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Curlers set for 2010 Canadian Direct Insurance BC Men's Curling Championship presented by Kal-Tire

Richmond, BC (January 18, 2010) – The field is set for the 2010 Canadian Direct Insurance BC Men's Curling Championship presented by Kal-Tire at the Vernon Curling Club February 1st-7th.

Both the Interior and Coast Championships took place this past weekend at McArthur Island and Port Alberni curling clubs. Each event narrowed 16 teams down to four provincial qualifiers to join **Sean Geall** and **Bob Ursel** who had already qualified for the BC Championship.

The Coast Championship was full of surprises only qualifying one of the top four seeds heading into the event. The young **Jay Wakefield** rink (Royal City) beat Jay Peachey in the A Event final while Victoria's **Jay Tuson's** senior team defeated **Greg McAulay** in the B Event final. McAulay sneaked out a C Event spot by scoring a single in an extra-end against Greg Hawkes (Victoria) meanwhile Nanaimo's **Steve Waatainen** cracked four points in the 9th end to defeat Victoria's Jody Epp 9-4.

The Interior Championship qualified some familiar names with **Bert Gretzinger** (Kelowna) taking the A Event spot and **Fred Thomson** (Nelson) winning the B Event berth. **Tom Buchy** from Kimberley defeated Vernon's Tyrel Griffith in a C Event final and Kelowna's **Jeff Richard** will be making a return trip to the BC Championship claiming the second C Event berth after losing both A and B Event finals.

The Provincial Championship semi-final and final games will be televised on Shaw TV and Shaw Direct (Star Choice – 299), Saturday, February 6th at 7pm and Sunday, February 7th at 10am PST. Last year over 220,000 viewers watched the BC and Alberta men's curling finals.

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.