



Annual Open House



49 Bespoke Inc. holds an annual open house to celebrate the holiday season and say thank you to people who have shared with us over the past year.

This year it will be held on December 08 at our shop 51 Caldari Road, Units 6-7B, Concord, ON.

We look forward to catching up with you at lunch that day or anytime in the afternoon or early evening. We anticipate folks between noon and 9 PM. Happy Holidays!

Batec Special Purchase



BATEC has presented a **Black Friday Special** for distributors around the world and is working with their dealer network in Spain to offer special pricing on some products that can be passed along to end users. To compliment their initiative, we have created a similar sales advantage to the dealer network and will make our full inventory accessible at special pricing, but limited to that inventory.

The products available will include all stock items complete with discontinued colors along with all the current colors in the Batec Electric (Para and Quad), Batec Rapid (Para and Quad), Batec Manual (Para and Quad), and Batec Hybrid (Para and Quad).

49 Bespoke Inc. special pricing will be in place from **Black Friday** (November 24) through until December 08, so check with a dealer in your area and if you do not have one, give us a shout and we will assist to find you one.

Canada 150

The Senate of Canada is celebrating the 150th anniversary of its first sitting by awarding commemorative medals, struck by the Royal Canadian Mint.

The medals are being awarded to Canadians or permanent residents actively involved in their communities who, through generosity, dedication, volunteerism and hard work, make their

hometowns, communities, regions, provinces or territories a better place to live.

Senators have the task of naming deserving individuals and The Right Honourable Chantal Petitclerc selected the following to be honoured on November 29th, 2017 on Parliament Hill:

1. Rick Hansen
2. Duncan Campbell
3. Donald Royer
4. Chantal Benoit
5. Robert Steadward
6. Earl Church
7. Monique Lefebvre
8. Marc-André Fabien
9. Peter Eriksson
10. Jeff Tiessen

CWSA 70-50-40



Further to lots of Tweets and Facebook notes, 2017 marks a special year for wheelchair sports in Canada and the Canadian Wheelchair Sports Association (CWSA). Preparations have been underway for over a year to celebrate:

- *70 years since the first wheelchair sport activity took place at Deer Lodge Rehabilitation Hospital in Winnipeg, MB*
- *50 years since the Canadian Wheelchair Sports Association was incorporated*
- *40 years since the Canadian Heritage Sport "Murderball" – or "Wheelchair Rugby" as it's now known – was invented in Winnipeg, MB*

Stories and "fun facts" have been published and presentations of photos and memorabilia displayed at various events throughout the year.

Celebrations will culminate in a 70-50-40 Anniversary Celebration at the Westin Hotel in Ottawa from Friday, December 15th to Saturday, December 16th and conclude with a Gala event on the evening of December 16th, at which time they will unveil the names of those inducted into the CWSA Hall of Fame, a one-time event that recognizes those who have contributed so much to the wheelchair sport community in Canada and internationally since 1967.

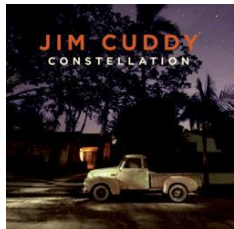
Since 1967 CWSA have been changing lives one at a time helping Canadians with disabilities experience the life-changing benefits of wheelchair sports. Today, the CWSA markets and promotes wheelchair rugby and are the biggest advocates for wheelchair sports nationwide.

We hope to see you in Ottawa, but if you cannot make it you can let them know how important their role has been by sending an email to Cathy Cadieux ccadieux@cwsa.ca or even support wheelchair sports at <http://cwsa.ca/donate>.

34th Valentine Gala

The Thirty Fourth Annual Great Valentine Gala will be held again at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel in the Canadian Room on Saturday, February 3, 2018.

6:00 p.m. – Reception 7:00 p.m. - Dinner / Awards 9:30 p.m. – Show Time / Dance



Starring: The Jim Cuddy Band

Patrons: The Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, OC, OOnt Lieutenant Governor of Ontario

Honorary Chairs:

Donald A. Guloiu, Past President & CEO, Manulife Financial
Duncan Sinclair, Vice-Chair, Deloitte

The event is sponsored by The Canadian Foundation for Physically Disabled Persons in cooperation with The Canadian Helen Keller Centre, who can be reached at 6 Garamond Court, Suite 265, Toronto, On. M3C 1Z5 Phone: (416) 760-7351 Fax: (416) 760-9405 Email: whynot@sympatico.ca www.cfpdp.com

Delivery Times

We get product from many different suppliers and have same day shipping on most of the products that we market and promote.



On the chair side, we wish it was as simple as ordering on-line. But, the majority are bespoke or one-off builds and the process of

completing the prescribing process, nailing down the specifications, confirming the funding, doing the drawing, placing the order, manufacturing the product, receiving and

BESPOKE PLUS – November 2017 - Volume 15, Number 214 checking the final build, putting it all together with seating, etc., and doing the final delivery and set up all takes time. It is dependent on many different people doing their various jobs and communicating along the way. We do the best possible to expedite the process wherever we can and long for the day when we can afford the technology that the pizza delivery folks have which confirms the order and details the process to when the driver delivers your pie.

Batec Mini



We have relayed on that BATEC have launched the MINI, a new product created based on users' requests and ongoing R&D work. This new product includes a 16" drive wheel and a number of other functions that end users have been asking for; complete with

the same sought after docking system and interchangeable parts and pieces! More information is available on-line at 49 Bespoke Inc.



We have explored the option of branding it as the Metro or Compact as the folks in France may do, and we also thought of calling it the Urban 2 as it clearly meets the needs of people living in a more congested environment and are inside buildings a lot more. But, we have decided to stay with the chosen name MINI. In the process, we will put the Urban in the Special Edition section and put more resources into the January launch of the MINI.

Bits and Bytes

- 49 BATEC Black Friday pricing Nov 24 – Dec 08 Canada;
- 49 Senate Canada 150 Medals Ottawa, ON Nov 29;
- 49 DC Metro Abilities Expo Dec 1-3;
- 49 Accessibility for All Event Vellore Village Dec 3;
- 49 49 Bespoke Open House Dec 8;
- 49 CWSA 70-50-40 Ottawa, ON Dec 15-16;
- 49 49 Bespoke Closed Dec 23 – Jan 2, 2018;
- 49 Toronto Abilities Expo Jan 19-21, 2018;
- 49 CFPDP Valentine Gala Feb 3, 2018
- 49 Los Angeles Abilities Expo Feb 23-25, 2018;
- 49 34th Annual ISS March 6-9, 2018 Vancouver, BC.

BESPOKE PLUS is the newsletter of a privately owned Canadian company called 49 Bespoke Inc., which markets products from around the world that are 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.