



AFFILIATE OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CN PENSIONERS' ASSOCIATION INC.

MAY 2023 NEWSLETTER

1. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As advertised, we are rotating our meetings around the GTA to enable you to attend one closer to where you live. Our first meeting of this year was on April 29th and was held in Whitby. Some of those attending were members who recently transferred from the dissolved Peterborough Council. Along with getting to meet up and have lunch, a number of things of interest to members were discussed including,

- The council's handling of its financials
- The Blue Cross Health Plan and coverage for travel
- Suggestions for member activities
- Suggestions for meeting locations and content

These and other things are the reason we hold meetings. We want to hear your ideas and suggestions so please plan to attend our next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 7th in Brampton. Hope to see you there.

Bowling and Pizza Day

Unfortunately, we had to cancel this event due to the very low number of members who told us they would attend.

Your Toronto Council works hard to find activities to enable members to get together socially. The golf tournament is an event that has been popular for a number of years. Last year was the first year we got Blue Jays tickets. Both of these items are on the schedule again this year. To add variety and based on responses to surveys done in 2020 and 2021, bowling and curling are part of our activity schedule this year. While we would love to provide these activities at no cost to members, we can't but we can subsidize the cost by offering discounted prices.

Scheduling activities involves identifying an activity we think would be interesting to our members. We look for suitable locations of facilities at reasonable prices, booking them, which in most cases involves paying a deposit and advertising them to members through our newsletter and Facebook page. With both our meetings and activities, we try to get reduced pricing for the facilities and we need to provide expected numbers. Therefore, we need to establish a deadline date to hear from members who plan to attend by having you sign up by a certain date. If we can't get the numbers required, like with the bowling, we need to be able to cancel in time to get our deposit back. Please check out our Event Schedule for dates and locations of upcoming meetings and activities. Remember, spouses are always welcome to attend. – Ron Charles

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2. NEXT MEETING/SOCIAL – WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7 – 10:30 am – 2:00 pm (light lunch included)

This will be a hybrid event with people being able to attend in person or via ZOOM.

Location: Earnscliffe Recreation Centre – plenty of parking available.

Address: 44 Eastbourne Dr., Brampton (1 block west of Torbram and 1 block south of Clark.)

Special Presentation on Seniors Fraud by Lou Lisi

Lou is a former CN Police officer and has extensive knowledge on crime prevention. This is an important topic as we all know there are unscrupulous people always finding ways to relieve us of our savings or possessions. Lou will tell us how to identify fraud and what to do to protect ourselves from being taken advantage of.

IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING IN PERSON

PLEASE CONFIRM BY EMAILING OR CALLING RON CHARLES BY JUNE 5TH BECAUSE WE NEED TO KNOW THE NUMBERS TO ENSURE WE ORDER ENOUGH FOOD.

IF ATTENDING VIA ZOOM

PLEASE LET RON KNOW BY EMAIL AND YOU WILL BE SENT THE LINK.

Email: charlesron.cnpa@gmail.com

Phone: 905-884-5470

3. TORONTO COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – CONTACT INFORMATION

President	Ron Charles	Tel: (905) 884-5470
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Director	Aubrey Gill	Tel. (416) 574-3445
Director	Lou J. Lisi	Tel: (647) 284-9646
Director	Vacant	

4. SAVE THE DATES

JUNE EVENTS

MEETING/SOCIAL – WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7 – 10:30 am – 2:00 pm (light lunch included)

LOOK FOR DETAILS IN THIS NEWSLETTER

Location: Earnscliffe Community Centre
Address: 44 Eastbourne Dr., Brampton, Ontario

GOLF – TUESDAY, JUNE 20 – Tee times starting at 9:30 am (lunch included)

REGISTRATION FORM IS INCLUDED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

Rolling Hills Golf Club
12808 Warden Avenue, Stouffville, Ontario
Contact: Wayne MacFarlane
Email: wmacfa8169@rogers.com

OTHER COMING EVENTS

MEETING/SOCIAL – WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

Location: To be determined – look for details in our August Newsletter.

BLUE JAYS GAME – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 – 1:30 pm

Rogers Centre Toronto

Tickets will be limited to 2 per CNPA Toronto Council member and will be available beginning Monday August 21 on a First-Come-First-Served basis. Details on how to obtain them will be in the August newsletter and the Facebook page.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Location: To be determined

CURLING – THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16 – 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Richmond Hill Curling Club
121 Elgin Mills Road, Richmond Hill, Ontario
Contact: Ron Charles
Email: charlesron.cnpa@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON - Date and location to be determined

Location: To be determined

5. REGISTRATION FOR THE 31st ANNUAL CN PENSIONERS' GOLF DAY TUESDAY JUNE 20th 2023

Tuesday, June 20, 2023, has been reserved for our "Golf and Bar B-Q" day at the CLUBLINK CORP., Rolling Hills Challenge Course, located on Warden Avenue, just 1.7 km north of Stouffville Road, Gormley. **The cost is \$70.00 per person**, which includes green fees, golf cart and Bar-B-Q – still a good price for this quality of course. In addition, there is personalized scorecards and cart cards, and prizes. Cost for the **Bar-B-Q only is \$23.00**.

TEE OFF TIMES AND DIRECTIONS TO THE GOLF COURSE WILL BE MAILED OUT JUNE 06th, 2023.

Assistance will be given in making up foursomes, but members may prefer to arrange their own two, three or foursomes. In such cases, one cheque or E Transfer will do, together with the name and telephone number or email address of each member of the party. **TEE OFFS STARTS AT 9:30am.**

There will be prizes for "CLOSEST TO THE PIN FEMALE & MALE" on hole #9, "LONGEST DRIVE FEMALE & MALE " on hole #17 and "WINNING TEAM". Please ensure that scorecards are turned in to Wayne MacFarlane or Mike Jennings at the end of the round. Anyone wishing to donate prizes (which would be most appreciated), is asked to contact Wayne MacFarlane at 416-846-8169 or Mike Jennings 905-466-4631.

As a substantial non-refundable deposit is required well in advance of the event, cheques or E Transfers should be sent no later than May 30th, 2023.

To ensure this golf outing is a success, circle Tuesday, June 20th, 2023 on your calendar and please reply as soon as possible.

If further information is required, please contact **Wayne MacFarlane at 416-846-8169 or Mike Jennings 905-466-4631**.

Please send cheques, made payable to CN Pensioners' Association, together with this application form to:
Wayne MacFarlane, 1680 Portland Court, Pickering, On, L1V 5L4

If you wish to pay by E-Transfer send the E-Transfer to our Treasurer, Dave Bradshaw at email address david.bradshaw5050@gmail.com with a follow up email containing your security question and security answer GOLF all in capitals.

We welcome any new golfers - Remember, we are just out to enjoy the day and have fun with fellow pensioners and friends - You do not have to be an expert golfer to join in!! Bring a friend and have some fun.

Wayne MacFarlane Cell: 416-846-8169 Email: wmacfa8169@rogers.com
Mike Jennings Cell: 905-466-4631 Email: mjennings5@cogeco.ca

APPLICATION FOR 2023 GOLF DAY - TUESDAY, JUNE 20th

Enclosed cheque or E Transfer in the amount of \$ _____ dated _____ 2023

MEMBERS OF PARTY:

<u>NAME</u> (please print)	<u>PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL ADDRESS</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Please indicate if an early/mid/late tee off is preferred _____

6. MEMBER DISCOUNTS

Here is an update on three of the discounts offered to CNPA members who plan to travel.

Always check with the discounting agency to ensure you understand the discount offers and conditions.

Avis Rent a Car

Avis Rent a Car is pleased to offer CNPA members discounted rates for car rentals in Canada, the United States and internationally. Visit the Avis web site - <https://www.avis.ca/en/home> - in order to secure your discount today! Use AWD code **B308200**

Canada & United States

A minimum 5% discount off the lowest discountable rate. Discount can range up to 25%, but that increased discount is subject to a number of variables.

International

In Africa, Asia, the Caribbean (including Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands) Europe, Middle East, Latin America, Mexico, New Zealand, Australia and South Africa, you will receive a maximum 20% discount off the lowest available discountable time and mileage rates

Unless otherwise provided, these rates do not include, taxes, insurance, airport fees, drop charges, and no discount would be applied to these charges if they are incurred.

Rocky Mountaineer

Rocky Mountaineer is pleased to offer their rail partners reduced rate options. These options are offered when space allows, as they feel it is important for you to personally experience their trains and their amenities.

Bookings are subject to the regular Rocky Mountaineer Terms and Conditions, including cancellation policy. You can view their website, including their terms and conditions, at <https://www.rockymountaineer.com/terms-conditions>.

This reduced rate program is made available to CN Employees, and *CNPA contributing members*, and bookings must be paid for immediately by credit card. The reduced rate is valid for the Rail Employee/CNPA contributing member and one travel companion.

All reduced rate requests are subject to the following terms and conditions: Reduced rate space is capacity controlled and may be withdrawn at any time with, or without notice. Rocky Mountaineer reserves the right to add, change or modify reduced rate conditions at any time, without notification, other restrictions apply. Confirmed bookings are not subject to the cancellation under this provision.

Rocky Mountaineer is pleased to offer reduced rates for the 2023 season For Travel on Select Dates through October 2023

Vacation Packages - 20% discount off the full retail rate

Two & Three-Day Rail – SilverLeaf or GoldLeaf Service*

50% discount off the full retail rate when booked **less than 45 days** to departure

Two & Three-Day Rail – SilverLeaf or GoldLeaf Service*

20% discount off the full retail rate when booked **45+ days** to departure

*Overnight accommodation in Kamloops or Glenwood Springs included; one night in Quesnel and Whistler for Rainforest to Gold Rush journeys. Discount is not applicable to SilverLeaf Plus on the Rockies to the Red Rocks route. Discounted reservations cannot be combined with any other promotional discounts.

To book, contact their vacation consultants at the number below or via email. Retirees will be required to fax or email proof of CNPA membership prior to the discount being applied to your reservation. They have been provided a copy of our CNPA membership card as the only standard of proof that will be accepted for this purpose.

Toll-Free USA & Canada: 1.800.665.7245

Hours of Operation: Sunday 08:00–22:00 PT, Monday to Thursday 06:00–22:00 PT,

Friday 06:00–18:00 PT, Saturday 08:00–16:00 PT

Email: reservations@rockymountaineer.com

Blue Cross Travel Insurance

If you are a member of the Health Care Plan for CN Pensioners #93115, you have the ability to reduce some medical insurance costs on certain trips. In conjunction with Medavie Blue Cross, **provides a discount on the first 15 days you travel if you travel and buy insurance for a trip over 16 days.** Some important information:

- Travel insurance must be purchased for the entire duration of your trip.
- The minimum trip duration required to qualify for the discount is 16 days.
- The 15-day premium discount is applied on the Health Insurance coverage premium only. It cannot be applied to other Travel Insurance coverage such as trip cancellation or baggage coverage.
- It can also be purchased for your family members covered under this policy #93115.

* Premium rates are always subject to medical conditions, Provincial health coverage and other restrictions.

To take advantage of this offer, get your Blue Cross card out, have your CN PIN number and policy # 93115 ready & call one of the following numbers **only**:

Toll free: 1-888-905-3493 or 888-857-2583
 Local: 514-908-3493
 Hours: Monday to Friday, 8:00 AM – 9:00 PM (Eastern Time)

7. MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Effective April 1st, the Peterborough Council of the CNPA was dissolved and the members were re-assigned to the alternate council of their choice or to the council closest to where they live. As a result, the Toronto Council has benefited with the addition of 40 new members. Their names are listed below along with other new retirees who have also joined us.

The following are the names of new members and of those who have passed in the last few months.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to the Toronto Council of the CNPA

New Retirees

Nancy	Inch	Ajax
Corinne	O'Brien	Brampton
Abu	Haider	Oshawa
Farida	Haddad	Mississauga

**Transferred from
Peterborough**

Brent	Anderson	Brooklin
Leon	Brady	Whitby
Joan	Brandstetter	Ajax
Lawrence	Branigan	Whitby
Stephen	Brown	Sunderland
June H.	Buckley	Ajax
Brian	Burgess	Whitby
Rose	Dunphy	Oshawa
Ken	Gallant	Pickering
Elsie	Gerelus	Pickering
Laura	Hardy	Whitby
Patricia E.	Hedley	Whitby

Doreen	Hibbs	Whitby
Margaret	Houghton	Whitby
Elsie	Jardine	Mississauga
Norman	Kitney	Bowmanville
Hylton	Levy	Whitby
Mark	Lewthwaitel	Ajax
Phillip	Linton	Oshawa
Maria	Lisi	Whitby
John	Lourenco	Whitby
Gordon	Marks	Oshawa
Joan M	McLaughlin	Whitby
Paul V	McMillan	Fenelon Falls
Noella	Mercer	Oshawa
Vernon	Mokund	Ajax
Mary	Muir	Whitby
Rob P	Murphy	Oshawa
Kevin	O'Hare	Fenelon Falls
William	Parkin	Scarborough
Robert	Pool	Mississauga
David J.	Roy	Manilla
Margaret	Saunders	Oshawa
Ellen	Timmins	Burlington
Daniel	Toshack	Pickering
Paul C.	Tran	Whitby
Ricardo	Vailoces	Ajax
Lorna	Veale	Belleville
Grace K	Zung	Cameron

IN MEMORY OF

Our heartfelt sympathies go out to the families and friends of our members and former CN work colleagues who have passed.

			<u>Passed Away</u>
Azim	Abdul	Brampton	2023 03 01
Allan	Gardner	Scarborough	2023 02 13
Joseph	Haddad	Mississauga	2023 02 15
Lottie	Hainey	Toronto	2023 03 08
George W.	Jones	Woodstock	2022 11 22
Gornall	Jones	Mississauga	2023 03 02
Franciscus (Frank)	Klaver	St. Catharines	2023 03 02
John	Knipe	Markham	2023 02 21
Russell S.	Lee	Milton	2023 03 17
Walter	Luchycki	Oakville	2023 03 07

Patricia	Matthews	Newcastle	2023 03 14
John	McDonald	Newmarket	2023 03 28
Shirley	Moerbeek	Brampton	2023 02 08
Stuart	Smitheram	Thornhill	2023 03 04
Friederike M.	Wagner	Toronto	2023 01 30
Kevin	Wright	Waterloo	2023 02 27