



Linda Kutrowski #14 and Chantal Benoit #9, co-captains of the Canadian team, have experiences dating back to 1984 when they both joined a fledgling program. Now, they are defending Paralympic and World Champions!

Chantal was Team Canada's flag bearer. She (Neuf) and Linda (Snake) will undoubtedly make their contribution on court along with team mates Jennifer (Goose), Marni (Moose), Sabrina (Sab), Shira (Fifi), Kendra (Gonzo), Tracey (Fergi), Arley (Dino), Danielle (Duck), Lori (Nestor), and Karla (Gator).

ATHENS 2004

The ATHENS 2004 Paralympic Games are second only to the Olympic Games in magnitude; 4,000 athletes from 145 nations will travel to Greece to show the world what they are capable of achieving, representing their countries in 19 Paralympic sports. More than 2,000 journalists, photographers, and broadcasters are also in Athens, trying to capture the emotion of the Paralympics and reporting it to all corners of the globe. Everyone was welcomed at the Opening Ceremonies on September 17th, 2004, and looked fabulous on television shown a day after on CBC. The journey to the Paralympics for these athletes, coaches, and administrators has been four years in the waiting and some much longer than that; stay tuned to www.athens2004.com for all the results on a web site that is so current you almost feel like you are there ... congratulations to the organizing committee and a job well done!

The Paralympic Games are the largest multi-sport event for athletes with a physical disability. The 2004 Games run from September 17-28 in Athens, Greece. Good Luck to all the Paralympians!

Georgios KOUNIAS (GRE) – Player who formerly represented Canada in International competition is in tough playing with a relatively inexperienced Greek Team and commented on their game against The Netherlands, "We played better this time, but we could not match the strength and experience of the Netherlands. They have a very good team, with a lot of energy and potential. We are trying our best, but we have to work much harder in order to beat teams like the Netherlands".

CSMC – Seating & Mobility

We look forward to the Canadian Seating and Mobility Conference September 22nd-24th, 2004 with a new four booth setup designed to showcase our products and compliment the message of our partners. Conference information is available on the web site at www.csmc.ca noting that it will be held at the Toronto Congress Centre, 650 Dixon Road, Toronto, Ontario (airport strip) 416-245-5000. **Drop by our booth for a new publication from Dr. Kees van Breukelen and get a live update on Athens 2004!**

VARILITE™

Kevin Coleman, International Sales Manager will be joining us in Toronto at the CSMC. He forwarded a clarification on custom sizing of VARILITE™ products. "Currently, VARILITE™ does not manufacture custom sizes. We are always evaluating new product opportunities and custom sizing is a possibility. To best meet the needs of our customers we would appreciate feedback on sizes that we do not currently offer. Please send us an e-mail at info@varilite.com so we can count your request into our ongoing analysis." For further information contact us in Canada at (866) 827-4548 or telephone (800) 827-4548 or fax (206) 343-5795 VARILITE™ in Seattle.





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KENDA & American Airless

Last issue we noted that as a result of a generous contribution by **Jimmy Yang**, CEO KENDA USA, the Canadian Rugby Team and RGK sponsored athletes have the all new Iron Cap tires in uniform matching red color. We have since sent over another 12 pair along with a number of high density American Airless inserts. The inserts are very light and provide flat free easy wheeling in the sport of wheelchair rugby.



KENDA has developed three wheelchair tires (standard, cap, and now Iron Cap) in the last year showing a commitment to this relatively new market for their company which has been an industry leader in manufacturing bicycle, motorcycle, off road, industrial, and vehicle tires and wheels since 1962. The Iron Cap (Casing Added Protection) sidewall originally used in the motorcycle industry as a puncture resistant material is proving strong on court.

Rehab Equipment Expo (REE)

Thank you Ian Dennison, Organizer for this years REE in Vancouver, BC Tuesday September 14th, 2004. Ian reports that this year's event was the best ever product diversity wise and attendance which came in at 500. Next years event does not have a home currently, as the Seaforth Armoury is under going a face lift and seismic upgrading. More to come from Ian on this in the next few weeks. For more information you may telephone (604) 737-6410, facsimile (604) 737-6406, or email Ian at: idenison@vanhosp.bc.ca

RGK BESPOKE

In case you did not get it, the latest edition of RGK BESPOKE which comes out of the UK factory highlighted a new scissor brake which is spring loaded, a redesigned castor pin lock, and notice of John Brown's new position at RGK leaving Greg Eden filling the role of Manufacturing Manager.

Bits and Bytes

- Therapy Now! See www.therapynowinc.com Sheila Buck's next session "Making it My Choice" in her Back to Basic Series will take place at the Admiral Hotel on 40 Admiral Boulevard, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada, L5T 2W1 **October 6th**. To register, telephone 905-878-8381 Fax 905-878-6381 or send an email to info@therapynowinc.com.
- Update: The Office will be closed on September 23rd & 24th while we are at CSMC. Telephone messages will be responded to daily during this time and we will be on-line at the CSMC.
- Please provide purchase orders whenever possible by facsimile at (613) 841-5151 or email info@4RGK.com or info@Varilite.ca.

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If you have something that you think we should be expounding on, please contact us at your convenience in the manner of your choice.