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**PUMPKIN RIDGE GOLF CLUB TO HOST
2006 U.S. WOMEN'S AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP AUGUST 7-13**

NORTH PLAINS, OR (February 10, 2006) – Ten is a charm for the spectacular Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club in North Plains, Ore. Ten years after Tiger Woods brought world-wide acclaim to the Club's Witch Hollow Golf Course by winning his unprecedented third consecutive U.S. Amateur Championship in August 1996, the Club will set another milestone August 7-13 when it hosts the 2006 U.S. Women's Amateur Championship – becoming the only golf facility in the country to host six United States Golf Association (USGA) Championships in 10 years.

"We are more than delighted to bring championship golf back to Pumpkin Ridge and we feel confident the entire Portland community will embrace the U.S. Women's Amateur Championship with the same passion, enthusiasm and hospitality we've extended to the USGA and its players during the past 10 years," said Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club Partner Gay Davis. "We are honored that the USGA has selected Pumpkin Ridge for this privilege and anticipate an exciting, superbly orchestrated event that will engage spectators and volunteers alike."

Tiger's historic win at the 1996 U.S. Amateur Championship marked the beginning of an illustrious relationship between Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club and championship golf. In 1997, record crowds of nearly 110,000 converged on the Club's Witch Hollow Golf Course to watch Alison Nicholas defeat Nancy Lopez in the final round of the U.S. Women's Open; in 2000, the Club simultaneously hosted the 2000 U.S. Junior Amateur and U.S. Girls' Junior Championships, becoming only the second club ever to host these two events concurrently; and in 2003, Witch Hollow once again made history when Hilary Lunke became the first qualifier to win the U.S. Women's Open, clinching the title with a 15-foot putt for birdie on the 18th hole of a Monday playoff.

All eyes will once again be on Witch Hollow in August, when 156 of the world's best female amateurs compete for top honors in the U.S. Women's Amateur – one of 13 national championships conducted by the USGA, a non-profit organization run by golfers for the benefit of golfers, which serves as the national governing body of golf. Open to female amateurs who have USGA Handicap Indexes not exceeding 5.4, the U.S. Women's Amateur will feature stroke-play qualifying rounds on Monday, August 7, and Tuesday, August 8. The low 64 scorers will then begin five days of match play, culminating with two golfers playing 36 holes of match play on Sunday, August 13, to determine the U.S. Women's Amateur champion. All match play rounds will be telecast.

With two of the game's top young female golfers turning pro in 2005, including Michelle Wie and reigning U.S. Women's Amateur champion Morgan Pressel, this year's championship promises to showcase an exciting new breed of amateur golfers intent on making their own mark on Pumpkin Ridge and championship golf.

Despite its relative youth, Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club's Ghost Creek and Witch Hollow courses have skyrocketed to prominence since debuting in 1992. That year, *Golf Digest* named Ghost Creek the "Best New Public Course in the U.S." and Witch Hollow the "#2 Best New Private Course in the U.S." The two courses continue to receive acclaim thanks to superb design, immaculate conditioning and a variety of world-class amenities – a combination that has made the Club one of the nation's premiere tournament venues.

Both of Pumpkin Ridge's championship layouts balance playability with extraordinary beauty. Nestled in remote, fertile farmland on 350 acres 20 miles west of Portland, Witch Hollow and Ghost Creek were designed by world-renowned golf course architect Bob Cupp in the "old style," leaving the terrain completely natural. Framed by panoramic views of the Tualatin Hills and breathtaking vistas of the Coast and Cascade Ranges, each course is complemented by outstanding practice facilities and expansive clubhouses.