



BESPOKEPLUS



"If your work speaks for itself don't interrupt"

Batec Anniversary

Fifteen years have passed since Pau Bach founded Batec-Mobility and started producing life changing product for people with a disability. Like so many companies founded on the base of a personal need, Pau has worn the logo on his sleeve since day one and has promoted social entrepreneurship every step of the way.



15 years (2005-2020)

The product has evolved every year and the line of offerings has also grown. There have been many other products that have come to market, some here and some gone, but Batec with its commitment to quality, compatibility, and ability to listen and invent has stood them in good stead.

Pau takes pride in knowing that when his creation is married to another manufacturers device they have been tested together and approved for use together, hence the long list of compatibility products on the web site.

Batec adds strength to the frame of the wheelchair and provides for ease of connection and a safe ride. They held a draw in January where winners would get one of 20 limited edition prints of the imagery above. We missed getting this to you in this format. We will hassle the folks from www.Batec-Mobility.com to see if there are any prints left for us to distribute here; for those of you who are already subscribed to the Batec Blog, you would have picked up on this and probably entered.

The Power of ParaSport

There is a light being shone on "The Power of ParaSport" with a virtual event called "The Power Within" February 18th, 2021. The event will celebrate five incredible decades of ParaSport in Ontario with Celebrity Guests, Award Winners and ParaSport Heroes! The virtual red carpet will open at 6:30 PM and the event will officially run from 7:00 – 8:00 PM.

It will be Live at parasport.workbay.net and expected to be empowering, one-of-its-kind virtual event with a book release! The Power of ParaSport: Celebrating Five Decades in Ontario. The live-streamed event - The Power Within - will feature exceptional individuals who revolutionized sport for athletes with a disability and paved the way for new generations. An incredible hour of inspirations! Join ParaSport Ontario at this event for free by registering here:

THE POWER WITHIN
VIRTUAL EVENT
February 18, 2021 7-8 PM Red Carpet Welcome Room open at 6:30

CELEBRATING Five Incredible Decades of ParaSport in Ontario with Celebrity Guests, Award Winners and ParaSport Heroes!

Register TODAY!

FREE Admission!

The web site reads: "A pioneer's path is rarely a straight one. It's a meandering course. And characteristically, settlers prosper in a land far removed from the trails traversed to get there. Such is the case with the Parasport Movement in Ontario.

Ontario's Parasport pioneers were paramount in charting a revolutionary new course for athletes with a disability not only in our province, but in our country and internationally.

Not only in boardrooms, but in backyards, locker rooms, on rehab mats and bleacher seats is where the machinations for change were first voiced and sculpted by these

visionaries. Hardly could they have imagined what the Parasport Movement looks like today.

Weaving through many obstacles, their achievements serve as the fabric and cornerstones of the movement as we know it today, paving the way for new generations of parasport participants and athletes. Their heroic stories, many previously uncelebrated, will be lauded in *The Power of ParaSport: Celebrating Five Decades in Ontario*.

An Ontario 150 project, supported in part by the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport, this legacy publication (tabletop-style book format), will educate and motivate, inspiring others to lead, compete, volunteer and advocate to ensure the continued awareness and growth of parasport opportunities for Ontario's youth and adults with disabilities."

[Order Your Copy Today! Only \\$39.95 \(includes S&H\)!](#)

Kenda's Newest Offerings

Kenda Tire has released a new offering called the Paradigm K1224. It is a tube type tire for dry pavement, wet pavement, hard pack terrain.



The brand-new Paradigm everyday wheelchair tire features a contemporary tread design, with the durability and reliability you'd expect from a much more expensive tire. Like the name suggests, this tire will be by your side month after worry-free month. It has non-

marking tread and won't damage floors with Kenda dual rubber compound providing a durable and long-life product. It has K-Shield Plus (KS+) - a sub-tread co-extrusion of rubber elastomer for durable flat protection, versatile use, and great comfort.

Kenda also introduced the Kwick Drumlin K1216E. E-bike ready, this tire was certified according to ECE-R75 norm and is approved for use **up to 50 km/h**.



It has K-Shield protection and a long-lasting compound to make the Kwick Drumlin a reliable companion in 50-406, 50-507, and 50-559 so we have a size for your Batec, off road wheels, and your daily use 559's.

The K1216E has burly side knobs to give confidence and grip on wet or loose conditions. They feel at home on concrete as well as gravel paths and forest roads. They have deep sipes for water channeling in wet conditions and shoulder knobs for more cornering confidence outside the road. Be seen-Reflective tape across sidewalls for better nighttime visibility.

For adventurous riders who don't want to compromise their ride enroute and those who want to explore new paths where the road ends.

Track Wheel Samples



Convert your four wheelchair into a three-wheel machine with a longer wheelbase and the small casters up off the ground. This allows you the freedom to lean into the push and not have the front end dig in and tip you forward.

The new Track Wheel provides that freedom with a fixing mechanism for the footrests as the industry pioneer "The Freewheel" or attach it to the front of the frame to provide more stability on a stronger part of the wheelchair. Either way, it is a quick install, and you are good to go to experience a safer, easier push, providing a better ride experience and enhanced independence.

The Track Wheel comes in aluminum or carbon fibre and we will have pre-order pricing available in the next issue with anticipated delivery in March.

Bits and Bytes

- 49 Abilities Virtual Experience March 26-27, 2021;
- 49 Abilities Expo Spring, 2021 Toronto, ON;
- 49 Abilities Expo April 30-May 2, 2021 New York, NY;
- 49 Abilities Expo June 25-27, 2021 Chicago, IL;
- 49 Paralympics **Aug 25–Sept 5, 2021** Tokyo, Japan;
- 49 Rehacare Dusseldorf, DE **October 6-9, 2021**;
- 49 37th ISS **October 26-30, 2021** Pittsburg, PA;
- 49 9th Annual SCI Conference November 15-18, 2021.

BESPOKE PLUS is the newsletter of 49 Bespoke Inc., which markets products from around the world designed to better meet the needs of people with a disability. We have grown up in sport, have a social service background, and have adopted an advocacy role in our business practice. **Comments are welcome.**