



BATEC Update



We have received the first load of Electric 2 and Scrambler units and they are out with or enroute to new Batec users.

Our next container is enroute and we are preselling Mini, Electric 2, Rapids, and a new black special edition for this market area which will have Electric 2 specifications along with Rapid speed and the addition of a suspension stand like the Scrambler. Preorders of the black edition will receive an additional 5% discount on the product!



RGK NWBA Partnership



The National Wheelchair Basketball Association (NWBA) finalized a new sponsorship agreement with RGK Wheelchairs. As part of this

agreement, RGK:

- will be the presenting sponsor of the 2019 NWBA Junior Division Showcase Games
- will sponsor the 2019 Toyota National Junior Wheelchair Basketball Tournaments (Prep, Varsity, and Varsity Invitational)
- will sponsor the 2019 Toyota National Adult Division I Wheelchair Basketball Tournament

RGK, named after its founders Russel Simms, Greg Eden, and Keith Bolesworth, is a UK-based manufacturer of sport & daily wheelchairs.

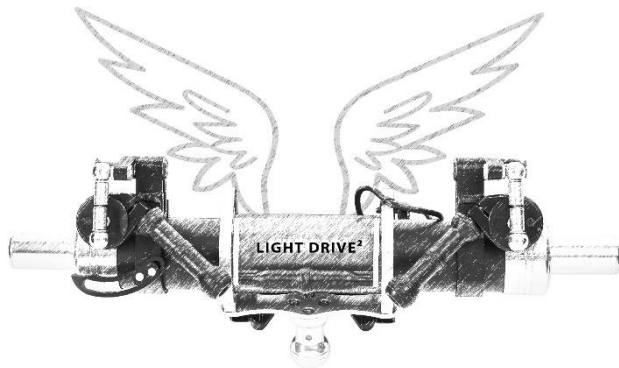
Each RGK chair is Made-to-Measure, down to the millimeter! Meaning every chair is handmade and truly unique to the shape, requirements, and individuality of its user.

49 Bespoke Inc had exclusively marketed and promoted this product line for over 20 years prior to it being acquired by Sunrise Medical a couple years ago. We continue to market and promote this line and other products that provide BESPOKE builds for end users.

Intl Seating Symposium

The International Seating Symposium (ISS) will be held in Pittsburgh this year and early bird registration closed on February 01, 2019. We are looking forward to this event March 20 – 22, 2019 with the Pre- Symposium Workshops March 18 - 19, 2019 at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, Pittsburgh, PA USA.

RIP Robert Benoit



It is with the saddest regret that we announce the death of Mr Robert Benoit, the president and the founder of Benoit Systemes, on 12 February 2019 at the age of 70.

Today we lost a remarkable man, an ingenious creator, as well as an extraordinary boss, a friend...

We will pursue a path that was started by Robert and stay loyal to the values that have built Benoit Systemes.

Benoit Systemes- Mo Trax

The 2019 ISS Highlights for the 35th Anniversary of this Premier International Event for Wheeled Mobility & Seating are as follows:

- 49 A bigger-than-ever exhibit hall with over 120 exhibitors
- 49 A free [Community Day](#) on March 19th
- 49 2 full days of Pre-Conference workshops to customize your ISS experience
- 49 Over 130 instructional courses and paper sessions to meet all your educational goals
- 49 Keynote sessions addressing international hot topics including parent perspectives on disability, reimbursement challenges, and the impact of research on best practice
- 49 ISS One Party, where all attendees can gather to celebrate, share ideas, and plan for our future

OSOT in Ajax



In conjunction with the Ontario Society of Occupational Therapists (OSOT) and Sheila Buck of Therapy Now!, we are pleased to participate in a one day event to discuss and dissect the impact of wheelchair and seating set-up on the general well-being of an elderly person.

This session will take place March 27, 2019 from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm at the [Ajax Convention Centre](#), Westney Ballroom 550 Beck Crescent, Ajax, ON.

For registration information, contact Cassandra Venere cvenere@osot.on.ca.

Independent Living CDN



Independent Living Canada is hosting the AccessABLE Technology Expo TM May 30, 2019 from 11 AM – 7 PM at the Ottawa Conference & Event Centre, 200 Coventry Rd., Ottawa, ON K1K 4S3. They endeavour to provide attendees with the latest assistive technology for home, leisure, work, or school for individuals and families living with a disability. 49 Bespoke Inc will be supporting this initiative and hope to see many of our industry partners at the event as well as exhibitors, sponsors, or attendees.

For more information please contact: Patrick Curran at Phone: 613-563-2581 Toll-Free: 1-877-713-3373 Email: patrickcurran@ilc-vac.ca Website: www.ilc-vac.ca

Permobil

Permobil reaches out on a regular basis to let the community know that they want to be your resource and they are always looking for ways they can help you develop new skills, understand and apply the benefits of their products, and improve lives.



They have monthly webinars, regional seminars, and online courses (see My Academy on their website), as well as a weekly blog, downloadable guides, videos and plethora of PDF's available for you.

Check out www.permobil.ca or email their National Clinical Education Manager Brenlee.Mogul-rotman@permobil.com

NWBA Hall of Fame

Frank Burns, Chair of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association (NWBA) was pleased to announce yesterday the Hall of Fame Class of 2019 <https://www.nwba.org/hof>:

1. Jamie Danskin
2. Christina Ripp-Schwab
3. Doug Garner
4. Bruce Russell (4th Canadian Inductee)
5. Mike Woodard
6. Larry Labiak
7. Jimmy May
8. Mel Julette

We congratulate all inductees and single out Jamie who played here in Canada with us over the years and Bruce, the 4th Canadian inductee into this hall following Stan Labanowich (1), Reg McClellan (2), and Mike Frogley (3).

Bits and Bytes

- 49 ISS March 20 – 22 Pittsburgh, PA;
- 49 NWBA Div 1 & HOF Inductions March 22-23 Cleveland, OH
- 49 OSOT Elder Focus March 27, 2019 GTA;
- 49 Abilities Toronto April 5-7, 2019 International Center;
- 49 AccessABLE Technology Expo May 30 Ottawa, ON;
- 49 Show - June 7-8, 2019 at Variety Village, Toronto, ON;
- 49 Rehab Equipment Expo (REE) Sept 10th, Richmond, BC.

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.