



## Media Release

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### **Field set for 2010 Scotties BC Curling Championship presented by Best Western**

Richmond, BC (December 22, 2009) – The field is now set for the 2010 Scotties BC Curling Championship presented by Best Western hosted at the Penticton Curling Club from January 4-10, 2010.

The Nicole Backe (Nanaimo), Lori Olsen (McArthur Island) and Karla Thompson (Kamloops) teams were the final three teams to earn berths into the 2010 provincials this past weekend. These three teams will be joined by Jerry-Pat Armstrong (Cranbrook), Kristen Fewster (Prince George), Kelley Law (Royal City), Kristy Lewis (Richmond), Marla Mallet (Royal City), Kelly Scott (Kelowna) and Adina Tasaka (Royal City) in the 10 team event.

The event will introduce a new format this season which will include a 10 team round-robin followed by a 4 team page-playoff. The semi-final will be broadcast on Shaw TV on Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 5pm PST and the final on Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 2pm PST.

In men's action, Kelowna's Bert Gretzinger, Jeff Richard and Brendan Willis qualified for the Interior Men's Curling Championship along with Vernon's Tyrel Griffith and Brad Kuhn as well as Rick Folk from Kamloops. Rob Ferguson (Trail), Josh Firman (Creston), Myron Nichol (Nelson), Ralph Will (Sparwood), Kevin Maffioli and Kevin Marks (Grand Forks) also qualified from the Kootenays. The Men's Interior Curling Championship will take place at the McArthur Island Curling Club January 14-17, 2010.

Jay Tuson (Victoria), Steve Waatainen (Nanaimo), Jody Epp (Victoria) and Dean Thulin (Campbell River) qualified for the Men's Coast Curling Championship from Vancouver Island. Meanwhile, Greg McAulay and Dale Reibin (Richmond), Jay Wakefield, Bryan Kedziora, Rich Pughe (Royal City) and Dale Hockley (Chilliwack) also qualified from the lower mainland. The Men's Coast Curling Championships will be held in Port Alberni January 14-17, 2010.

Both the Interior and Coast Championships are 16 team triple knockout events that qualify 4 berths each to the 2010 Canadian Direct Insurance BC Men's Curling Championship presented by Kal-Tire at the Vernon Curling Club February 1-7, 2010.

[Click here](#) to view Nicole Backe's winning shot at the 2010 Women's Coastal Backdoor at the Royal City Curling Club.

#### **About Curl BC**

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