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Wisley Golf Club in London to be renovated by Sternberg Golf Services

SAN DIEGO -- After a series of in-depth meetings at February's Golf Industry Show in San Diego, The Wisley Golf Club in London, designed by renowned architect Robert Trent Jones II, has signed a major reconstruction project with international golf course specialist Sternberg Golf Services of Sweden. The renovation, which will begin in April, will feature the installation of Sportcrete, a revolutionary engineered bunker-lining and drainage technology.

Established in 1991 and located just across the River Wey from the famous Wisley gardens of the Royal Horticultural Society, The Wisley Club was Robert Trent Jones Jr.'s first golf course in the U.K. It is widely regarded as one of the top courses in Europe and is home course to a host of Ryder Cup stars including Captain Colin Montgomery and Paul Casey to name but two. The renovation will include a full technical upgrade, reshaping of all features, and extensive drainage and hazard additions. Sternberg Golf Services will also install improved grass varieties that require less irrigation and enable the fairways and greens to play firmer and faster.

The decision to utilize the Sportcrete bunker-lining technology for the full course renovation at The Wisley came after an inspection of the Garden Nine's bunkers following an installation of the porous lining system earlier last year. Bruce Charlton, President/Chief Design Officer, RTJ II, LLC, remarked:

"I was stunned with the ability of the Sportcrete bunker-lining system to provide extremely rapid drainage of the bunkers during and after a prolonged rain event that placed more than two inches of rain throughout the morning tour of the course, especially since it had rained heavily the night before. The bunkers had not experienced any washouts and had no standing water. During this post-design inspection visit, it was agreed to create more visible sand sight lines from the tee shot on a number of bunkers by raising the sand/grass lines. With the Sportcrete lining system, this is a very simple and quick process. It is the only lining system, to my knowledge, that can be accomplished with such little disruption. This efficiency in making revisions to bunkers was paramount in my design decision-making process as we made refinements to the bunkers."

About Robert Trent Jones II

With headquarters in Palo Alto, Calif., Robert Trent Jones II, Golf Course Architects (RTJ II) is the preeminent golf design firm worldwide. Trustees of a great tradition of golf course architecture, RTJ II is committed to working in harmony with nature to craft the best golf course on each unique site. The RTJ II design team has experience in every aspect of golf course development and the ability to provide support and expertise from conception through completion of any project. The firm has satellite offices in Europe, Asia, North Carolina, Texas and Georgia. For additional information contact the firm at +1 650-475-0329 or on the website at www.rtg2.com.

About Sternberg Golf Services

International golf course construction firm Sternberg Golf combines traditional values and philosophies with the latest technologies to construct the very finest golf courses. A family oriented company, Sternberg Golf is headed by Martin Sternberg, former European mini-tour circuit PGA professional and the CGSAA's first fully certified European Golf Course Superintendent. The firm boasts more than twenty-five golf course construction projects worldwide, including Oslo Golf Club (Norway), Hills Golf Club (Sweden) and Sand Golf Club (awarded Golf Digest Top 100 list in 2008). Sternberg Golf is a highly specialized golf construction company and holds certifications for the cutting edge technology available today in golf construction such as Sportcrete, for instance. For additional information, visit www.sternberggolf.com.

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