

Heritage Club Bluenose Chapter

Latest News and Updates

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President's Message

HAPPY SUMMER 2026!



Hope this newsletter finds you well & that you are enjoying this beautiful time of year!

The Bluenose Chapter of the Heritage Club currently has 141 paid members for 2026. The Executive (Sharon Simpson-1st VP, Geraldine Dowling-Secretary, Nancy Hopper-Treasurer, Louella AuCoin-President) continue to manage the club. I thank them for their ongoing efforts in keeping the club alive. We still have one open position on the Executive – that of 2nd VP. As there were no names put forth for the positions of 1st VP and Secretary, Sharon & Geraldine have agreed to continue in their respective positions. We encourage members to consider becoming part of the Executive team. If you have any questions, please email us at bluenosehc@gmail.com.

Information in this Summer Newsletter includes Minutes from the National Annual General Meeting, Membership & benefits and our next event.

Louella AuCoin, President, Bluenose Chapter Heritage Club

Heritage Club Bluenose Chapter CPC History & Highlights

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Excerpt from CPC News release.....



OTTAWA – To mark the Legion’s 100th anniversary, Canada Post today issued a new stamp celebrating a century of service to veterans, their families and communities. The stamp pays tribute to the Legion’s enduring legacy and its continued role in Canadian life.

Since its incorporation in 1926, The Royal Canadian Legion has stood alongside veterans and their families while playing a leading role in remembrance across Canada. Through its advocacy, commemoration and community-based programs, the Legion supports those who have served.

A century of serving veterans-

Following the end of the First World War, veterans returning to Canada formed organizations to advocate for better care, fair treatment and recognition of the sacrifices made by those who did not return.

On July 17, 1926, several of these organizations came together and were incorporated through an Act of Parliament as the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League. In 1961, the organization adopted its current name, The Royal Canadian Legion.

Today, the Legion continues to support veterans and their families through a range of programs. One of the most recognizable is the National Poppy Campaign, which raises funds for veteran services and promotes remembrance through the distribution of millions of poppies each year.

With 1,350 branches across Canada, the Legion continues to build its proud legacy through compassion, service and an unbreakable promise to never forget.

About the stamp issue-

The stamp features The Royal Canadian Legion’s banner alongside the dates 1926-2026 and the words “100 Years” rendered in bold typography. The stamps are designed by Blair Thomson (Believe in), featuring photography by Jo Thomson (Believe in), and printed by Colour Innovations. This stamp issue includes a booklet of six Permanent™ domestic rate stamps and an Official First Day Cover (OFDC) cancelled in Ottawa, where The Royal Canadian Legion is headquartered.

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HIGHLIGHTS:- (The minutes are now posted on the National site)

- **Update with CPC (Anna Huang, First VP National)**

- Canada Post, because of its financial position, is unable to provide any annual grant funding to the Heritage Club this year.

- We asked that they continue providing an annual mailing credit. (This item has since been addressed and the Heritage Club has been successful in this endeavor).

- Another item addressed was whether our members still receive a discount on collectable stamps and coins. It was confirmed that we do, in fact, receive this discount.

- As our relations have improved with CPC, the National Executive are recommending and encouraging all chapters to re-engage with CPC in the various programs (e.g. Santa letter Writing, the Community Foundation, etc).

- **Financials & Scorecard Review (Bob Broomhall, Sec-Treas, National)**

- Overall, the chapters are doing well financially.

- Criteria used for the scorecard review was presented. Cheques to chapters for seed money funding will be issued shortly. (We, Bluenose Chapter, have since, received \$2000).

- The National Heritage Club does continue to receive an 'Admin Support monetary allowance', based on quotes and policies from Belair Insurance.

- **Belair Insurance Presentation (Lynn Nasralla BelAir)**

- Lynn Nasralla provided an update on changes to the Ontario auto insurance reform process and highlighted the belair travel insurance plan (\$10 million for emergency medical, unlimited trips of <40 days, etc). She reviewed the Admin Support monetary Allowance provided to the Heritage Club and expects the allowance to be in the same range as that of last year. Belair continue to be a strong partner for our Club.

- **Hearing Life Presentation (Laurie Van Wyk Hearing Life)**

- Laurie Van Wyk provided a short review of our benefits (price matching & 10% off final pricing on any hearing products). Their benefits extend to immediate family members, as well. Club members have a dedicated website – www.hearinglife advantage.ca/CPCHC

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- **Website Updates (Marc Jacob, Third VP, National)**

-In 2025, there were 389 new members who enrolled in the Heritage Club. Total membership exceeds 19,000 members.

- **Possible new benefits (Lloyd Rogowski, Second VP, National)**

-Lloyd reviewed a series of emails with a business called Hotel Planners. This benefit is still being investigated.

- **CPC Pension Centre Statement (J.P. Leguerrier, President, National)**

-There was a question regarding the Survivor Benefit Statement in the personal pension statement that we each receive. It was an issue in last year's statement and it was to be resolved for the current year. However, it is still not clear. Members would like to see the actual calculated amount listed. J.P. has written to senior CPC people and is awaiting feedback.

- **Elections (Holly Perreault, Membership Coordinator, National)**

J. P. -The National President and the 2nd VP positions were up for election this year.J.P. Leguerrier is elected National President by acclamation. Lloyd Rogowski is elected 2nd VP by acclamation.

- **Closing remarks (J.P. Leguerrier, President, National)**

- J.P. thanked the chapters & indicated that next year's AGM would probably be in person (likely Toronto or Montreal).
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- 23 chapter representatives in attendance.

Heritage Club Bluenose Chapter 2026 Member Benefits

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BENEFITS:

As a paid member you are entitled to the following benefits:

- Special rates for **Belair Travel Insurance** (\$10 million in emergency medical) are available to Chapter members in good standing
- Discounts up to 35% for **home and auto insurance** from **belair direct** Home and Car Insurance.
- Membership at **Good Life Fitness** at approximately 50% off the regular club access rates and Goodlife promotions
- **HearingLife** – 10% discount+ any other promos, free tests & custom ear protection.
- **SpecSavers**
- Travel discounts with **Collette Tours**
- **Genumart** discounts
- The knowledge that a portion of your dues support local families and charities in need.
- Special **scholarships** for your children and grandchildren of \$2,000
- **Scholarship** opportunities from Heritage Club & BelAir Insurance



GoodLife FITNESS

 **HearingLife**

Genumark
Branded Merch Makers

Specsavers

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WELCOME NEW PAID MEMBERS:

To date for 2026, we have 141 paid members! We encourage our members to promote the Heritage Club, so that we can continue to grow.

Welcome to our new paid member:- Ramona MacIsaac

CONDOLENCES:

On behalf of the membership, we would like to express our sincere condolences to families and friends of our members who have passed.

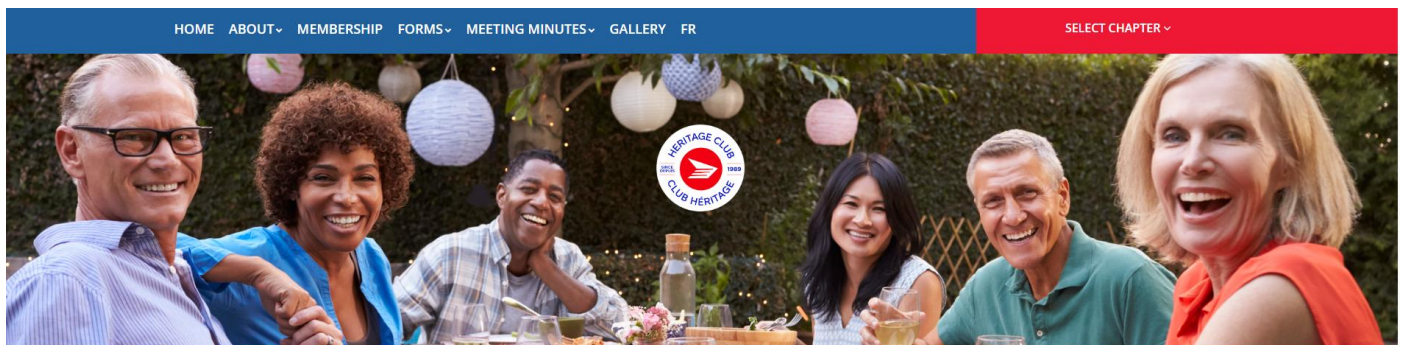
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STAY TUNED FOR OUR NEXT EVENT – Sept 29/2026
Tentatively, a Luncheon at Brightwood Golf & Country Club at noon.

An email with details will be forwarded soon.
Hope you can join us! THANK YOU!

Check out our Heritage Club National Website:- www.heritageclub.ca



In 1989 Canada Post established a formal program to commemorate the contributions made to Canada's postal services by the Corporation's retired and long- service employees. Today the Heritage Club has 24 local chapters and over 20,000 members across Canada.

The Heritage Club aims at developing pride among its members, celebrating the best from the past, sharing the achievements of the present and creating opportunities for the future.

THANK YOU!