



1726 Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's) ROYAL CANADIAN ARMY CADETS



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19 WING COMOX SUPPORTS LOCAL ARMY CADET

COMOX, B.C. – On 12 May, 2006, 19 members of 19 Wing Comox held a fundraising event to help raise money for Cadet Warrant Officer Angelica Lauzon in her second quest to represent Canada and the Army Cadet Program by participating on the Cadet National Rifle Team in Bisley England. It was an exciting afternoon shooting competition between this brave cadet and many members of the Wing!

Team selection is a rigorous process looking at high marksmanship scores, positive attitudes, and a high level of leadership skills. Eighteen cadets, 16-18 years of age, are selected from the six regions across Canada each year to represent Canada in this important event. Last summer Cadet Lauzon was selected to represent her country at this event and because she was within the top three of last year's participants, she will have the honour to represent her country again this summer.

While the Department of National Defence covers Cadet Lauzon's travel and meal expenses for this significant trip, all incidentals, including her 'civilian' uniform are not covered. Cadet Lauzon is responsible for raising the additional funds required for the competition. "I approached the Wing for financial support as they have been very helpful toward my Army Cadet Corps in the past," said Cadet Lauzon. "I was very happy to receive the phone call to say that the Wing was able to help out, it really showed me the connection the Wing has to the local community and to my Army Cadet Corps."

"It would have been easy for the Wing Commander to hand over the gracious donations provided by servicepersons and civilian employees from 19 Wing," said Capt. Anthony Bone, Commanding Officer of 1726 RCACC. "But a competition with Cadet Lauzon and some of the Wing's marksmen was an appropriate link." In keeping with the theme of the Cadet National Rifle Team, 19 Wing Comox graciously held a .22 calibre shooting competition to help raise money for Cadet Lauzon."

The afternoon started off with a rather unusual sight. The Wing Commander, Col. Ambler, arrived at the shoot in full camouflage; combats, combat scarf, bush hat with foliage, and yes, even his face was fully camouflaged. After the smiles and laughter were under control, the Wing Commander stated the importance of the shooting competition by linking the afternoon's activities to morale, esprit de corps, and community.

After a full afternoon of shooting, the day ended with the final two marksmen, Cpl. Lyall Stubbings, an Aviation Technician from 442 Sqn, and Cadet Lauzon, competing one-on-one with the remaining 19 Wing personnel anxiously watching to see who the winner would be. After the sound of rounds down range ceased, Cadet Lauzon was declared the winner of the afternoon's successful shoot by edging out Cpl. Stubbings by a single point to take home the \$400.00 in 19 Wing donations. "Best of luck in the UK, Angelica" rang out at the end of the competition!

For more information on the Army Cadet Program, visit: http://www.cadets.net/pac/armcad/intro_e.asp.

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