in other overseas marketplaces. We are very excited and wanted to let our partners with a vested interest in promoting Edinburgh, Scotland and the UK within Canada. We try to flag up any activity that may be of interest to our partners.

Saturday 28th October is currently on sale in 54 Cineplex cinemas across Canada with additional cinemas and dates tbc. **Cineplex details\***. Please find attached a copy of the poster being used in Canada.

As you know The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo is quite simply one of the greatest shows on earth. It combines military spectacle, cultural performance, vibrant music and international colour - all in an historic Scottish setting - to deliver a unique event that has drawn millions of people from all over the world for over six decades.

It is the 2017 show that was on in Edinburgh in August this year. 2017 is Scotland's 'Year of Heritage, History and Archaeology' and The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo took a vibrant and exciting journey through the theme 'Splash of Tartan', playing host to a stunning array over 1200 performers from all points of the compass celebrating the heritage, colour and diversity of Scotland's global family both near and far.

It was a Royal Navy lead year, so the show featured the Massed Bands of Her Majesty's Royal Marines among a host of other talent including the stirring sight and sound of The Massed Pipes and Drums, the Tattoo Dance Company and Hjaltibonhoga. We also featured The Queen's Colour Squadron, Band of the Royal Air Force Regiment and The Band of The Royal Regiment of Scotland and from overseas we welcomed the Japan Ground Self-Defence Force Central Band, the Indian Naval Band, the Fanfare Band of the 9th French Marine Infantry Brigade and the United States Naval Forces Europe Band.

We also welcomed 57 clans across the month with different Clan Chief's represented each night who took traditional Quaich ceremony with the Guest of Honour for that evening. In the BBC programme it will feature The Prince of Wales as the Guest of Honour. He was joined by his son and his son, Prince William, in the Quaich toast to good health, given in Gaelic, in front of the sell-out show. The Clan Chiefs that night were Sinclair and Campbell.



\* <https://www.cineplex.com/Showtimes/the-royal-edinburgh-military-tattoo/london-on?Date=10/28/2017>

## 🎵 Connections Corner



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If you are able to envision parts of Canada that you've never visited because of photos you've seen, perhaps even on the old 5, 10 or 50



George Hunter

dollar bills, it is probably thanks to George Hunter. George started his career as a photographer in 1939 when he was 18 years old. At that time, most of the jobs for photographers were with newspapers or in film, so George worked for the Winnipeg Tribune and the National Film Board for a few years. In 1950, however, George decided to go out on his own and become an independent commercial photographer. Over the course of his career, he would criss-cross Canada at least 100 times, photographing

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

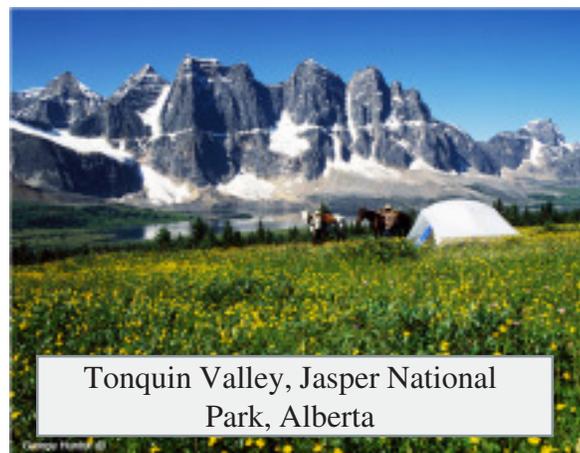


everything and anything. Initially, he aided the government by photographing Canada's rise to industrial power – open-pit mines, highways criss-crossing into the horizon, smoke billowing out of factories, but as times and values changed, so did George. In the 70s and 80s when the view of industrialization shifted, George produced portrayals of Canada focusing on the beauty of nature.

George always managed to find adventure. He caught the last flight out of Afghanistan on the day the Soviets invaded in 1979. He got charged by a moose. He landed a plane when the engine quit. And once he got thrown out of a plane, mid-flight, and managed to climb back in – without losing his camera! Imagine sitting in a plane, leaning out of the door (I've never personally flown in a plane that had its doors open during flight, but I imagine that would be very helpful for photography purposes) when the plane suddenly lurches. This

shouldn't be a problem; the seatbelt is strong, but George's camera managed to hit the buckle in just the right way to release it, sending him and his camera careening out the door. Miraculously, George managed to grab the struts under the wing and hold on (maintaining his grip on his camera as well of course!) Communicating through wild gestures, the pilot rolled the plane to allow George to drop his camera and then himself back into the plane.

George died in 2013, but before his death he created the Canadian Heritage Photography Foundation so that his collection would be available to the public. He



Tonquin Valley, Jasper National Park, Alberta

was also very close to reaching his goal of having at least one of his heritage prints in the permanent collection of every prominent public art institution across Canada. This goal was not created out of personal pride or ambition, but rather came from his personal mission statement: "A country without appreciation of its heritage is not a country. My mission is to show Canadians, and the world, a little of our country. The more they see something of Canada's grandeur and diversity of its people, the more they will appreciate it. I will not rest a minute until my mission is accomplished."

# Fergus Highland Games 2017



Judy Tipple (Saturna Island, BC) and Christine Hunter



New Member, Kelsey Hunter of Hamilton



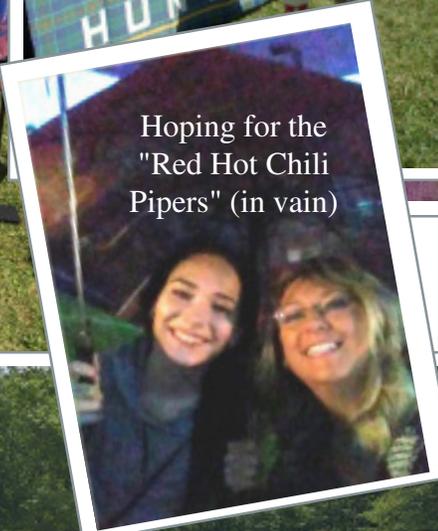
Mattyryk with his new (Plastic) sword



The Hunters and Thibodeaus of London



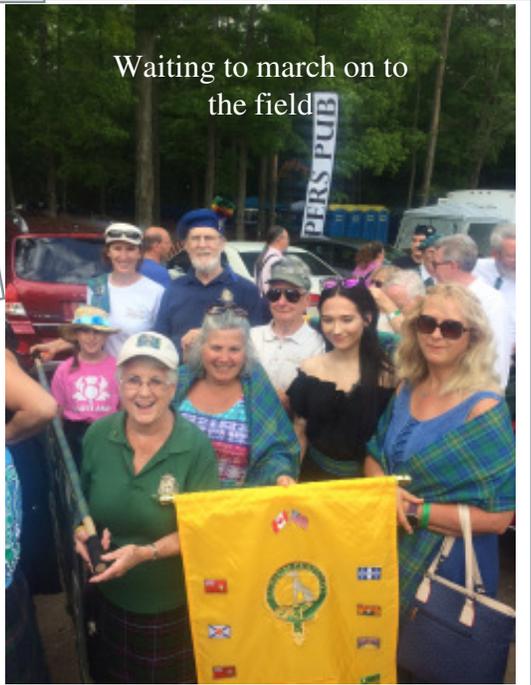
Christina and Lynn Hunter Ball of London



Hoping for the "Red Hot Chili Pipers" (in vain)



Clan Hunter on Parade



Waiting to march on to the field

## *The National Geographic Geno 2.0 DNA test* by *Bill Hunter*

When I got involved in genealogy using Ancestry.com, I was able to track my ancestry back to my third great-grandfather, who immigrated to North Carolina from County Londonderry around 1770. I knew his grandfather had emigrated from Glasgow to County Londonderry some time before 1719. Other than that, I had nothing. I assumed my Hunter line was related to the Hunters of Hunterston. In addition to the Ayrshire Hunters, there are numerous cadet branches throughout Scotland, related by blood. Some sites claim everyone with the surname Hunter is related to the Hunters of Hunterston.

My sons gave me the National Geographic Geno 2.0 DNA test, which gave me my Y-DNA (father's, father's, father's, etc. line) haplogroup and mtDNA (mother's, mother's, mother's, etc. line) haplogroup and gave me a racial/ethnic breakdown.



Mildly interesting, but no help at all in

genealogy. Then I ran into the daughter of a 5th cousin once removed (his 4th great-grandfather was my 3rd great-grandfather's brother) at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. Her father had tested 67 markers with FamilyTreeDNA and she suggested I do the same. I was able to transfer my data from NatGeo and I signed up for the 111 marker Y-DNA test. Despite being descended from a guy who died in 1759, the results showed that out of 67 Y-DNA markers, her father and I have 65 identical markers – the other two are off by one digit.

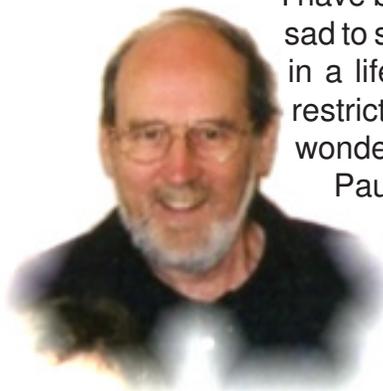
The other thing we discovered was that we were not related to the Hunterston Clan. Our Y-DNA haplogroup is I-M223, while the Hunters of Hunterston are R-M269 – the most common haplogroup in Western Europe. The latter are descended from a Norman who followed William the Conqueror. The Hunters of Polmood were Gaelic, seem to have been in the Upper Tweeddale long before the Norman invasion, and were never considered a cadet branch of Hunterston. Another thing we found out was that a guy the family had long thought to be related to my 3rd great-grandfather was, in fact, related to the Hunterston Clan. Although markers do mutate over time, Y-DNA is pretty stable. Two people who share a deep subclade of a haplogroup may have eight markers that are different. All that means is that their common ancestor may have lived many centuries ago. However, two individuals with different haplogroups [e.g.: R-M269 and I-M223] have to go back millennia, to some place in the Middle East or north east Africa to find a common ancestor. If you're interested in using DNA as a genealogy aid, I recommend FamilyTreeDNA. They offer 37, 67 and 111 marker tests. For genealogy purposes, I recommend a minimum of 67 markers. If you've been tested by another outfit, you can transfer the data and upgrade to 67 markers. Once you're in FTDNA, you will be able to join different DNA projects [e.g.: The Hunter Project, the Scottish Project, the Scots-Irish Project] where the administrators will batch you with other members of the project that have similar Y-DNA. You can also check for close matches on Y-DNA based on 12, 25, 37, 67 or 111 markers (although less than 67 markers are inconclusive.) FTDNA also provides a lot of education on DNA in general and your haplogroup in particular. FTDNA also allows you to test for a particular SNP that is a subclade of your given haplogroup to confirm kinship with other members that have similar markers to you. The Hunter Project at WorldFamilies.net can be accessed at this link:

<https://www.worldfamilies.net/surnames/hunter/order>

If you click on "Y-results", it will show a graph with all the members of the project. You will notice that there are 11 lineages for the Hunters of haplogroup R-M269. This may have something to do with the numerous cadet branches of Clan Hunter of Hunterston, and with the fact that the line of the lairds has passed through five women since 1616 and their husbands' Y-DNAs got into the mix. Although most members of haplogroup I lineage 1 are shown as I-M223, it's a sure thing that with additional SNP testing all would test positive for I-Y4751, given the similarity of

their markers. What that means it that all are descended from the same ancestor at some time in the distant past, though some have a more recent common ancestor. You will also notice that there are small groups of haplogroups E, G and J. Possible explanations include adoption, aliases, births out of wedlock, and subordinates of a clan that take the clan name. The same might be the case of people with different surnames included in the Hunter Project under haplogroups I and R. Only men have Y-DNA, so any women who wish to know their Y-DNA background should have their father or a brother tested.

### Greeting fellow Clansmen and Clanswomen,



I have barely left myself enough room to write anything for this newsletter. However, sad to say I was not able to be in Scotland this year for the Clan Gathering or the once in a lifetime opportunity to be a part of the Tattoo. Unfortunately due to medical restrictions I wasn't free to travel at that time. Everyone seems to have had a wonderful experience and I see nothing but happy smiling faces below. Madam Pauline described the event in some detail in her letter to the clan members on page 1. I received a notification from CASSOC regarding the showing of the Edinburgh Military Tattoo in local Canadian movie theatres and so I have included it in this newsletter. Unfortunately Clan Hunter was not one of the clans featured in the movie.

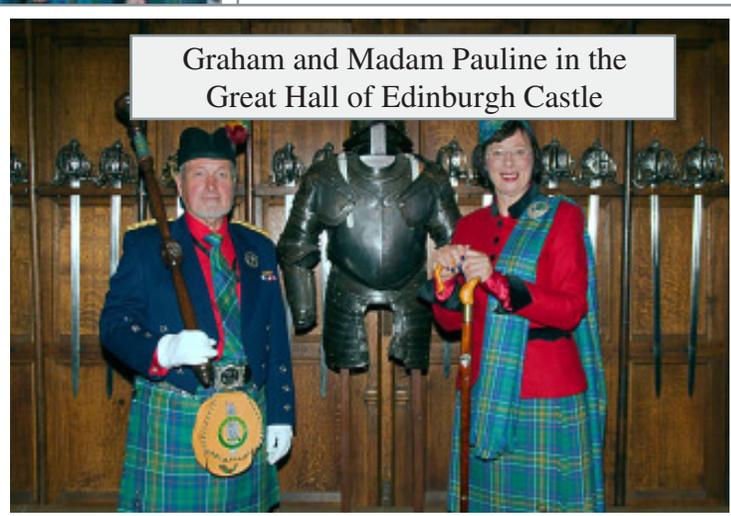
Sadly we lost one of our longtime, dyed in the wool, members of Clan Hunter this year in the form of Catherine Elder. You will find an "In Memorium" on page 8. Fortunately, Christine and I were able to attend the funeral in Chatham. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Tom

Clan Hunter gathering outside the Castle Esplanade before marching in to the Tattoo



Graham and Madam Pauline in the Great Hall of Edinburgh Castle



Madam Pauline and other Clan dignitaries on Castle Esplanade





### **Mrs. Catherine Elder**

After a long and courageous battle with Alzheimer's disease, Catherine May (Hunter) Elder passed away peacefully at Riverview Gardens on Sunday July 2nd, 2017 in her 96th year. Cherished daughter of the late Robert and Janet Hunter. Catherine's had two main loves, the first being her church. She was a member of Victoria Ave United Church, teaching in the Sunday School and later serving

on both the Official Board and the Trustees. She was a member of Unit 6 of the UCW, catering events, holding rummage sales and the crowning event, baking tirelessly to make pies for the last International Plowing Match held in Chatham. Her second love was her family. As the youngest of eight children, she spent countless hours writing letters and keeping in touch with her brothers and sisters, as well as all her nieces and nephews. She was a loving mother to four sons, Brian, Raymond (1988), Bruce and Gordon. In later years Catherine became involved with the Ontario Genealogical Society where she connected with more family around the world, researching her family tree's many generations. Catherine was a founding member of the Tartan Sertoma Club of Chatham.

It was when Christine and I and the family joined the Hunter Clan Association in 1984 that we came to know Catherine. And when I became Clan Officer in 1995 She and her husband David showed us the ropes with regards to creating a presence at the Highland Games and Christine and I followed them around the circuit watching how it was done. For the longest time she was our Clan Genealogist and spent much time trying to help others researching their tree. This was before all of the computer tools that are available now. In 2003 she was presented with "The Order of the Royal Huntsman" for her many contributions to the Clan Hunter Association.

### **Membership News Fall 2017**

We have seen 2 new members join us since my last report. Let me introduce:

**Linda Hunter**, who joined us after visiting Hunterston Castle and taking part in the Clan Hunter homecoming at the Castle – and then being part of the Tattoo which featured the Hunter Clan on the opening night at Edinburgh Castle! What a lovely initiation into the Clan family. Linda joins us from Sydenham Ontario.

**Lorinda Barnett**, who is our newest member of the Clan Hunter Association and joins us from beautiful Nova Scotia, Yarmouth.

We welcome both of these new members and hope they enjoy being part of the Association.

### **HELP**

Every once in a while we lose track of a member. They change their address usually and forget to inform us of their new address. I had two newsletters returned recently and am hoping someone can give me an up-to-date address for one of these members:

**Gail Chase** is a long time member who lives in the States. Gail's last known address was in Barrington, New Hampshire, USA

**Gordon R. Hunter** is also a long time member, and the last address we have for Gordon is in Coburg, Ontario, Canada

If anyone can help with a new address for either of these members - please contact me at 61 Downing Crescent, London, ON. N6C 3C7 ..... or at [cbhhunter61@gmail.com](mailto:cbhhunter61@gmail.com)

Christine Hunter

Membership Secretary