



BESPOKE PLUS

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

RGK's ELITE



We have received some imagery for RGK's new basketball chair. The Elite has been specially designed for use at the Paralympics Games in



London 2012 and will be used by the entire GB men's and women's teams in their quest for gold as well as many other top international athletes.

The contest to win limited edition RGK merchandise is on until the official launch and you play on-line as many times as you wish at: www.rgklife.com/elite2012.

MIM 25th Anniversary

On May 22, the Rick Hansen Relay will complete its nine-month, cross-Canada journey in Vancouver, marking the conclusion of the 25th Anniversary of the Man In Motion World Tour. To celebrate this significant day, an outstanding group of Canadian entertainers will be with Rick and his crew to honour extraordinary difference makers at Rick Hansen Celebration 25 — an evening of inspiration and entertainment at Vancouver's Pacific Coliseum.

Also on May 22, they will be looking towards the future, with the launch of the first annual **Day of Possibilities**, a national fundraising campaign that will support the work of the Foundation, and set the stage for another 25 years of progress. www.rickhansen.com

Nationals in BC

We will be involved with the Nationals again this year and are especially excited that they will coincide with the 25th Anniversary of the Man In Motion World Tour.

Lynn and her daughter Tracy, who have helped us tremendously with the relocation to the GTA, are proud grand mother and mother of Maya, featured in her usual smiling state in our BC CPA Spin magazine ad for the 2012 National Championships. We look forward to this event held at the Richmond Oval, Richmond, BC. May 18-20, 2012. www.BCWBS.ca



Ki Growth Policy

The Ki Mobility team wants to make sure that each ride is a comfortable one, especially after it leaves the manufacturing facility.

However, they understand that things can change in life so they are doing their part to help make change as easy and as comfortable as possible. Each original end user of a Catalyst 5, Catalyst 5 Spark, and Tsunami Little Wave Expandable is entitled to one free growth kit within the first five (5) years from the original date of purchase. The cost of shipping and handling will apply but this will make the process of growing a unit painless from a financial perspective.

VARILITE®



We have experienced issues where the Icon Back System cushions are not installed correctly; folks do not seem to be aware of the benefits of the roll-over feature and are only using the hook

and loop for attachment. If this happens, the cushion will eventually slide down and the end user/customer will not be pleased with the feel/support. Please ensure that the cushion/cover is correctly installed as shown in the figure above (the incorrect installation is the smaller image on the right).

If you have questions please refer to the user manual, the Icon Back System Installation Video on YouTube, or Paul's step by numbers:

1. Set the cushion down mesh (front) side up
2. Set the shell on top of the cushion curve side up
3. Slide the shell up to insert the cushion tab through the shell handle hole
4. Marry up the loop Velcro on the cushion to the hook Velcro on the shell
5. Pick it up, flip the cushion up & over the top of the shell – pull it all snug
6. Marry up the main strips of Velcro
7. You are done!



A question came out of the "Sitting Pretty" workshop regarding the use of "Virox" believed to be heavily used in the equipment cleaning process in institutions. That material is an accelerated hydrogen peroxide (AHP) and is a synergistic blend of commonly used safe ingredients that when combined with low levels of hydrogen peroxide produce exceptional potency as germicide and performance as a cleaner. This cleaning solution should be fine to use on Varilite Products, but like with many such compounds there may be different potencies, etc., so as a rule of thumb you should always test an area of what you are cleaning to make sure there are no issues.

Varilite® recommends that you steer away from the use of ammonia / ammonium based compounds as those types of compounds may react with the urethane in some of our products. Thanks to Paul Nickerson, Varilite® Engineer for the help here.

Aluminum Pull Tabs

Jack Donohue used to collect tabs from pop cans, etc., and he would provide them to someone who ran a collection service and they would be used to build wheelchairs in a charitable sense. We get a call every couple months on this and looked into it a bit. Low and behold there is a place in Toronto here (along with a number of others) that provides this service and from the web site appears to be the perfect service with all the best philanthropic intentions in the world. The web site indicates that the proceeds are used to purchase wheelchairs and related equipment for children with a physical disability. Robert Hampson's tabs for kids have raised funds to purchase four wheelchairs, a lift for a wheelchair accessible van, a bathroom set-up and an adapted tricycle. Robert has successfully established a network of individuals and organizations that collect aluminum pop tabs all across Canada. Robert and friends collect pop tabs and take them to their local metal recycling depot. The depot pays by the pound for the aluminum. The money is then sent to Robert who takes the money to President's Choice Children's Charity (charitable registration # 86842 1556 RR0001) and it is deposited into the **Robert Hampson Tabs for Kids Fund**. The President's Choice Charity administers the fund. See Robert's web site at: www.poptabsforwheelchairs.ca

Bits and Bytes

- 49 DT Showcase April 22-24, 2012 Toronto, ON;
- 49 Sitting Pretty simulation April 24 at 49 Bespoke;
- 49 12th MEDiChair Show April 26 Oakville, ON;
- 49 Rolling Rampage The Hill April 26th, Ottawa, ON;
- 49 CSMC May 8-10, 2012 Toronto, ON;
- 49 Sitting Pretty May 29 Friction/shear/pressure;
- 49 People in Motion Show June 1-2, 2012 Toronto, ON;
- 49 Sitting Pretty June 26 Backing it up;
- 49 Sitting Pretty July 17 Getting to the Finish Line.

BESPOKE PLUS helps to market and promote **RGK Wheelchairs**, **VARILITE®** Seating and Positioning Systems, **KENDA**, and **Ki Mobility** products, along with Spinergy, Glance, Frog Legs, Schwalbe, Sun, MBL, Natural Fit, Blax, and other great products. **Please give us a call or contact the editor, Reg McClellan, if you have something that you think we should expound on.**