From:	TOM FITZGERALD
To:	members@curlingseattle.org;
CC:	
Subject:	[Seattle Granite Curling Club] Seattle"s Sharon Vukich rink winstwice at US Senior Women"s Curling Championships in Cape Cod, MA;is 1 win away from bid into Senior World Championshis in Russia.
Date:	Friday, January 29, 2010 6:31:47 PM
Attachments:	wa.gif ma.gif hammer.gif ATT00172.txt

Press Release

Seattle's Sharon Vukich rink one win away from US Senior Women's Championship after two wins vs. MA. in Friday. Winner of tournament will represent US at the 2010 World Senior Curling Championships in Chelyabinsk, Russia in April.

1/29/10
For Immediate Release
Contact Info:
Granite Curling Club: 206-362-2446
Tom Fitz Gerald 206-550-2080
www.curlingseattle.org
www.2010juniornationals.com

The Sharon Vukich rink (***Sharon Vukich, Dani Thibodeaux, Linda Cornfield, Betty Kozai***) representing Seattle's Granite Curling Club, defeated Mary Collachio (East Falmouth, MA) twice on Friday and is one win away from capturing the 2010 US Women's Senior Curling National Championship and a trip to Chelyabinsk, Russia to represent the United States at the World Senior Curling Championships, April 15-24. In the best-of-five series, Vukich won the early draw on Friday, 10-4, then had a huge comeback in the second game to win 9-7. In the 5PM (ET) draw, Vukich trailed 7-4 after 6 ends, but scored 3 points in the 7th end to tie the game, and then stole 2 points in the 8th and final end for a big win.

The Women's Senior Championship continues with game # 3 on Saturday morning at 10AM. If Vukich wins any of the scheduled 3 games on Saturday, she will wrap up the US Championship. In 2009, Vukich represented the US at the Senior Worlds curling with 3 different teammates in New Zealand. Vukich also won the US Mixed Doubles National Championships with teammate Mike Calcagno earlier this year. Since the World Mixed Doubles and World Senior Championships are both being played in Chelyabinsk, Russia at the same time this year, Vukich would be participating in both events if she wins the US. Senior Championship.

Friday's US Senior Women's Championship Linescores:

Draw 1: Fri, Jan 29 -- 11:00am -- Times shown as Eastern Time (ET).

Team		HMR	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score
	Sharon Vukich Seattle, WA			1	1		5	2	1	X			**10**
	Mary Colacchio East Falmouth, MA		3			1				X			**4**

Draw 2: Fri, Jan 29 -- 5:00pm -- Times shown as Eastern Time (ET).

Team		HMR	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score
	Mary Colacchio East Falmouth, MA		0	1	1	0	3	2	0	0			**7**
	Sharon **Vukich Seattle, WA		1	0	0	3	0	0	3	2			**9**

** Vukich can wrap up her second consecutive Senior National Championship with 1 win on Saturday. Draw 3 begins at 10AM at the Cape Cod Curling Club

The Granite Curling Club is the only dedicated curling facility on the west coast of the U.S., and has been operating in its present facility since 1961. The Granite Curling Club has been the home to more national championship teams (35) than any other U.S. curling club. The most recent champions are the Sharon Vukich-Mike Calcagno rink, the 2010 Mixed Doubles National champions and the Sharon Vukich rink, the 2010 U.S. Senior Women's National champions.

For more information on the Olympic sport of curling, please visit www.curlingseattle.org or www.usacurl.org. For questions concerning this release, or for specific interview or footage requests, please contact Tom FitzGerald at 206-550-2080, or tomfitzgerald@verizon.net