



## Media Release

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### **2010 BC Senior Curling Championships begin tomorrow in Nanaimo**

Richmond, BC (January 25, 2010) – The event, matching eight senior men's and eight senior women's teams from across BC, begins Tuesday January 26 at the Nanaimo Curling Club with the finals on the afternoon of Saturday January 30 for both men and women. Round robin games are featured for the first three days with the playoffs Friday and Saturday.

One local Senior Women's team has qualified for the event, skipped by Lynne Noble of Qualicum Beach, who curls out of Nanaimo's Thursday Night Christensen Collision Cash League. With Lynne are Lorraine Jeffries of Alberni, Lorraine Gagnon of Kerry Park, and Glynis Davis of Nanaimo. Also attracting Island fans will be two other teams - the Jurgenson rink from Juan de Fuca in the women's event and the Craig rink out of Victoria Curling Club in Senior Men's.

The Jurgenson foursome may be better known to fans by last year's skip's name - Pat Sanders. In 2009, Team Sanders won the World Senior Women's title in New Zealand - a first for BC Senior Women. Pat, a Women's World Champion as well, has moved to throwing second's stones this season, while last year's lead Christine Jurgenson is now skipping the team. Cheryl Noble of Parksville and Roz Craig of Shawnigan Lake round out the squad. Cheryl was fifth player and bronze medallist for Kelley Law at the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City; Roz is very well-known to BC curlers, and has competed in national mixed play with husband Wes.

Amongst the remaining six women's teams, both Kathy Smiley, three-time silver medallist at the Canadian Senior Women's competition, and Jane Adam, BC Senior Women's champion in 2006 will be returning. Interior teams include Marilyn Berry from Trail, Diane Tetrault from Penticton, Wendy Cseke from Salmon Arm, and Lori Freeman from Quesnel.

Wes Craig will be accompanying his wife to Nanaimo in a week's time, not as the coach of her team, but as skip of his own foursome. With Wes are three other Victoria curlers: Phil Olson, Blair Cusack, and Tony Anslow.

Other teams coming to Nanaimo include the well-known Rick Folk, former World Men's Champion; Rick Pughe, former BC Junior Champion and Canadian Masters Champion, Brian Gessner, reigning BC Senior Men's Champion and Ken Watson, former Canadian Senior Men's champion and BC Men's champion. Rounding out the field will be the Bill Fisher rink from Prince George, Rob Ferguson from Trail, and Myron Nichol of Castlegar.

#### **About Curl BC**

Curl BC is the provincial sport governing body responsible for the development, promotion and organization of curling in British Columbia. Curl BC is also responsible for the championship system that declares provincial representation at National events. In cooperation with its Members, Curl BC provides service to both competitive and recreational curlers, including a variety of special interest groups.