



Cal Weir making the first presentation of the Cal Weir trophy to John Baker, top scorer of the McFarlan Flames at the Thamesford NBC League Award Night.

New award at NBC

The annual awards banquet and dance of the Thamesford No Body Contact league was held at the arena on Saturday, April 9.

It was a special night for a number of reasons, one of which was that the award for the leagues' top scorer, a new trophy was awarded to McFarlan Flames, John Baker. The new award is named after Thamesford's Super Fan, Cal Weir. Cal, a retired rural mail man is the league's most faithful fan. Baseball and Junior "D" hockey also get a great deal of Cal's time.

A second reason to make the

evening eventful was that after playing 12 years, the only original member of the Balmoral Hotel Bruins still active in the league, Frank Hofer was a member of the "A" trophy winner for the first time.

The "B" trophy was won by Re-Max Real Estate, the "C" was taken by Philbrook Sports and the "D" trophy was won by Alderson Sand and Gravel.

The Most Improved Player Award was won by Todd Heibein of Balmoral.

Most shut-outs by McFarlan Flames - George Mabee, the goalies with the least goals against were Ken Cook and Bob

McLeod.

The Most Sportsman-like Team Award went to Cold Springs Farms. The least penalized team was Re-Max Real Estate.

Cal Weir won the Most Loyal Fan Award. Coach of the Year was Wilf Hedberg.

The 1988-89 season will start September 11 with referees from Ingersoll and Woodstock handling games next year.

The executive for 1988-89 is: President - Andy Riley, Vice President - Jim Newell, Treasurer - Steve Gordon; Secretary - Jeff Nunns, and a player representative from each team.



L to r Lions' V. Pres. Jack Youse, Belmont; Lions P.D. Governor Barry Flanigan; CFPL TV Community Relations.

Thamesford & Belmont Lions go on mystery tour

The April meeting of the Thamesford Lions Club was the destination of 32 Belmont Lions on Monday, April 3.

The Lions were on a mystery tour, organized by Belmont Lions Barry Flanigan and Scott Impens. They boarded a blacked out bus in Belmont to go to an unknown destination and after travelling back and forth for about an hour, the Lions arrived in Thamesford where they joined the Thamesford members for dinner.

Guest speaker for the evening was Jim Swan, Community Relations Co-ordinator of CFPL TV, London. Jim, a native of Bright, Ontario told his audience about his previous experiences on Woodstock Radio and Wingham TV Station. Jim told of the many differences between the early days of television and the slick packaged programs that are avail-

able now, noting that CFPL had 18 employees when it started in 1953, which number has increased to 168 employees in 1988.

Mr. Swan told the Lions that over the years, the objectives of CFPL TV have changed, and that a large audience is needed to satisfy advertisers, and that the CBC has become more committed to a larger Canadian content in its shows. This has caused talks to take place, leading to a dissolution of CFPL's Association with CBC as the station found it harder to satisfy the needs of area viewers.

On September 4, this year, CFPL TV will become an independent station such as Hamilton's CHCH Channel 11. This is a win-win situation for

area viewers as now they will have increased CBC programming on a new Full Service Channel and CFPL's own broadened programming. Concluding his address with the thought that this will mean a new era in television broadcasting for area viewers, Mr. Swan was thanked by Lion Kaye Ricker.

Lions Bill Kerr and Jack O'Bright reported on the successful Ham Hassle and Easter Bunny Sale. Proceeds from both events will be used on Lions' community service projects.

Thamesford Lions Dale Coghlin and Chuck Dalton will be taking part in this year's 20th anniversary "Great Ride for Cancer".