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North Shore Winter Club to host 2012 BC Scotties Tournament of Hearts Curling Championships presented by Best Western

Richmond, BC (June 1, 2011) – Curl BC is pleased to announce that the 2012 Scotties Tournament of Hearts BC Women's Curling Championship presented by Best Western has been awarded to the North Shore Winter Club in North Vancouver. This event will run from January 23-29, 2012.

The top ten women's teams in BC will battle for the title and a berth into the Scotties Canadian Curling Championship in Red Deer, AB, February 18-26, 2012. The BC Championship will begin with a full event round-robin followed by a four-team page playoff. Former World Champion Kelly Scott will return as defending champion while the second spot will be awarded to the top BC women's team on the Canadian Team Ranking System as of December 1, 2011. The remaining eight berths will be declared through regional playdowns.

The BC Women's Curling Championship has hosted past teams such as Linda Moore's 1985 & Pat Sanders' 1987 World Championship teams, Kelley Law's 2000 World Gold & 2002 Olympic bronze medalist team and Marla Mallet's 2009 Canadian silver medalist team.

The North Shore Winter Club was first formed in 1958 as a combined skating and curling rink. It had 10 sheets of ice, four of which could be converted into skating ice. In 1991 the 10 sheet facility was dismantled and a new 8 sheet rink was constructed. In 1999, they merged with the North Vancouver Recreation Commission's curling program to provide the only public venue for curling on the North Shore. The NSWC is home of 1988 Olympic Gold Medalist Linda Moore, and hosted the 2011 Tim Hortons BC Junior Curling Championships this past season.

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 sport groups.