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# Press Release

**State playdowns results from Seattle's Granite Curling Club:**

**Sean Beighton rink defeats team Vukich to win WA state junior curling championship; earns bid to National Junior Championship in Bemidji, MN. James Pleasants rink defeats Bob Knievel to win WA state senior curling title.**



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It was a busy weekend at Seattle's Granite Curling Club ([www.curlingseattle.org](http://www.curlingseattle.org)).

[org](#)) with the Washington State Junior and Senior playdowns taking place on Saturday and Sunday. Both titles were decided following the 11AM games on Sunday, with Sean Beighton's team winning the Washington State junior curling championship for the second consecutive year, and the James Pleasants rink taking home the senior state curling championship with a win over Bob Knievel's team. Beighton's team (**Sean Beighton, Derrick McLean, Sam Galey, Joe Purvis**) advances to the U.S. National Junior curling championships January 23-30 in Bemidji, Minnesota. ([www.2010juniornationals.com](http://www.2010juniornationals.com)) The winner of the U.S. Junior Championship moves on to represent the United States at the 2010 World Junior Curling Championships in Flims, Switzerland, March 5-14, 2010.

### **Junior Playdowns recap- Beighton beats Vukich 3 games to none to win State title**

Sean Beighton (Edmonds, WA) and teammates Derrick McLean (Bothell, WA) Sam Galey (Seattle, WA) and Joe Purvis (Kenmore, WA) won three straight games over the Jake Vukich rink (**Jake Vukich, Patrick Connelly, Michael Tomlinson, Ryan Dunn, Reese Johnston**) to win their second consecutive Washington State junior curling championship. After winning both games on Saturday, Beighton needed one more win on Sunday to wrap up the best-of-five tournament, and they did that with an 8-2 victory in the 11AM draw. Beighton's team will have a little less than a month of practice before heading off to represent Washington at the 2010 Junior National Championships, which begin January 23rd in Bemidji, Minnesota. In Saturday's games, Beighton defeated Vukich 10-4 and 10-3 before wrapping up the title on Sunday morning. Beighton's rink finished fourth in the 2009 Junior National Championships in Devil Lake, North Dakota, which was won by Chris Plys. Plys is now a member of the 2010 U.S. Men's Olympic curling team which will be competing in the Vancouver Olympics in February.

### **WA State Senior Playdowns recap- Pleasants defeats Knievel to win championship**

The James Pleasants rink (**James Pleasants, Doug Potter, Ken Mabbatt, Keith Schreiber**) defeated Bob Knievel 8-0 on Sunday morning at Seattle's Granite Curling Club to win the 2010 Washington State senior curling championship. Pleasants finished the tournament 3-0, while Knievel's team (**Bob Knievel, Jeff Tomlinson, Bob Thibodeaux, Bob McAuley**) finished 1-2. The Wendell Hall rink (**Wendell Hall, Charles Smith, Bob Prince, Duane Rutan**) lost both of their games on Saturday and were eliminated in the round-robin portion of the tournament.

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 Brady Clark rink, the 2009 Mixed Doubles National champions and the Sharon Vukich rink, the 2010 U.S. Mixed Doubles National champions.

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