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Gelowitz & Host win BC Master Curling Championships

Richmond, BC (March 14, 2011) Kelowna's Garry Gelowitz and Richmond's Karin Host won the 2011 BC Master Curling Championship titles yesterday at the Qualicum & District Curling Centre. Gelowitz & Host were the best of eight men's and eight women's teams who competed for the provincial titles in the 60+ event.

Gelowitz and his team of Rob Koffski, Brad Cmolik and Dennis Case defeated Qualicum's Rick Dunn 4-2 in the men's final. Dunn advanced to the final after beating Royal City's Rick Pughe 10-3 in the semi-final, while Gelowitz edged Vernon's Ron Heuman 6-2.

Host and her team of Dianne Tasaka, Lorraine Warn and Betty Dharmasetia scored a single in the final end of the championship game against Nanaimo's Margaret Obee to win 6-5. Obee defeated Kelowna's Maureen Bird in an extra-end in Sunday morning's semi. Host beat Marpole's Laura Rampton 4-3 in the other semi-final.

Men's results:

Pool A

Rick Pughe (Royal City) 3-0

Garry Gelowitz (Kelowna) 2-1

Milt Sinclair (Abbotsford) 1-2

Bud Burbee (Prince George) 0-3

Pool B

Rick Dunn (Qualicum) 2-1

Ron Heurman (Vernon) 2-1

Ken Watson (Richmond) 1-2

Ralph Will (Sparwood) 1-2

Women's results:

Pool A

Laura Rampton (Marpole) 3-0

Maureen Bird (Kelowna) 2-1

Janny Merwin (Salmon Arm) 1-2

Sally Noonan (Nanaimo) 0-3

Pool B

Karin Host (Richmond) 2-1

Margaret Obee (Nanaimo) 2-1

Bonnie Babson (Salmon Arm) 1-2

Charlotte West (Cloverdale) 1-2

In London Ontario, BC's Jim Cotter won the 2011 Ross G.L. Harstone Trophy. This award is presented each year to the player chosen by his peers, as the curler in the Brier who best represents Ross G.L. Harstone's high ideals of good sportsmanship, observance of the rules, exemplary conduct and curling ability.

Jim joins past BC recipients of this trophy, Douglas S. McGibney ('67), Jim Armstrong ('83, '87, '92), Bert Gretzinger ('89), Craig Lepine ('90), Rick Folk ('95) and Bryan Miki ('00).

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.