

UNITED STATES – CANADA GOLFING FELLOWSHIP OF ROTARIANS

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33rd USCGFR Championship

Niagara Falls, Canada

September 17 – 20, 2023

Host: Rotary Club of Niagara Falls Sunrise



Niagara Falls is a group of three waterfalls at the southern end of Niagara Gorge, spanning the border between the Province of Ontario in Canada and the State of New York in the United States. The largest of the three is Horseshoe Falls, which straddles the international border of the two countries. It is also known as the Canadian Falls. The smaller American Falls and Bridal Veil Falls lie within the United States. Bridal Falls is separated from Horseshoe Falls by Goat Island and from the American Falls by Luna Island, with both islands situated in New York.

Host Hotel:



Crowne Plaza

Niagara Falls



Agenda:

Sunday, September 17

Registration – Crowne Plaza Hotel
Practice Round – Ussher's Creek Golf Course
Opening Ceremony & Flag Raising
Welcome Dinner – Crowne Plaza Hotel

Monday, September 18

Round 1 – Battlefield Golf Course 8:00AM Shot Gun
District Golf Tournament
Non-Golfer – The Best of Niagara Falls Sightseeing Tour
Dinner on your own

Monday, September 18

Rotary Fellowship District Golf Tournament

Tuesday, September 19

Round 2 – Whirlpool Golf Course 8:00AM Shotgun
Non-Golfer – Niagara Region Wine Tour
Dinner on your own

Wednesday, September 20

Round 3 – Ussher's Creek 8:00AM Shotgun
Non-Golfer – Explore Niagara-On-The-Lake
Closing Dinner & Awards Presentation
Crown Plaza Hotel

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USCGFR National Championship & Rotary Fellowship District Golf Tournament

In the spirit of Rotary Golf Fellowship and Fun, we will be hosting a Rotary District Golf Tournament simultaneously with the US Canada Golf Fellowship National Championship at the Legends Niagara Battlefield Golf Course. A Rotarian can choose to join in on the 1-Day District Fellowship Golf Tournament or join us for the 2-Day or 3-Day US Canada National Golf Championship.

District Golf Tournament:

Monday, Sept 18th 8:00AM Shot Gun
Battlefields Golf Course, Niagara Falls ON
Cost: \$125.00
Includes: Golf, Cart, Lunch & Prizes, Fun & Fellowship
Register on-line: [USCGFR.COM](https://www.uscgfr.com)

World Handicap index is Required. If you do not have World Handicap Index, let us know your average score and we will calculate one for you.

US Canada 33rd National Golf Championship

Select from the 3-Day or 2-Day Program

Round 1: Monday, Sept 18th 8:00AM Shot Gun
Battlefields Golf Course

Round 2: Tuesday, Sept 19th 8:00AM Shot Gun
Whirlpool Golf Course

Round 3: Wednesday, Sept 30th 8:00AM Shot Gun
Ussher's Creek Golf Course

Cost: 3-DAY Golf Championship \$750
2-Day Golf Championship \$670

Includes: Golf, Cart, Lunch Day 1, Opening Ceremonies & Dinner, Closing Ceremonies & Prize Presentation, Welcome Bag, Daily Hospitality Suite and much more.

World Handicap Index is Required

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GOLF COURSES



Niagara Legends
Ussher's Creek

Designed One of Golf Architects, Thomas McBroom's finest masterpieces. This challenging and break taking course features thick stands of deciduous trees, wetland hazards, knee-high fescue rough, and impeccable conditioning from tee to green. These all combine to make Ussher's Creek a classic parkland course.



Niagara Legends
Battlefield

The Nestled The imposing Battlefield course is located on the north side of the Legends on the Niagara property. Golf Architect Douglas Carrick created a truly unique course that challenges every level of golfer. The Battlefield course features a nice mix of wide, links-style holes with generous undulating fairways, sand traps and greens that are bound by dense forest and brush.



Whirlpool Golf Course

Whirlpool Golf Course is one of Canada's most highly rated and renowned public golf courses. Opening in 1951, Whirlpool was the final course completed by legendary course architect Stanley Thompson. This classic parkland course at the precipice of the Niagara Rive Gorge offers wonderful hole variety and birdie opportunities, a hallmark of Thompson's very best work.

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National Golf Championship – Niagara Falls – Sept 17 – 20th, 2023

The USCGFR was organized in February 1990 by Bryce Roper, PDG 5400 following a suggestion from the IGFR President Don McRae a year earlier at the Maui Hawaii venue. The first USCGFR event was held in Portland Maine in 1990 and events have been held annually since that time.

In 2018, the Executive Committee voted to change the organizations name to the United States – Canada Golfing Fellowship of Rotarians (USCGFR) to better reflect the composition of our membership. The USCGFR is affiliated with the International Golfing Fellowship of Rotarians (IGFR-International).

The current policy of the USCGFR Board is to rotate the venues among the geographic regions in the USA and Canada. The event is kicked off the evening before the golf tournament with Cocktails, a Flag Raising Ceremony, Golf Rules & Regulations meeting and a Fellowship Buffet Dinner. The last day of the tournament there is a Closing Banquet and Awards Presentation. These events are tastefully informal and focused on fund and fellowship.

The National Championship: The golf tournament is organized with one practice round and three scoring rounds. A Rotarian can elect to play the 3-Day Championship or the 2-Day Championship. The practice round is optional.

The 72-hole event will be divided into three divisions, each containing approximately one-third of the players in the field. The committee will place players who have the same tournament handicap in the same division. The tournament committee shall have the latitude to adjust the division handicap range so that the divisions all have approximately the same number of players.

The Stableford Point System is used for scoring for the divisions of skill and place maximum value on making new friends playing together as teams and as individuals. Your daily Net Stableford point score is used to calculate your final placement in your Division.

Team Competition: To add to the Fun and Fellowship you will be teamed up with another Golfer on 1st day of the Championship. Your combined Net Stableford score will determine your placement in the Team Competition. Although the Team Competition runs all three days, on Days 2 and 3, you will be placed in foursomes with golfers from your playing division.

Things you should know:

To compete in the USCGFR National Championship each Rotarian is required to be a Member of the USCGFR and have a World Handicap Index. You can sign up to become a member of the USCGFR on our website: USCGFR.COM

You can obtain a World Handicap Index (WHI) by setting up an account on the USA Golf Association or the Canadian Golf Association. You will need to input at least 8 scores of golf games to obtain an WHI. We will need your Golf Association Number on your application so that we can check them online. International golfers participating in the event will need to provide us with proof of their World Handicap Index.

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District Golf Tournament- Niagara – Sept 18th 2023

In 2023 we added the option to participate in the USCGFR District Golf Tournament. This Tournament will be open to all Rotarians and Guests who would like to play 1 round of Golf and be included in the Fellowship. Our goal is to bring awareness to the Rotarians in the Districts in the area to the USCGFR Annual Golf Championship and to accommodate those Rotarians and Guest who cannot commit to the full 3-Day Event.

The USCGFR District Golf Tournament will run simultaneously with the USCGFR National Championship.

The Stableford point scoring system will be used to calculate your final placement in your Division for the District Golf Tournament. The Divisions are the same as mentioned on the previous page. We will need to know your World Handicap Index to calculate your Net Stableford points.

Don't have a World Handicap Index? No problem. If you do not have a World Handicap Index, let us know what your average score is and we will calculate and assign a Handicap to you.

Things you should know (All Participants):

CANCELLATION POLICY

If you should cancel your registration, the following amounts will not be refunded:

On or Before August 15, 2023: Full Refund

On or After August 16, 2023: No Refund

HOTEL BOOKING

We have negotiated special hotel rates for the USCGFR participants. will need to make a reservation with the available hotels directly. You can contact them directly at 1-800-519-9911. To get the discounted rate please quote the booking group: The Rotary Club of Niagara Falls Sunrise

COUNTRY ENTRY FORMALITIES

For Canadian Residents, no valid passport is required.

For all other nationalities, please contact your government website or your travel agent.

TRANSPORTATION

You will need to arrange your own transportation to the tournament. We will work with the other Rotarians to get you from the hotel to the golf courses daily if you do not have transportation.

PRIVACY & IMAGE RIGHTS

By registering to the Championship, you agree to be photographed and filed for the communication purposes of the USCGFR.

INSURANCE

We recommend that you purchase individual medical insurance coverage.