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Media Alert

Seattle's Granite Curling Club to host WA State and MOPAC (Mountain Pacific) Mixed Curling Championships January 29-31

Teams looking for spots in 2010 US Mixed Curling Championships in Chicago.



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Seattle's Granite Curling Club will be buzzing with activity this weekend, with ten mixed curling teams (two men and two women on each team) competing for two spots in the 2010 US Mixed Curling Championships, March 20-27 in Chicago, IL.

The MOPAC (Mountain Pacific) Mixed Championship gets underway Friday

night at 11:30PM (PT), with six teams looking to win the automatic bid to Mixed Nationals. The Washington State Mixed Curling Championship begins at 9AM on Saturday, with four teams competing, including Brady Clark's team. Clark, along with his wife, Cristin, are six-time US Mixed National Championship winners, and their mixed team last year was named 2009 USA Curling Team of the Year. All games will be played at the Granite Curling Club (www.curlingseattle.org) which is located at 1440 N. 128th Street in North Seattle. All games will be open to the public for viewing at no charge. Below is the list of competing teams and a schedule for the weekend.

Teams - 10

Name	From	Members
Pool MOPAC (<i>winner moves to US Mixed Nationals</i>)		
Halpenny	California	Brent Halpenny, Stacey MacNeil, Steve Lundeen, Loreen Makishima
Iwanick	Oregon	Arnie Iwanick, Eleanor Robertson, Jeff Tomlinson, Dana Watson
Kitinski	California	Nick Kitinski, Beth Coffin, Tom Hemenway, Miranda Heaslip
Loomis	California	Michael Loomis, Christina Altus, Stephen Marschall, Alice Mansell
Maxie	Arizona	Fred Maxie, Anne Stuhlman, Cortney Watson, Carol Ann Naso
Sieg	California	Lyle Sieg, Gabrielle Coleman, Barry Ivy, Candace Siep
Pool WA (<i>winner moves to US Mixed Nationals</i>)		
Calcagno	GCC	Mike Calcagno, Christina Pastula, Peter Sommer, Miyo Konno
Clark	GCC	Brady Clark, Cristin Clark, Phil Tilker, Bev Walter
Guzman	GCC	Benj Guzman, Em Good, Jeremy Dinsel, Cynthia Eng-Dinsel

Lehto GCC Darren Lehto, Patti Killins, Andrew Ernst, Jennifer Westhagen

Schedule:

Game	Sheet	Teams	notes
Friday 11:30 pm			
MoPac-1a	2	Maxie Loomis	flip for practice/rocks
MoPac-1b	3	Sieg Kitinski	flip for practice/rocks
MoPac-1c	4	Iwanick Halpenny	flip for practice/rocks
Saturday 9:00 am			
WA-1a	1	Calcagno Lehto	flip
WA-1b	2	Clark Guzman	flip
MoPac-2a	3	Loomis Iwanick	
MoPac-2b	4	Kitinski Maxie	
MoPac-2c	5	Halpenny Sieg	
Saturday 2:00 pm			
MoPac-3a	1	Maxie Halpenny	
MoPac-3b	2	Sieg Iwanick	
WA-2a	3	Lehto Clark	
WA-2b	4	Guzman Calcagno	
MoPac-3c	5	Kitinski Loomis	
Saturday 7:00 pm			
MoPac-4a	1	Loomis Sieg	
WA-3a	2	Lehto Guzman	
MoPac-4b	3	Halpenny Kitinski	
MoPac-4c	4	Iwanick Maxie	
WA-3b	5	Calcagno Clark	
Sunday 8:00 am			
MoPac-5a	1	Sieg Maxie	

Wa-SF	3	if needed
MoPac-5b	4	Halpenny Loomis
MoPac-5c	5	Iwanick Kitinski
Sunday 12:00 pm		
MoPac-TB1	2	
MoPac-TB2	3	
Wa-Final	4	if needed
Sunday 8:00 pm		
MoPac-Final	1	if needed

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