



The Spin & Community

We have advertised our products in the Canadian Paraplegic Association (CPA) now Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) for years supporting the great work of the National and Provincial organizations. The magazines have always provided current and important information for newly injured individuals and their families as well as enlightening and educating those that have been around for years.



It was cool in the last issue of The Spin to see a super article on Dr. Paul Clark (former National Team Member) and to see an article on the iconic car Stan Stronge used to pick me up in every weekend that I travelled from Edmonton to Vancouver to play with the Cable Cars.

Batec Wheel Sizes

Batec Mini: 1288
 Batec Electric: 1570
 Batec Rapid: 1570
 Batec Hybrid: 1570
 Batec Manual: 1570
 Batec Electric 2 (E2): 1445
 Batec Scrambler: 1621



Softwheels Built Here

We relayed on earlier that Softwheels are now built here in Ontario about one hour from us and access should not be an issue going forward. We have supplied the manufacturer with chairs to fit and test new wheels, but we have struggled with how to deal with the pricing increase and have chosen to include



them on our offering at \$2,795.00 complete. They are available in four (4) different weight categories as follows: A. 55lbs. – 110 lbs. B. 110lbs. – 155 lbs. C. 155lbs – 200lbs. D. 200lbs – 300lbs. Look for more information on our website refresh coming in the fall.

Ecole Chantal Benoit



Our Neuf is having a banner year with the Order of Canada and a new school named after her! The news release for the naming of "Ecole Chantal Benoit" reads, "Driven by her personal motto 'love what you do' Chantal Benoit, former female wheelchair basketball athlete, became the inspiration for students attending the third elementary school Viamonde in York region. The path of excellence and transcendence of the former Paralympian convinced the members of the School Board to name the new school in East Gwillimbury in her honor. As a Team Canada member for 27 years, Ms. Benoit remains, to this day, an emblematic figure of wheelchair basketball. She donned victories and collected three Paralympic gold medals and four world championship titles. At the time, she was often called the "Michael Jordan" of her discipline and considered the best player in history. Female Athlete of the Year in 2009, she was the flag bearer for Canada at the opening ceremony of the Athens Paralympics in 2004. In 2000, Chantal Benoit received the gold medal Triad Award is the highest award of the International Federation of wheelchair basketball. This award is given to a person who has made an outstanding contribution to the growth of the sport, both nationally and internationally. Ms. Benoit received the Order of Canada in 2019 and is a model to follow. Her work

and people skills have made her an inspiration to her teammates and opponents. Off the court, she is a strong advocate of inclusive sport. A Native of Quebec, she has lived in York Region for years. She attributes her success in wheelchair basketball to her passion and desire to improve every time she is on the court. Her example will accompany the students and encourage them to persevere whatever the challenges they will meet. Elementary School Chantal Benoit will welcome its first students in September in its temporary premises located at 53 Morton Avenue in Sharon, ON. Youth from kindergarten to sixth grade will receive quality French-language education, which is renowned Viamonde. The Council will continue to strive to build a brand-new school to accommodate students in the near future. For enrollment information in Chantal Benoit Elementary go to www.csviamonde.ca/inscription .” For more information check with the source, Claire Francoeur, Director of Communications and Marketing at 416 459-4993.

Congrats Eric & Tony

Motion Composites recently announced that they had acquired a long-time partner in Dynamic Health Care Solutions. Eric Simoneau and Tony Persaud saw the benefits in making this happen for both companies and we wish this Canadian operation all the best in their future growth and development.

Motion Composites made the official announcement of the acquisition of Dynamic Health Care Solutions (DHCS), on July 3rd indicating that they look forward to creating even more synergy with the manufacturer of the NXT Seating Series and continuing the work as the exclusive distributor of Raz Design Inc. and Vicair products in Canada.

The NXT Seating Series perfectly complements Motion Composites' high-end rigid and folding wheelchair models. Motion Composites plans to progressively integrate Dynamic's seating technology into its portfolio in order to offer exceptional ride quality, aesthetics and seating comfort all in one package. "This is an important milestone for Motion Composites and is fully in line with the company's mission to improve the lives of our end-users. We've been business partners with Dynamic for several years and this new level of cooperation is a natural progression of our business relationship", said Eric Simoneau, CEO at Motion Composites.

Rehab Equipment Expo

The Rehab Equipment Expo (REE) is an annual event that provides an opportunity for manufacturers, dealers, prescribers, industry related folks, and end users of durable medical equipment to congregate, share information, network, and otherwise be more informed. It will be held

on Tuesday September 10th, 2019 8am - 4pm at the Richmond Olympic Oval 6111 River Rd, Richmond, BC, V7C 0A2. There will be Free Parking and Free Shuttle Service from Lansdowne Mall (Sky Train Station). Shuttle to and from REE will be every 10 - 15 mins and starts at 7am and Ends at 5pm. There will be a limited amount of pay parking available at the Oval. Admission is \$2 with Car poolers, cyclists, and transit users being free. Complimentary food and drink are provided.

Some of the education schedule includes the following:

Jill Longhurst (PT) and Kevin Waldorf (OT) are the Regional Educators for Physio and Occupational Therapy for Vancouver Coastal Health. Part of the Professional Practice team, they provide support to clinicians and students, and are involved with regional education initiatives. They will provide a review of the new provincial Medical Equipment Provision Program (MEPP), including participating vendors (the Canadian Red Cross as primary vendor and seven additional vendors across the province) how to refer clients, and answers to frequently asked questions.

Dr. Mary Forhan is the Chair of the Department of Occupational Therapy and associate professor, Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine, University of Alberta. Dr. Forhan session will provide strategies to provide quality care that considers bariatric care needs of clients living with obesity.

Dr. Jaimie Borisoff is the Canada Research Chair in Rehabilitation Engineering Design at the BC Institute of Technology. His presentation will provide a brief overview of different attachable power-assist devices for manual wheelchairs.

They will demonstrate front-, rear-, and push rim-activated power assist products and review the performance characteristics of each device category.

Bits and Bytes

- 49 Rehab Equipment Expo (REE) Sept 10 Richmond, BC;
- 49 Prairie Heart Show September 17 Regina, SK;
- 49 MEDiChair Show September 19 Saskatoon, SK;
- 49 Rehacare in Dusseldorf, Germany September 18-21.

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. Have a great Abilities Expo Toronto!