

Ryder Cup stars sample EnviroBunker



Jack Nicklaus and two other former Ryder Cup stars recently experienced something they had never before witnessed on a golf course when they saw bunkers built from re-cycled synthetic material.

They became involved to varying degrees in projects at opposite ends of the climatic and geographical spectrum last summer.

The projects at Trump National, Jupiter, Florida in the USA and Frosaker Golf and Country Club in Sweden now share a common interest, both having commissioned EnviroSports Ltd to construct bunkers using their patented EnviroBunker construction method.

The South Wales based company struck up a partnership with former Swedish Ryder Cup star Pierre Fulke last Summer having worked on a small construction project on a new 9 holes at Frosaker, a Championship venue in Sweden, where Fulke was acting as architect.

Such was his passion for the product, Fulke became a representative for EnviroBunker in Scandinavia, and along with the owners at Frosaker, commissioned a second stage build to complete all bunkers on the new 9 holes in May 2013.

The course opened in August of this year with Magnus A Carlson and former Ryder Cup player Per-Ulrik Johanssen playing alongside Fulke in the curtain raiser.

Christer Ral owner at Frosaker GC commented "EnviroBunker fits in beautifully at Frosaker and knowing that we will not have to re-visit these bunkers for 20 years or more is a very satisfying feeling. Equally important to us is that there is no compromise in appearance or performance"

Across the pond, EnviroBunker was seen by Trump National, Jupiter, as an ideal solution to the problems of maintaining bunker edges and higher faces in the heat of Florida.

In contrast to Frosaker, Trump National was a full 18 hole course rebuild managed by Nicklaus Design. The EnviroSports team worked closely with Senior Design Associates at the Nicklaus company over a six-month period ; initially providing input to the design and planning process, and then managing the construction of 17 large and strategically important bunkers.

Richard Allen, Co- Director of EnviroSports commented: "During the construction phase we worked alongside world class designers

and contractors , exchanging ideas and knowledge with some of the most experienced professionals in golf course construction, including Mr Nicklaus himself.

"We are delighted with the feedback we have received from Nicklaus Design, Superior Golf Concepts, Clay Batson (The Course Superintendent)and of course our client, Trump National. Moving forward we plan to do more work in the US and are responding to enquiries from regions as diverse as New Mexico, Colorado and New York State".

The project at the Trump National coincided with the granting of a US Design Patent, following earlier granting of the UK patent. Fellow EnviroSports Director, Rhydian Lewis explained the significance: "Envirobunker is a high quality product, which demands a combination of imagination, skill and precision at both design and construction stages.

"We are committed to maintaining and enhancing our reputation for quality and intellectual property is an important tool in that process'."

