



Defi Sportif

The 27th Defi Sportif April 30 – May 2, 2010 in Montreal, QC organized by Monique Lefebvre and her crew was another resounding success playing host to over 3000 athletes and coordinated by more than 800 volunteers. Monique now raises in excess of 1.8 million dollars to pull this event off. This is a multi-sport, multi-disabled event and we have been involved in the wheelchair basketball portion dating back to 1984.

We have three sets of reversible uniforms that have been used at this event over the years (Black and White Varilite®), Red and White (RGK), and Blue and White (Kenda).

This years edition included Gerald and Gabriel Brule, Claude Gingras, John Farmer, Chad Jassman, Pascal Charbonneau, Patrick Anderson, Chantal Benoit, and Reg McClellan. Brad Bowden and Danny St. Arnault were registered. Results at:

www.defisportif.com

MP's and Senators in Tsunami's

The annual Canadian Paraplegic Association (CPA) Chair Leader event will be held Wednesday May 12th on Parliament Hill. This event is co-hosted by The Right Honourable Stephen Fletcher Conservative Democratic Reform Minister, along with Liberal MP Mike Savage, and NDP MP Peter Stoffer.

The 2010 Chair Leader Event aims to raise awareness of the issues facing people with a spinal cord injury and other physical disabilities during the CPA's Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month. Twenty MPs and Senators will use a Ki Mobility Tsunami wheelchair with a Varilite® Evolution, Stratus, or Reflex cushion for the day.



They are: **Harold Albrecht, Scott Andrews, Senator Patrick Brazeau, Olivia Chow, Dona Cadman, Nathan Cullen, Rick Dykstra, Martha Hall-Finlay, Candice Hoeppner, Shelly Glover, Peter Julian, Dominic LeBlanc, Megan Leslie, Gary Lunn, Peter MacKay, Senator Jim Munson, Joyce Murray, John Rafferty, Brent Rathgeber, Geoff Regan, Mike Savage, Peter Stoffer, Justin Trudeau, and Bryon Wilfert.**

They will tackle some of the barriers faced by people with a disability when they visit Parliament, including the Parliamentary Dining Room, washrooms and transportation. The day will also include a race and will feature some special guests. For more information, contact Sylvia Haines (thank you for everything) at 613-723-1033 ext 723 or shaines@canparaplegic.org.



Note: at the conclusion of this one day event all 20 units will be made available at preferred pricing. Contact us at (613) 731-4499 or toll free (866) 827-4548 for more information.

RGK Updates

RGK announced the addition of a swing away footrest option on the RGK Maxima model allowing versatility for those users who want to stand in and out of their chair or

for those that simply need a swing away option to get closer to a transfer.

The system does not use a latch, lock, or lever to operate; just a simple lift and rotate out to the side and the self location in the forward position makes relocation effortless.



This unit will come standard with height and angle adjustable flip up footrest plate and the option code FRO40. Pricing will follow on the



new order forms in process.

RGK is now shipping fusion and equalizer wheels from Sun Components with daily use and sport products respectively.

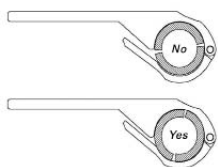


Did You Know?

Icon™ Shims

When installing an Icon™ back using shims, it is important to place the shims on the canes in the correct position. Placing the shims as shown allows the Cane Bracket door to close completely.

Place shims as shown.



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David (Whip) Lash

We lost a super fellow in **David Ian Lash** (David Yitzchuk Ben Pinchus) Tuesday, April 27, 2010 (**Yahrzeit** Date 13 Iyar 5770). David was diagnosed with cancer quite some time ago and after a couple bouts of chemotherapy chose not to have further treatment. He was with his family Rochelle and Paul Lash (Mom and Dad), his brother and brother-in-law of Arnie, and Shari and Arlen Zacks and uncle of Carly, Maya, Erin, Gabe, and Kyle.

David got a law degree here in Ottawa and we played together on a number of teams including the national team. We have many positive memories of life with Whip!

Gary (Mother) McPherson

Gary William (Wilcox) McPherson CM, LLD (Hon) would be the official title, but we knew Gary (affectionally called Mother) McPherson who was a husband, a father, an advocate for people with a disability, a partner in growing one of the best wheelchair basketball organizations in Canada, a national leader in the wheelchair sport movement, a candidate for Leader of the PC Party of Alberta, an author, a social entrepreneur, and a host of other things including an ability to reciprocally call hundreds of folks friends!

His biography in the Sports Hall of Fames and with the Order of Canada will be changed to reflect his passing on Saturday May 08th at 63 years of age. We express our sympathy to his wife Val, daughter Keiko, son Jamie, and mother Dorothy and the rest of his family.

Mother will have a family gathering and cremation, and then there will be a life celebration organized later in June in Edmonton.

"Dr. Gary McPherson was an amazing Albertan with a unique courage and commitment to this province," Premier Ed Stelmach said in a statement Saturday. "He inspired all of us with his dedication and leadership as a tireless advocate for those who face daily challenges in this life."

We thank Dr. Bob Steadward and Charlie Gardner for keeping us apprised of developments.

Bits and Bytes

- CPA Accessibility & Awareness Day on Parliament Hill May 12, 2010 Ottawa, ON;
- Spring Medtrade May 11-13, 2010 Las Vegas, NV;
- National Rugby Championships May 13-16, 2010 Ottawa, ON;
- CSMC May 18-20, 2010 Toronto Congress Center Toronto, ON;
- National Championships May 20-23, 2010 Saskatoon, SK;
- People in Motion Show June 4-5, 2010 Exhibition Place Toronto, ON;
- Invitation Kiewit June 12-13, 2010 Ste-Thérèse, QC;
- Coupe Canada 2010 Canada Cup June 18-20, 2010 in Longueuil, QC.

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