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Talking Rock to Host USGA Amateur Qualifying Tournament *Championship golf course in Prescott welcomes best players in state*

PRESCOTT, Ariz. (July 17, 2006) – Talking Rock’s Jay Morrish-designed championship golf course in Prescott, AZ will play host to the United States Golf Association (USGA) Amateur Sectional Qualifying Tournament on Monday, July 24 and Tuesday, July 25, 2006. This important tournament is one of the last available opportunities for Arizona golfers to qualify for the 106th U.S. Amateur Championship in August at the Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska, MN.

The qualifying tournament has no age restriction and is open to those with a USGA Handicap Index of 2.4 or lower. Talking Rock’s impressive 7,350-yard 18-hole course will prove to be an ideal location for tournament play with its understated classic design. Strategically placed bunkers and ample landing areas in the fairways and around the greens create a balance between risk and reward – essentially leveling the playing field. This highly anticipated event is free and is open to the public.

“We are pleased to have been selected by the USGA to host this very important tournament and anticipate an exciting afternoon of golf,” said Jim Leisenring, PGA member and general manager of Talking Rock’s Prescott, Arizona golf course. “We’re eager to see how Arizona’s best players respond to this challenging championship course.”

Talking Rock invites players and spectators alike to stay and experience the ranch’s rich northern Arizona history and deep spirit. Interested buyers can take a tour of the master-planned community which offers several varying styles of homes in Prescott, Arizona including Ranch Cottages, Ranch Homes, custom homes and home sites. Besides the championship golf course, guests can tour the state-of-the art health and wellness facility and unique coffee house, complete with a full-service post office.

Offering the best of both worlds, Talking Rock is located in a peaceful, rural setting just minutes from the downtown area where homeowners have access to Prescott shopping, dining, entertainment and numerous outdoor recreational opportunities. It is a 3,400-acre private, luxury home community with a casual western lifestyle and the amenities of an exclusive country club.

Talking Rock is a development of Harvard Investments, a Scottsdale, Arizona based real estate development company respected for its high quality, residential projects throughout the Southwest. Harvard designed and developed communities are found in Austin, San Antonio, and Dallas, Texas; and in Phoenix, Sedona, and Tucson, Arizona.

Harvard's Canadian parent, the Hill Companies, is a privately held diversified company involved in real estate development, oil and gas production and distribution, broadcasting, surety bonding, and life insurance. The Hill Companies celebrated its 100th year of continuous family ownership and operation in February, 2003.

More information on Talking Rock and Harvard Investments, Inc. can be found at www.talkingrockranch.com.

For more information about the United States Golf Association, please call (908) 234-9687 or visit their web site at www.usga.org.

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