

Yukon-Koyukuk skiers represent Alaska

The State of Alaska was represented at the Northwest Territories Top of the World Ski Championships by students from the Yukon Koyukuk School District.

The championships, held in Inuvik, N.W.T. on March 13-15, are a yearly affair consisting of both individual and relay races for all age group classes from five-year-olds to senior citizen. The students, accompanied by Mark Woldseth, ski coach for the University of Alaska in Fair-

banks, and Brian Zinck, a teacher from Nulato, were said to be the first skiers ever to represent Alaska in the Top of the World Championships.

Skiers were Duane Jimmy of Minto, Willy McCarty of Ruby, Leonard Stickman Jr. and Colleen Sommer of Nulato, Brenda Nickoli of Kaltag, Ricky Vent and Darlene Sam of Huslia, and Sheryl Stevens of Bettles.

First place awards were won by Colleen Sommer in her class. Brenda Nickoli and Leon-

ard Stickman Jr. were awarded second place medals. Relay teams consisting of Willy McCarty, Duane Jimmy, and Ricky Vent, the boys team, and Darlene Sam, Sheryl Stevens, and Brenda Nickoli, the girls team, skied to third place finishes in the Championships.

A senior Brian Zinck finished fourth in their class. All involved say they enjoyed their stay in Inuvik and hope to participate again in the years to come.



YUKON-KOYUKUK SCHOOL DISTRICT Ski Team at Inuvik Airport (standing L to R) Ricky Vent, Brian Zinck. (Top Row seated L to R) Duane Jimmy, Willy McCarty and Leonard Stickman Jr. (Bottom Row seated L to R) Sheryl Stevens, Colleen Sommer, Darlene Sam and Brenda Nickoli.

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