



Air cadets who took part were: Back Row (l to r) Barry McLaughlin, Ben Beacock, Phil Robinson. Middle row: Jacqueline Blick, Jaren Belrose, Amie Wayland and Chris Buckton. Front row - Alison Mather, Tara Voisin, Vicki Robinson. Missing Charles Buckton

# Local air cadets take silver medal finish

Twelve local Air and Sea Cadets travelled to CFB Petawawa on the weekend to compete in the two day Ontario Region Biathlon Competitions. Two weeks earlier these cadets earned the right to represent the western Ontario Area by their finishes at the area competitions in Cedar Springs.

Petawawa was hit with rain and freezing rain which made for poor skiing conditions for the 11 teams competing on Saturday. In the three person team competitions each cadet skies a total of five kilometers stopping at the range twice. At the range stops the cadet has eight chances to shoot down five 115 mm targets at a distance of 50 meters. Penalty loops are skied for each missed target.

The male and female teams representing the Western Ontario Area were both from the Port Elgin 340 Air Cadet Squadron. Phil Robinson, Barry McLaughlin and Chris Buckton received a silver medal for their second place finish in the male division. Tara Voisin, Vicki Robinson and Alison Mather tied and shot to a fourth place finish in the female division.

Temperatures dropped late Saturday and only came up to -14 degrees C. by race time on Sunday making for icy conditions on the trails for the 50 cadets competing in individual competitions. In the individuals each cadet skies a total of five kilometers.

## Competes at regional biathlon competitions

with a one minute penalty for each missed target. The Port Elgin 340 Air Cadets had Ben Beacock, Chris Buckton, Phil Robinson, Barry McLaughlin and Jaren Belrose skiing in the male individuals and Tara Voisin and Vicki Robinson skiing in the female individuals. Kincardine 183 Air Cadets had Amie Wayland and Jacqueline Blick competing in the female individuals. Charles Buckton of the Southampton 316 Sea Cadets also competed on Sunday in the male individuals.

Once the individual results were posted the local cadets with top ten finishes were Ben Beacock second and Chris Buckton seventh in male individual and Tara Voisin sixth in female individual.

The finishes of Ben Beacock and Tara Voisin advance them to the week long National Cadet Biathlon Championships in Val Cartier, Quebec, to be held starting March 2, 1996.

# Port Elgin Air Cadets soars over competition

On Saturday, January 6, 1996, the Port Elgin 340 Air Cadets sent a group of cadets to the Southwestern Biathlon competition at Cedar Springs.

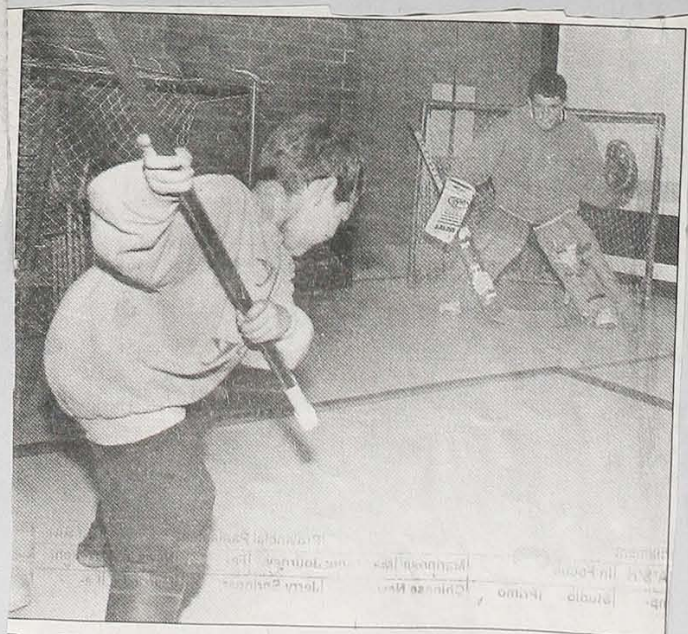
Phil Robinson, Barry McLaughlin and Chris Buckton's team won first place for the male division.

Jaren Belrose, Steve Kavanagh and John Alcock's team also placed. Tara Voisin, Vicki Robinson and Alison Mather's team won first place for the

female division. Joanna Kosloski, Erin Mather and Sarah Champion's team won third place for the female division.

Ben Beacock won first place for the individual male. John Richardson also competed in the individual male.

The two first place teams and the two individuals Ben Beacock and Jaren Belrose will be going January 26, 1996, to the Ontario Competition at Petawawa.



Port Elgin Saugeen Central School held its Fun Fair last week featuring dozens of different games of chance. Above Alex Berner lets loose a slapshot on goaltender Darin Nieson. photo by John Peever