



BESPOKEPLUS



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

75th Anniversary

On January 16th, John Counsell, Arthur Hay, Joseph Wrangham, Jack Higman, Douglas Quirt, Edward Higginbottom and Andrew Clarke decided to incorporate the Canadian Paraplegic Association (CPA), now known as Spinal Cord Injury Canada.



Although there were spinal cord injuries many years earlier, CPA founder John Counsell sustained a spinal cord injury on the beach in Dieppe in 1942, John was a doer and worked with the Canadian Legion and the Veterans Associations of Canada to press the government for change. This eventually led to the creation of the department of Veterans Affairs. The energy, enthusiasm, and get it done mentality was instilled in the CPA (now Spinal Cord Injury Canada - SCI) and following history numerous members of that organization have been recognized with the Order of Canada as John (the first) was in 1967 the first year that the award was provided.

The CPA received its incorporation on May 10th, 1945 and the growth of provincial bodies followed. The "doer - get it done" culture instilled by the founder was mirrored across Canada with key members taking up the challenge of being involved politically, in business, and in all aspects of the community.

I was asked recently why we support the CPA now SCI and it is simple: they were there for me when I was injured showing me a path to a continued way forward and I like doers, people that desire something better for all!

Batec Update

The Batec Scrambler as we know it is being revamped for distribution in June 2021 along with the Hybrid units. As it stands right now, we only have nine Scramblers left in stock and after that we will be waiting for the next generation.



On the Hybrid side we only have four to arrive in the next couple weeks and the next model will be out in June also. We have not been apprised of the changes at this stage.

As far as the Mini2 (12" wheel) is concerned, we have 50 in stock and they will remain as is for the next model year as per the Electric 2 (18" wheel), and the E2 Rapid (18" wheel). We have 40, 20, and 20 of those respectively for immediate shipping along with about 25 E2 Black Rapid units.

BATEC MINI 2

The minimum expression of Batec, the maximum expression of you



The Mini (16" wheel) will be discontinued but we have about 12 of those in stock.

Communication

We work with a lot of folks every month and try our best to ensure that we communicate with everyone and keep them in the loop on developments with new product on order or other things that we have agreed to follow up on for them. Depending on the complexity of the situation, some things take longer than others because of the nature of the project. Sometimes, the folks have not gotten back to us on information needed or there has been some miscommunication and we have dropped the ball on responding. We appreciate your follow up calls if there is ever a question, concern, etc. as we want to provide the best service possible and we will continue to work hard in holding up our end of “the communication is at least a two-way street” bargain!

Amicapsil – Card Carrier

SCI BC in the winter 2020 issue of (thespin) magazine asked the question, “Could an innocuous white powder revolutionize pressure ulcer treatment?” The SCI community may be more prone to dealing with pressure ulcers as there is often times a loss of muscle tissue, lack of sensation (an activity related injury may not be noticed until it becomes difficult to heal), perhaps a more compromised immune system, and other issues. The SCI article notes that there are staggering costs associated with treatment. The article deals with bacteria as a friend or foe and the importance of rebalancing the microbiome. They allude to the fact that there have been a significant number of happy customers and the science (with a fair amount of research) supports the use of MPPT (short for micropore particle technology) and Amicapsil in humans.

For more information on this product you may visit <https://willingsford.com> who have this information on their web site: “Amicapsil (Acapsil) is a CE-approved MPPT product available for use in human healthcare. It is available in a Home-version for private use and in a Pro-version for healthcare professionals. The only difference between the Home and Pro versions are packaging formats, i.e. bottle size and number of bottles per package, and that the Pro-version of the Instructions for Use cover a wider range of wound types. The name has recently changed from Acapsil to Amicapsil, and it is the same product.

Amicapsil and Aprobaxil for use in humans have been regulatory approved in the EU and Australia. Furthermore, US, Canada, New Zealand and most other countries, except India, allow private import for own personal use. The price per 750 mg bottle is £65 plus delivery. 750 mg is sufficient for approx. 25-30 sq.cm wound surface.”

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CFPDP Virtual #GVG2021

The Canadian Foundation for Physically Disabled Persons (CFPDP) will host their first ever virtual Great Valentine Gala, but it is labelled the 37th annual of course. Here is the scoop!

THE 37th ANNUAL Great Valentine Gala

The 2021 Great Valentine Gala plans to celebrate the last 37 years of entertainers, award winners and supporters virtually.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2021, 7PM

7:00 - 8:00 PM Virtual Great Valentine Gala	7:15 PM AWARDS King Clancy Award, Hon. David C. Onley Award, Corporate Award	7:30 PM 37 years of Musical Entertainment
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This celebrated Gala remains a vital force, shining a bright light on the lives and accomplishments of people with physical disabilities and supporting the ongoing battle for inclusion and equality.

With a history of entertainers starting with Bob Hope followed by George Burns, Smothers Brothers, Jann Arden and Chantal Kreviazuk, this year we have an opportunity to take a step back, whether forced or chosen, and reflect on how far we have come while paving the way for a brighter future ahead.

2021 AWARD RECIPIENTS:

HON. DAVID C. ONLEY AWARD: Each year, the CFPDP presents the Honourable David C. Onley Award to an individual in recognition of his or her extraordinary service to Canadians who live with disability. This year, we're pleased to present the award to **Elizabeth and Randall Linton, Founders of The Sanfilippo Children's Research Foundation.**

KING CLANCY AWARD: The Canadian Foundation for Physically Disabled Persons' King Clancy Award is presented annually in recognition of outstanding personal achievement and important contributions in support of Canadians who live with disability. This year's award recipient is **Dave Dame, Vice President, Global Agile Leader at Scotiabank.**

CORPORATE AWARD WINNER: Presented each year at the Great Valentine Gala, the CFPDP Corporate Award recognizes the exemplary contributions of Canadian companies and organizations in support of people with physical disabilities. This year recipient is **The Globe and Mail.**

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Supporters: **Achilles**, **Dr. Gagan Bhalla**, **CCL**, **Robert Bank**, **SBI Canada Bank**, **2018 Outstanding Foundation Award recipient**

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Bits and Bytes

- 49 Abilities Virtual Experience March 26-27, 2021;
- 49 Abilities Expo Spring, 2021 Toronto, ON;
- 49 Abilities Expo April 30 -May 2, 2021 New York, NY;
- 49 Abilities Expo June 25-27, 2021 Chicago, IL;
- 49 Paralympics **Aug 25–Sept 5, 2021** Tokyo, Japan;
- 49 Rehacare Dusseldorf, DE **October 6-9, 2021**;
- 49 37th ISS **October 26-30, 2021** Pittsburg, PA;
- 49 9th Annual SCI Conference November 15-18, 2021.

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We have grown up in sport, have a social service background, and have adopted an advocacy role in our business practice. **Comments are welcome.**