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Geall, Heath, Herrick & Pierce earn provincial berths

Richmond, BC (December 13, 2010) Four more teams have now been added to the playing field of the 2011 Canadian Direct Insurance BC Men's Curling Championship presented by Kal-Tire. The first two of four qualifying events for the men's championship were held this weekend in the McArthur Island and Golden Ears curling centres.

Two Vernon teams will be the home-town favorites at the BC championship, after qualifying at the Canadian Direct Insurance BC Men's Interior Playdown #1. The Aaron Herrick team of Tobin Senum, Marc Fillion and Jason Wizniak won four straight games to grab the A-event berth. They defeated Kamloops' Brent Yamada 10-7 late Saturday night in the final.

Darren Heath's rink (also from Vernon) of Gary VanDenBerghe, Ryan LeDrew and Darrell Houston earned the B-event berth, defeating Kamloops' Rick Folk, 8-4 on Sunday afternoon.

Meanwhile, Royal City's Sean Geall, Grant Dezura, Kevin Recksiedler and Kevin MacKenzie took the A-event spot at the coastal playdown at the Golden Ears Winter Club. They advanced after defeating the Bryan Miki team by a score of 8-5. Miki then dropped to face fellow Royal City club-mate Brent Pierce in the B-event final. Pierce's team of Paul Cseke, Jay Wakefield and John Cullen came out firing, winning by a score of 9-3 after 7 ends.

The remaining four teams for the provincial championship will be declared in the Canadian Direct Insurance Coastal Playdown #2 at the Juan de Fuca Curling Club January 7-10, and the Interior Playdown #2 at the Prince George Curling Club January 14-17.

Teams advance to the 2011 Canadian Direct Insurance BC Men's Curling Championship presented by Kal-Tire at the Vernon Curling Club, February 7-13.

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.