



Pacific Region Cadets



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BC CADETS WIN SILVER AND BRONZE AT NATIONAL BIATHLON

COMOX, B.C.- Nine of the 12 members of the B.C. Region Cadet Biathlon Team brought home medals from the 19th National Cadet Biathlon Championship held at Sault St. Marie, Ont. during the past week. The BC cadets found themselves right behind cadets from the more snowbound provinces of Saskatchewan, Ontario and Quebec throughout the week.

The male unit patrol team from 204 Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps “**Smithers**” with cadets Jared De Smet, Kevin Utz, and Zachary Phillip placed second in the Male Patrol Race while the composite male team composed of air cadets Dylan Taylor of **Nanaimo** and Matthew Schenkers of **Colwood** and sea cadet Alexandru Madularu of 102 RCSCC “**Fraser**” of **New Westminster** won silver in the both the 4.5 km and 6 km relay races. The female unit team from 205 Royal Canadian Air Cadet “**Collishaw**” Squadron of **Nanaimo** with cadets AJ Lawrence, Brooke Herrington and Alyson Gourley took third place and a bronze medal in the 4.5 km relay. **Nanaimo** air cadet, AJ Lawrence won two individual bronze medals in the female junior 6 km race and the female junior 6 km mass start race. Sea cadet Zachary Phillip of **Smithers** won an individual bronze medal in the junior male 6 km race.

One hundred thirty-eight cadets representing the ten provinces and northern Canada qualified for the national event. Six three person teams from each of Ontario and Quebec, two teams from northern Canada, and four teams from each of the other provinces competed over four days with a break for a cultural day on Wednesday. The sport involves being a quick and accurate marksman under conditions of aerobic stress usually created by cross-country skiing.

The cadet marksmanship and firearm safety programme is an integral part of cadet training. It teaches self-discipline and builds confidence by allowing all cadets to compete equally in a recreational sport that is gender neutral. Winning at the national level requires that the competitors have individual target scores that are mostly greater than 95 out of a 100. Several of Canada’s Olympic marksmen were introduced to the shooting sport as cadets.

While in “the Soo” the cadets visited several points of interest including the Bush Plane Museum. One of the strengths of the cadet program is the opportunity it affords youth to see Canada and learn more about each other as they make new friends with cadets from across the country while studying, living, and competing together.

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