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Press Release

Seattle's Sean Beighton team wins National Junior Curling Championship and will represent US at Junior Worlds in Flims, Switzerland
Big day for Seattle's Granite Curling Club as two teams win national championships



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When it comes to winning national championships, no curling club in the United States is more successful than Seattle's Granite Curling Club (www.curlingseattle.org). In a span of a couple hours on Saturday, the North Seattle club added to its impressive resume, with two more national championships for a total of 37 US Championships since the club began operation in 1961.

On Saturday morning in East Falmouth, MA, Sharon Vukich's team won the US Senior Women's Championship, and will move on Chelyabinsk, Russia to represent the United States at the World Senior Curling Championships, April 15-24. Later in the afternoon, Sean Beighton's Seattle-based team defeated Aaron Wald's Minnesota 2 squad 7-3 to wrap up the 2010 Junior National Curling Championship in

Bemidji, MN. Beighton's team represent the US at the 2010 World Junior Curling Championships in Flims, Switzerland, March 5-14.

Vukich and teammates **Linda Cornfield** (Seattle) **Susan Curtis** (Northwest Arkansas Curling Club), **Betty Kozai** (Seattle) and **Dani Thibodeaux** (Kirkland, WA) defeated Mary Colacchio (East Falmouth, MA) 6-5 in an extra end on Saturday and swept the best-of-five series 3 games to none. Earlier in the year, Vukich teamed up with Mike Calcagno to win the US Mixed Doubles National Championships and she will play in both the Mixed and Senior World Championships in Chelyabinsk, Russia in mid-April.




Sean Beighton (Edmonds, WA) and teammates **Derrick McLean** (Bothell, WA) **Sam Galey** (Seattle, WA) **Joe Purvis** (Kenmore, WA) defeated Aaron Wald's Minnesota 2 team, 7-3 in 9 ends on Saturday to wrap up the Junior National Curling Championships at the Bemidji Curling Club in Bemidji, Minnesota. They become the first junior curling team from Washington to win a national title since Travis Way's team won in Schenectady, New York in 1996.

Beighton took the tough road to the finals game on Saturday, coming into the playoffs as the #4 seed. After wins over Massachusetts and Trevor Andrews' hometown Bemidji team on Friday, Beighton had to beat Aaron Wald's (Chisholm, MN) team to take home the gold. The turning point in Saturday's finals came in the 5th end, with the score tied at 2-2. Minnesota had the hammer (last rock advantage) but Beighton was able to get a bunch of rocks in the house with guard stones out front. Minnesota's vice-skip missed a couple of tough takeout attempts, opening the door for Washington. Facing a difficult draw to a packed four-foot circle, Wald's final shot came up short of the house and Washington stole 3 points to take a big 5-2 lead heading into the break. Wald would score only 1 more point, and after Beighton stole a point in the 9th end, the teams shook hands as Minnesota conceded the 7-3 win. Scores, photos and archived webcasts of the 2010 Junior Nationals games can be found at: (www.2010juniornationals.com) Information on the World Junior Curling Championships can be found at www.wjcc2010.com and www.curlingrocks.net

Wald, the top seed in the tournament, lost in the championship finals for the second straight year and took home the silver medal. Trevor Andrews' Minnesota 1 team won bronze.

Saturday's Junior Championship Game Linescore:

Draw M-F: Sat, Jan 30 -- 1:30pm -- Times shown as Central Time (CT).

Team	HMR	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score
 Aaron Wald Chisholm, MN		0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0		3
 Sean Beighton Edmonds, WA		1	0	0	1	3	0	0	1	1		7



Team Washington, l to r : Sean Beighton, Derrick McLean, Sam Galey, Joe Purvis, coach, Murray Beighton.

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 Sean Beighton rink, the 2010 Men's Junior National champions and the Sharon Vukich rink, the 2010 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

Granite Curling Club has a long history of producing national champions - more than any other curling club in the United States.

Year Championship

Team Members

1961 Men	Frank Crealock, Ken Sherwood, John Jamieson, Bud McCartney
1967 Men	Bruce Roberts, Tom Fitzpatrick, John Wright, Doug Walker
1975 Men	Ed Risling, Charles Lundgren, Gary Schnee, Dave Tellvik
1977 Mixed	Garth Wallace, Sophie Wallace, Tom Wallace, Jan Spencer
1978 Jr. Men	Jeff Tomlinson, Tom Purvis, Curt Fish, Marc McCartney
1979 Women	Nancy Langley, Dolores Wallace, Leslie Frosch, Nancy Wallace
1980 Women	Sharon Kozai, Joan Fish, Betty Kozai, Aija Edwards
1981 Women	Nancy Langley, Carol Dahl, Leslie Frosch, Nancy Wallace
1981 Jr. Men	Ted Purvis, Dale Risling, Milt Best, Dean Risling
1982 Jr. Men	Dale Risling, Milt Best, Rob Foster, Jim Foster
1983 Women	Nancy Langley, Dolores Campbell, Nancy Wallace, Leslie Frosch
1985 Mixed	Doug Jones, Beth Bronger-Jones, Bob Anderson, Cheryl Hardy
1985 Jr. Men	Roger Schnee, Kelly Yalowicki, Shane Way, Mark Lundgren

1987 Men	Jim Vukich, Ron Sharpe, George Pepelnjak, Gary Joraanstad
1987 Women	Sharon Good, Joan Fish, Beth-Bronger Jones, Aija Edwards
1988 Men	Doug Jones, Bard Nordlund, Murphy Tomlinson, Mike Grennan
1988 Women	Nancy Langley, Nancy Pearson, Leslie Frosch, Mary Hobson
1989 Men	Jim Vukich, Curt Fish, Bard Nordlund, James Pleasants, Jason Larway
1990 Men	Bard Nordlund, Doug Jones, Murphy Tomlinson, Tom Violette
1992 Men	Doug Jones, Jason Larway, Joel Larway, Tom Violette
1996 Jr. Men	Travis Way, Troy Schroeder, Owen Bunstein, Brandon Way
1999 Mixed	Ian Cordner, Dolores Cordner, James Pleasants, Jaynie Pleasants
2001 Men	Jason Larway, Greg Romaniuk, Travis Way, Joel Larway, Doug Kauffman
2002 Mixed	Brady Clark, Cristin Clark, Jason Larway, Kim Kropp
2003 Mixed	Brady Clark, Cristin Clark, Ryan Beighton, Bev Walter
2004 Men	Jason Larway, Joel Larway, Doug Kauffman, two non-club members
2005 Mixed	Brady Clark, Cristin Clark, Darren Lehto, Bev Walter
2005 College	David Booth, Steve Demlow, Chris Pleasants, Cory Yalowicki
2006 Mixed	Brady Clark, Cristin Clark, Tom Violette, Bev Walter
2006 College	Ari Krasik-Geiger, Zach Radmer, Bret Nordlund, Jon Chartrand
2007 Mixed	Brady Clark, Cristin Clark, Leon Romaniuk, Bev Walter
2009 Mixed Doubles	Brady Clark, Cristin Clark
2009 Mixed	Brady Clark, Cristin Clark, Phil Tilker, Bev Walter
2009 Senior Women	Sharon Vukich, Joan Fish, Cathie Tomlinson, Aija Edwards,
2010 Mixed Doubles	Mike Calcagno, Sharon Vukich
2010 Senior Women	Sharon Vukich, Linda Cornfield, Betty Kozai, Dani Thibodeaux
2010 Junior Men	Sean Beighton, Derrick McLean, Sam Galey, Joe Purvis