



# June 2024 Newsletter

## 1. President's Message

The CNPA was formed 50 years ago to serve and assist CN retirees and their spouses. Over the years there have been many enhancements to the benefits available to members. Your Toronto Council has a dedicated team working to provide you with information about the benefits through our newsletters and meetings.

We had our first of two meetings for 2024 on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Several members came in person and some joined via ZOOM. The meeting provided information and updates on our planned activities. Our next meeting will be our Annual General Meeting in November. In the meantime, try to attend one or more of our activities where you can also socialize with other members and meet with the Council's executive to discuss questions or concerns you may have about the CNPA.

I have been fortunate to have met some of our centenarians in the past few months and they've told me what it was like working at CN in "their day". We have profiled some of our members in past editions of our newsletter. It would be amazing to hear and tell many more stories and experiences in future editions so please give me a call or email me so we can arrange to talk with you about your story and share it with the others.

*Ron Charles*

**Email:** [charlesron.cnpa@gmail.com](mailto:charlesron.cnpa@gmail.com)

It is very important that if you have a change of address you notify CN Benefits and Administration by calling them toll free at [1-800-361-0739](tel:1-800-361-0739). They will not accept the change from the CNPA but they will provide us with your new address.

In an effort to better serve you and reduce the high mailing costs of our newsletter please contact Ron Charles at [charlesron.cnpa@gmail.com](mailto:charlesron.cnpa@gmail.com) with your email address to receive our Toronto Council newsletters by email. For those who have already provided us with their Email address, please be sure to let us know if you have changed it as well.

Please note all of our future social activity events for you the members can be found in this newsletter and on the CNPA website: <http://www.cn pensioners.org> at the bottom of the Toronto Council page. We look forward to seeing you participate in these social events to reconnect and meet with other retired CN friends and co-workers.

## 2. TORONTO COUNCIL EXECUTIVE-DIRECTOR-CONTACT INFORMATION

President	Ron Charles	Tel: (905) 884-5268
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**3. 5 PIN BOWLING DAY**

Fifteen bowlers turned out at the Centre Bowling Lanes in Mississauga on May 16<sup>th</sup>. There were several strikes and gutter balls but everyone had a good time enjoying the bowling, pizza and social time.



**4. Wednesday, June 26th 2024 09:30 am to 11:00 am tee time**

Our Annual Golf Tournament at Rolling Hills Golf Club  
Located at 12808 Warden Ave Whitchurch-Stouffville, L4A 3X9

**GOLF TOURNAMENT PRICE \$60**

A registration form is included in this newsletter.

Contact: Wayne MacFarlane

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**5.**

**5. Come on out to see the Blue Jays Sunday, September 15th 2024, 1:35 pm.**



St. Louis Cardinals @ Toronto Blue Jays. Tickets are in section 211 rows 5 to 9.

**Price is \$30 per ticket, which can only be provided electronically.**

Tickets will be available to purchase on Wednesday August 28, 2024 at 7:00 PM. They will be sold on a first come first served basis. You must be a Toronto Council member. Watch for updated information in the August newsletter and watch the CN Pensioners Association –

Toronto Group on Facebook.

**6. The fall meeting will be held on Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am**

Come out and socialize and be heard!!!

Again, lots of parking and subway access!

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 05-527

948 Sheppard Ave. W. North York

**7. November is also the month to try Curling!** Even if you never have it is a great sport!

Come out and play or just support your friends! PRICE \$20

**Wednesday, November 13th 2024 12:00 pm to 2:30 pm**



Richmond Hill Curling Club

121 Elgin Mills Road E.

Richmond Hill, Ontario

Contact: Ron Charles

[charlesron.cnpa@gmail.com](mailto:charlesron.cnpa@gmail.com)

**8. December is of course out Annual Christmas Lunch!**

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 05-527



948 Sheppard Ave. W.

North York Ontario

Contact: Nancy Zajacz

[nzajacz@hotmail.com](mailto:nzajacz@hotmail.com)

**PRICE AND DATE TBD**

We had a blast last year – don't miss it!

## 9. MEMBERSHIP REPORT

### Welcome New Members

Joseph	Arko	Georgetown
Takako	Baba	Mississauga
Douglas	Bain	Toronto
Frank	Lescene	Brampton

### In Remembrance

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

			<u>Passed Away</u>
Yasuzo	Baba	Toronto	2024 02 05
Joseph	Baker	Weston	2023 12 20
Gerald	Casey	Oakville	2024 02 19
Arlene	Desroches	Mississauga	2024 01 31
Viola	Hayes	Toronto	2024 02 29
Roberto	Mannella	North York	2024 03 29
Maria	Molino	Scarborough	2023 12 13
John	Seymour	Lambton Shores	2023 12 20
Harold	Snell	Oshawa	2024 02 14
Margaret	Sutton	Uxbridge	2023 12 15

### MEMBER BENEFITS NEWS

#### **CNPA WEBSITE; [www.cnpensioners.org](http://www.cnpensioners.org)**

The CNPA website has a lot of information on things you might want to know about it including, contacts for questions about your pension, benefits, healthcare plan, scholarships and councils. In the Councils section you can click on our council to see past newsletters and updates on our meetings and activities. Also there is a CN Community page that gives details for the Railroaders in the Community (RRITC) program on how your volunteering can earn money for the local causes you and your spouse volunteer with.

### MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS FEATURE

The CNPA, in conjunction with CN, have secured discounted rates at a variety of hotels and locations worldwide to help you save when you travel. Discounts up to 20 % are available at participating hotels but note that not all brands within an offering may honour the discount codes. As usual, the CNPA advises that it still pays to shop around as it may be possible to find lower rates elsewhere.

#### **Participating Hotels**

**Best Western** - hotels across 19 brands (including **Best Western, Glo and SureStay**) in 100+ countries and territories.

**Choice Hotels** - more than 7000 hotels over 22 brands including **Comfort Inn, Econolodge, Quality Inn and Radisson**

**Hyatt Hotels and Resorts** - more than 1250 locations across 28 brands including **Grand Hyatt and Hyatt Regency**

**IHG Hotels and Resorts** - more than 6000 hotels over 19 brands including **Holiday Inn, Holiday InnExpress and Crowne Plaza**

**Wyndam Hotels and Resorts** - more than 9000 hotels over 24 brands (including **Days Inn, Super 8, Ramada and Microtel**) and 95 countries

**REGISTRATION FOR THE 32nd ANNUAL CN PENSIONERS' GOLF DAY**  
**WEDNESDAY JUNE 26, 2024**

Wednesday, June 26, 2024, 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 \$60.00 per person, which includes green fees, golf cart and Bar-B-Q – still a good price for this quality of course. In addition, there are personalized scorecards on the carts and prizes at the Bar-B-Q. Cost for the 1:30 pm Bar-B-Q only is \$20.00.

TEE OFF TIMES AND DIRECTIONS TO THE GOLF COURSE WILL BE EMAILED OUT JUNE 19th, 2024.

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 so registration and cheques or E Transfers should be sent as soon as possible but no later than June 17th, 2024.

To ensure this annual CNPA golf outing is a success again, circle Wednesday, June 26th, 2024 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:

Dave Bradshaw, 54 Confederation Way, Thornhill, Ontario L3T 5R5

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.

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APPLICATION FOR 2024 GOLF DAY - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26<sup>th</sup>

Enclosed cheque or E Transfer in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_ 2024  
MEMBERS OF PARTY:

NAME (please print) PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL ADDRESS

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