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Press Release

Seattle's Sharon Vukich rink sweeps past MA to win US Senior Women's Championship at the Cape Cod Curling Club. Seattle-based team will represent US at the 2010 World Senior Curling Championships in Chelyabinsk, Russia in April.

Vukich's win marks the 36th national title for teams from Seattle's Granite Curling Club



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For the second consecutive year, Sharon Vukich from Seattle's Granite Curling Club (www.curlingseattle.org) is the United States Senior Women's Curling Champion. In 2009, Vukich went to the World Senior Championships in New Zealand, and this year she's going to be traveling far from home again, this time with 4 different teammates.

Vukich's rink (**Sharon Vukich, Susan Curtis, Dani Thibodeaux, Linda Cornfield, Betty Kozai**), defeated Mary Colacchio (East Falmouth, MA) 6-5 in an extra end on Saturday morning to win the 2010 US Women's Senior Curling National Championship and earn a trip to Chelyabinsk, Russia to represent the United States at the World Senior Curling Championships, April 15-24.




In the best-of-five tournament at the Cape Cod Curling Club in East Falmouth, MA, Vukich and teammates **Linda Cornfield** (Seattle) **Susan Curtis** (Northwest Arkansas Curling Club), **Betty Kozai**

(Seattle) and **Dani Thibodeaux** (Kirkland, WA) won twice on Friday and completed the sweep with the win on Saturday morning. For the second straight game, Vukich had to steal a point in an extra end, and she did it on Saturday to break a 5-5 tie and send her team to the Senior Worlds. Colacchio trailed for most of the game, but mounted a late comeback by scoring 3 points in the 7th end to take a 5-4 lead. Vukich was held to only one point in the 8th end, setting up an extra end, without the hammer, or last rock advantage. On her last shot Vukich was able to freeze her shot to her own counter behind the tee line, forcing Colacchio to hit and stick for the win. Colacchio came out a bit wide and was unable to make the shot, giving Vukich the 6-5 win.

Vukich will be extremely busy in April, as the Senior World Championship and World Mixed Doubles Championships are being played at the same venue in Chelyabinsk. Earlier this year, Vukich teamed up with Mike Calcagno to win the US Mixed Doubles Championship, and will be playing for the World Championship in both Mixed Doubles and Seniors. Because there may be some conflicting game times, Dani Thibodeaux was added as the teams fifth player, and will be playing in the Senior Worlds when Vukich is unavailable.

Saturday's US Senior Women's Championship Linescores:

Draw 3: Sat, Jan 30 -- 10:00am -- Times shown as Eastern Time (ET).

| Team | HMR | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | Score |
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|  Sharon Vukich * Seattle, WA |  | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | | 6 |
|  Mary Colacchio East Falmouth, MA | | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | | 5 |

*** Vukich wins Championship 3 games to none and moves on to World Senior Curling Championships April 15-24.**

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 (36) 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