

REE 2013 at ROO



G. F. Strong Rehab Centre

On Monday September 9 2013 we will be at the Richmond Olympic Oval 6111 River Rd, Richmond, BC, V7C 0A2 participating with about 100 other manufacturers, distributors, dealers, community agencies, etc. in another edition of the Rehab Equipment Expo Assistive Technology Showcase brought to you by the folks with the logos above.

The purpose of REE is to give clinicians and consumers in the community and health facilities access to information needed to make educated decisions regarding the purchase of home medical equipment.

The nuts and bolts are as follows:

- **8am to 4pm**
- **Free Underground Parking Lot**
(Entrance is on the West side)
- **Free Parking and Shuttle Service** from Lansdowne Mall (Sky Train Station) to and from the Expo every 15 minutes
- **Entrance to the REE is at the North West corner of the Oval** (on the river side)
- **Admission \$2** (no pre – registration)
- **Free Admission** (if you arrive by transit, bike or in a car pool of three or more)
- **Free food and drinks** (including a hot buffet lunch from 11.30 to 1pm)

The REEsource Schedule is with people who are acknowledged experts in their field and will be available to answer your questions. Each person will be at a designated table for one hour at the time indicated. They have been asked not to make a presentation; instead you can cut to the chase and pick their brains. That list will be available on site or you can email us for a copy.

No World's

For the first time in history we have a situation where North America will not be represented at the World Championships for Wheelchair Basketball by both Canada and the USA. In a recent qualification tournament for the America's, Canada fell victim to an older Mexican squad that had under achieved to that point in the tournament. The deadly quarter finals where you lose you snooze and miss the next big show for your sport!



Canada is coached by a veteran; one of the best able bodied athletes to ever play the game, Jerry Tonello. It was painful watching him coach and knowing that he was somewhat powerless to

alter the outcome on the floor as at the end of the day it is a player or players that need to suck it up and find a way to prevail. Canada did not have veterans like Joe Johnson, Richard Peters, and Patrick Anderson but they had lots of talent to do the job; for whatever reason, players did not step up and they will not be going to Korea to battle for world supremacy in 2014.

Looking at the bigger picture, which I was recently reminded of, the National Wheelchair Basketball Association (NWBA), the counterpart to our National Association called Wheelchair Basketball Canada (WBC) is alive and well domestically, but with a conspicuous absence of Canadian Teams that have historically been involved in the various divisions of play south of the border. US players can compete at various levels of play within the NWBA and get world class competitive opportunities at home. In Canada, we have dropped the ball toasting our National Championships and making our league championships open to all comers who foot the bill to attend. Domestically, Canada would be well advised to provide more competitive opportunities for all

players (including those considered outside the target grouping for Sport Canada Funding because of age) and showcase the tremendous talent in the country.

MoreThan4 Wheels



Thank you to Brenda McAlpine, OT at Stan Cassidy in Fredericton, NB and Sheila Buck, Author, Presenter, OT, for a presentation August 15th on seating and mobility that tied in nine other centers electronically in NB, PEI, and NFLD.

Sheila had a super presentation that was not a commercial for Ki Mobility, Varilite, RGK, or any of the products from Ottobock who partnered with us to provide product for the presentation and to address any concerns or questions attendee's had about equipment.

SCI ON - Full Service

It is sometimes inconvenient or not an option for a person with a disability to use the self serve option (which is most places now) at the gas station. SCI Ontario's web site has information on this subject like the following:

Esso – full-serve gas at self-serve prices at stations that have both services available; full-service at self-serve stations (disabled parking permit required); Customer Service at 1-800-567-3776 for more information.


Shell – full-serve gas at self-serve prices at stations that have both services available only during full-serve hours (disabled parking permit required); every effort will be made to provide full service at self-serve stations depending on available staff; Customer Service 1-800-661-1600.

Petro-Canada – full-serve gas at self-serve prices at stations that have both services available (disabled parking permit required); no information on services at self-serve stations; Customer Service at 1-800-668-0220.

Ultramar – full-serve gas at self-serve prices at self-serve stations depending on available staff (special driver's license required); Customer Service 1-800-363-6949.

SCI Ontario encourages motorists with disabilities to communicate their gas station experiences to the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario at 1-888-520-5828.

SCI ON Support ADP

Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) Ontario supports the work of the Assistive Devices Program (ADP) in Ontario. 

In their view, the 2011 Auditor General of Ontario's Annual report shows that ADP has made great strides toward improving efficiency and effectiveness. SCI Ontario is very supportive and appreciative of the work ADP has been doing in this regard. They also feel that further work is necessary to improve access, accountability, and customer service in these three areas:

1. Focus on excellent care and client-centred service – ADP must respond to consumer needs and become more accountable for the programs and services it provides.
2. Make the most effective use of resources – Prices paid through ADP for supplies and equipment must be established and maintained at reasonable and competitive levels. Consumers must have a clear understanding of vendor mark-ups and service obligations.
3. Enable access to essential assistive technology and devices – ADP must evaluate a broader range of equipment that is essential for maximizing independence, reducing secondary health complications, and increasing workforce participation.

Bits and Bytes

- 49 REE at ROO in Richmond, BC Sept. 9th;
- 49 Vancouver area visits Sept. 8-11;
- 49 U23 World W/C Bball - Men Sept. 12-22 Adana, Turkey;
- 49 SAOT Conference Edmonton Sept. 14/15;
- 49 OSOT Conference Sept. 27-28, London, ON;
- 49 Rolling Rampage Oct. 10 Parliament Hill Ottawa, ON!

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