



NWBA – Dr. Nugent



Dr. Timothy Nugent (R.I.P. January 10, 1923 – November 11, 2015), the University of Illinois professor who started his work in the 40's creating programs for people with a disability founded the National Wheelchair Basketball Association (NWBA) in 1949. He has numerous accolades to his credit and touched the lives of thousands of people many of which have shared stories and spoken very highly of him in the past couple weeks and at his service last Friday.

From a humble beginning with a team at the University of Illinois the NWBA grew significantly when Tim was at the helm as Founder/Commissioner to when he was another supporter providing his suggestions right up until last year at the National Wheelchair Basketball Tournament (NWBT).



For more information on Dr. Nugent's tremendous accomplishments visit www.NWBA.org and the archives at the Uofl for biographical and other articles <http://archives.library.illinois.edu/archon/?p=collections/controlcard&id=5724>

Here are the most recent results for how the NWBA has grown since 1949 (as of October 31):

- 220 Team registrations
- 2755 Individual registrations
- 71 Tournament sanction requests
- 125 Player transfer requests
- 116 Officials registrations

Good Luck Jose

Custom Engineered Wheels (CEW) produce Carbon Fibre mag wheels in 24" and 25", Enduro wheels, and a host of snap on tires for this industry. We have enjoyed the friendship of their Sales Manager Jose Padilla for years now and will miss him going forward as far as that role is concerned as he has moved on to a new initiative. The positive aspect of this move is that it is going to be in this industry and we look forward to sharing that in an upcoming issue of Bespoke Plus. CEW wheels are strong, sleek, smooth, and their price points make them a wheel of choice for OEM's in 20", 22", 24", and 25". Click here www.cewheelsinc.com



New Representation



The new Minister for Sport and Persons with Disabilities is none other than Paralympian, Lawyer, Volunteer, Carla Qualtrough (seen here with Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister)! Committed to equity and inclusion, Carla has practiced human rights law at the federal and provincial levels. She is passionate about the power of sport and physical activity to change lives, so she volunteers locally, nationally, and internationally. She is intimately familiar with the Canadian Paralympic Committee (CPC), the International Paralympic Committee (IPC), and has been involved in many games as an athlete, volunteer, and administrator.

In her role as Minister of Sport she will support the Minister of Canadian Heritage and in her role as Minister

of Persons with Disabilities she will support the Minister of Families, Children and Social Development.

As Minister of Sport and Persons with Disabilities she will be held accountable for a goal to promote healthier Canadians through sport and recreation, and to ensure greater accessibility and opportunities for Canadians with disabilities. In particular, she is expected to work with her colleagues and through established legislative, regulatory, and Cabinet processes to deliver on her governments top priorities:

- Lead an engagement process with provinces, territories, municipalities, and stakeholders that will lead to the passage of a Canadians with Disabilities Act. In this work, she will be supported by the Minister of Families, Children and Social Development.
- Work with the Minister of Infrastructure and Communities to deliver on a commitment to support the construction of recreational infrastructure that allows more children access to sport and recreation.
- Work with the Minister of Health and the Public Health Agency of Canada to support a national strategy to raise awareness for parents, coaches, and athletes on concussion treatment.
- Work with the Minister of Canadian Heritage to include sport and recreation in championing government-wide efforts to promote the celebration of Canada 150, with a particular emphasis on celebrating the achievements of athletes and persons with disabilities.
- Lead preparations for the 2016 Rio Olympics and Paralympics and future international sporting events.
- Create greater links between elite athletes and young Canadians to promote health and achievement among youth.

These commitments are found on PM's web site as minister mandates here: <http://pm.gc.ca/eng/ministerial-mandate-letters>

Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) Ontario supports an initiative to have a Canadians with a Disability Act and could use two minutes of your time to provide further support for this initiative by clicking here: [Canada needs a Canadians with Disabilities Act](#)

HMEDA

Phil Mundy, Executive Director Home Medical Equipment Dealers Association in BC recently sent an email on POWER Mobility video for Kids- raising awareness of how power wheelchairs make a difference in the lives of kids who use them. You may find this video informative and you will note that it has been entered in a competition held by the Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR) which is a funding agency. Debbie Field, M.H.Sc.O.T., PhD Candidate Graduate Programs in Rehabilitation Sciences at the University of British Columbia & Occupational Therapist has done work on this video and would appreciate your support and you may vote by following the link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BPyNOCp2N_U&list=PLxWz0fEGuv6oBzjm34lYd2ykUH8loXkCX&index=13

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IDPD Day - Brampton

A friend and Chair of our Vaughan Accessibility Advisory Committee Meenu Sikand meenu.sikand@peelregion.ca in her paid role as an Accessibility Planning Specialist with Peel Region is involved in an Employer Day as part of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD). Join them on Monday, November 30, 2015 at the Pearson Convention Centre, 2638 Steeles Avenue East, Brampton Ontario. Admission is free but advance registration is required. Email zcg-aac@peelregion.ca including your full name and contact information to reserve a spot. For more information see: [International Day of Persons with Disabilities - Region of Peel](#)

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