



# Media Release

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## Field set for 2011 Scotties BC Women's Curling Championship

Richmond, BC (December 20, 2010) The field is now complete for the 2011 Scotties BC Women's Curling Championship presented by Best Western, at the Cloverdale Curling Club, January 17-23. The final two qualifying events took place this past weekend with two interior and two coastal teams advancing.

Hosted in Williams Lake, the interior event qualified the Karla Thompson (Kamloops) and Patti Knezevic (Prince George) teams; and hosted in Comox, the coastal event qualified the Adina Tasaka (Royal City) and Nicole Backe (Nanaimo) rinks.

Thompson and her team of Stephanie Jackson, Kristen Windsor and Kirsten Fox defeated Williams Lake's Mallory Geier 10-5 and Knezevic 6-4 to grab the first spot. Knezevic along Brenda Garvey, Chelan Cotter and Rhonda Camozzi began the weekend with an 8-3 win over Tracey Jones from Prince George, and finished off with another victory over Jones by a score of 6-5 in the B-event final.

Tasaka (third Darah Provencal, second Heather Beatty & lead Jennifer Armstrong) defeated Royal City's Leanne Andrews and then stole their spot in the BC championship with an extra-end victory over Team Backe. Backe (third Shannon Gallagher, second Gloria Palinkas & lead Barb Zbeetnoff) began her weekend by stealing a single in the 12<sup>th</sup> end of a hard fought battle against Royal City's Allison MacInnes. She then bounced back from the loss against Tasaka with a 7-5 win over Andrews, to earn the last berth in the 2011 BC championship.

The complete field for the 2011 Scotties BC Women's Curling Championship presented by Best Western is:

1. Kelly Scott (Defending champion) - Kelowna
2. Kelley Law (BC Canadian Team Ranking System points leader) – Royal City
3. Kristy Lewis (1<sup>st</sup> coastal berth) - Richmond
4. Jen Fewster (1<sup>st</sup> interior berth) – Prince George
5. Rosalyn Craig (2<sup>nd</sup> coastal berth) - Duncan
6. Jill Winters (2<sup>nd</sup> interior berth) – Nelson
7. Adina Tasaka (3<sup>rd</sup> coastal berth) – Royal City
8. Karla Thompson (3<sup>rd</sup> interior berth) - Kamloops
9. Nicole Backe (4<sup>th</sup> coastal berth) – Nanaimo
10. Patti Knezevic (4<sup>th</sup> interior berth) – Prince George

Zone 1 West juvenile playdowns also took place this past weekend. Trail's Justin Umpherville, Calvin Harper, Harlen Young, Donovan Mudie and Jonathan Mock qualified in the boys' division; while follow club-mates

Megan Mackay, Kelly Mackay, Katelyn Horning and Emily Balfour were victorious in the girls' division. Both teams now advance to the Kootenay playoffs in Grand Forks, January 22-23.

**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 adaptive groups.