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

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<td>Halpenny</td>
<td>California</td>
<td>Brent Halpenny, Stacey MacNeil, Steve Lundeen, Loreen Makishima</td>
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<td>Oregon</td>
<td>Arnie Iwanick, Eleanor Robertson, Jeff Tomlinson, Dana Watson</td>
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<td>Nick Kitinski, Beth Coffin, Tom Hemenway, Miranda Heaslip</td>
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<td>Loomis</td>
<td>California</td>
<td>Michael Loomis, Christina Altus, Stephen Marschall, Alice Mansell</td>
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<td>Maxie</td>
<td>Arizona</td>
<td>Fred Maxie, Anne Stuhlman, Cortney Watson, Carol Ann Naso</td>
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<td>Sieg</td>
<td>California</td>
<td>Lyle Sieg, Gabrielle Coleman, Barry Ivy, Candace Siep</td>
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**Pool WA** (winner moves to US Mixed Nationals)

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<td>Mike Calcagno, Christina Pastula, Peter Sommer, Miyo Konno</td>
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<td>Clark</td>
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<td>Brady Clark, Cristin Clark, Phil Tilker, Bev Walter</td>
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<td>Benj Guzman, Em Good, Jeremy Dinsel, Cynthia Eng-Dinsel</td>
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**Friday 11:30 pm**

**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 |               |

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**Lehto GCC**

Darren Lehto, Patti Killins, Andrew Ernst, Jennifer Westhagen
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](http://www.curlingseattle.org) or [www.usacurl.org](http://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](mailto:tomfitzgerald@verizon.net)