

Press Release

Semifinals set at US Mixed Doubles Championship.
Three Granite Curling Club teams make final four. Action resumes Sunday morning at 9AM.

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In quartfinal action on Saturday night at Seattle's Granite Curling Club (www.curlingseattle.org) the Cristin Clark and Sharon Vukich rinks won their games and moved into the semifinals of the 2010 U.S. Mixed Doubles National Championship. The semifinals will be played on Sunday morning at 9AM, with the finals scheduled for noon. All matches are open to the public at no charge and there is free parking at the club, which is located at 1440 N. 128th Street in North Seattle. The winner receives an automatic bid into the 2010 World Mixed Doubles Championships, April 15th-24th, 2010 in Chelyabinsk, Russia.

A complete schedule and list of competing teams can be found found at www.curlingseattle.org by clicking on the "championships" link.

Cristin Clark won last year's US Mixed Doubles Championship curling with her husband, Brady Clark. This year, Clark is curling with Sean Beighton and is back in the running after a 12-3 victory over Joyance Meechai and Jason Nawyn (Ardsley, NY.) Clark (Lynnwood, WA) and Beighton (Edmonds, WA) will take on Derrick Surka and Charrissa Lin (Bridgeport, CT) in the semifinals on Sunday morning.

The other semifinal game will be an all Granite Curling Club affair, as Sharon Vukich takes on Derrick McLean. Vukich, curling with Mike Calcagno, remained undefeated with a victory over Dean Gemmell (Plainfield, NJ). Vukich (Seattle, WA) will take on another undefeated team on Sunday morning when they face Derrick McLean (Bothell, WA) and Lysa Hambley (Lynnwood, WA).

<u>Sunday 9:00 am</u>				
SF2	2	McLean	Vukich	
SF2	4	Surka	Clark	

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 (33) than any other U.S. curling club. The most recent champions are the Brady Clark rink, the 2009 Mixed Doubles National champions and the Sharon Vukich rink, the 2009 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.