Press Release

Vukich defeats Clark in Finals to capture 2010 US Mixed Doubles Curling Championship;
receives automatic bid to World Championships in Russia

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In April, Sharon Vukich travelled to New Zealand to represent the United States in the World Senior Women's Curling Championship. The Seattle resident will have to pack her bags for another long trip, as she is the 2010 US Mixed Doubles Champion and receives an automatic bid into the 2010 World Mixed Doubles Championships, April 15th-24th, 2010 in Chelyabinsk, Russia.

Vukich, playing alongside teammate Mike Calcagno, (Kirkland, WA) won the championship by defeating Cristin Clark's (Lynnwood, WA) team, 8-4 on Sunday at Seattle's Granite Curling Club (www.curlingseattle.org) Clark won the US Mixed Doubles Championship in 2009 playing alongside her husband, Brady Clark, who was unable to compete in this year's tournament. This year she teamed up with Sean Beighton, (Edmonds, WA) and they reached the finals, but fell just short and finished the tournament at 7-2.

A complete schedule of the Mixed Doubles National Championship and list of competing teams can be found found at www.curlingseattle.org

Vukich reached the finals on Sunday by defeating fellow Seattle curlers Derrick McLean (Bothell, WA) and Lysa Hambley (Lynnwood, WA) 7-6 in a semifinal matchup Sunday morning. In the other semifinal, Clark needed an extra end to defeat Derrick Surka (Bridgeport, CT) and Charrissa Lin, 8-7.

Team Vukich becomes the 34th team from Seattle's Granite Curling Club to win a national championship-- the most of any curling club in the United States. In Sunday's final game, Vukich scored a big 4 points in the 4th end to take a 7-2 lead. Clark tried to get back in the game, but a steal of 1 point in the 7th end wasn't enough, and Vukich held on for an 8-4 win and finished the tournament with a perfect 8-0 record.

Semifinals. Sunday December 6, 2009 9:00 am PST

Sheet 2 - Game SF1 - Final										
Team		**1**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7**	**8**	**Total**
McLean Granite	**3.375***	1	1	0	1	0	2	1	0	6
Vukich Granite	73.000*	0	0	2	0	4	0	0	1	7

1. Forfeited end due to lateness.

Sheet 4 - Game SF2 - Final											
Team		**1**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7**	**8**	**9**	**Total**
Surka Nutmeg	73.000*	0	0	3	1	0	2	0	1	0	7
Clark Granite	**9.500***	1	2	0	0	3	0	1	0	1	8

Finals. Sunday December 6, 2009 12:00 pm PST

Sheet 3 - Game F - Final										
Team		**1**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7**	**8**	**Total**
Vukich Granite	21.000*	2	1	0	4	1	0	0	0	8
Clark Granite	**12.500***	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	4

Final Standing for 2010 Mixed Doubles National Championships:

Granite Curling Club of Seattle

December 3-6, 2009 - Completed

Teams - 19

Name	From	Members	W	L	Position	DSC*
		Pool A				
Clark	Granite	Cristin Clark; Sean Beighton	**7**	**2**	Finalist	15.391
McLean	Granite	Derrick McLean; Lysa Hambley	**6**	**1**	Semi-Finalist	20.979

Good	Granite	Em Good; Jake Vukich	**4**	**2**		19.275
Read	Belfast	Bart Read; Abigail Read	**2**	**4**		40.800
VanWieringen	Granite	Barry VanWieringen; Cynthia Kozai	**2**	**4**		58.850
Mazzotta	St Paul	Gary Mazzotta; Michelle Summer	**1**	**5**		43.925
Levy	Detroit	Benjamin Levy; Emilia Juocys	**1**	**5**		24.875
		Pool B				
Surka	Nutmeg	Derek Surka; Charrissa Lin	**5**	**1**	Semi-Finalist	28.925
Gemmell	Plainfield	Janice Langanke; Dean Gemmell	**4**	**2**	Playoffs	33.025
Cornfield	Granite	David Cornfield; Leslie Frosch	**2**	**3**		36.188
Coleman	San Fran.	Gabrielle Coleman; Barry Ivy	**2**	**3**		41.469
Doherty	St Paul	Timothy Doherty; Connie Kupferschmidt	**1**	**4**		44.844
Iwanick	Evergreen	Arnie Iwanick; Katie Kauffman	**1**	**4**		40.688
		Pool C				
Vukich	Granite	Sharon Vukich; Mike Calcagno	**8**	**0**	Champion	36.179
Meechai	Ardsley	Joyance Meechai; Jason Nawyn	**3**	**3**	Playoffs	31.800
Lundeen	Granite	Steve Lundeen; Beth Coffin	**2**	**3**		37.625
Lopac	St Paul	Senja Lopac; Matthew Zbylut	**2**	**3**		7.375
Schultz	St Paul	Eric Schultz; Julie Smith	**2**	**3**		22.063
Pleasants	Granite	James Pleasants; Jaynie Pleasants	**1**	**4**		51.563

*Draw Score Challenge (in inches) - a seeding factor for the playoffs.

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 (34) than any other U.S. curling club. 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.