



New air driers in the caddy house satisfy club members

Rinkven International Golf Club, Belgium

Rinkven International Golf Club is located in Schilde, amongst the forests of Antwerp. Its two full 18-hole courses and 1,500 members make it one of the largest clubs in Belgium. The club was founded in 1981 as an international golf club where everyone is welcome, and this is still one of the core values that Rinkven stands for.

Once the centrally located new club house and caddy facilities next to the driving range were built, the club encountered a problem familiar to many golf clubs.

"The caddy house has space for 750 golf bags, 250 trolleys with golf bags and 25 buggies. Golf is now an all-year-round sport," says caddy master, Danny Matthyssens. "People play in the wind and rain. When the golf bags came back in after a rainy round, there was a risk of mold growing. Puddles also collected on the floor and the equipment remained damp for a long time. The members who pay fees to store their equipment, naturally complained to the caddy masters about this."

So Rinkven went looking for a solution. A simple approach was to provide natural ventilation which would just mean opening the windows occasionally combined with heating the storage areas, but this was inefficient. "After doing some simple calculations, it quickly became apparent that this would be a costly affair," explains Matthyssens. "So we were very happy when Munters came up with their proposal."



(from left to right) Board member Ben Ooms with caddy masters Ben Raymakers and Danny Matthyssens.

The ideal solution

"They proposed replicating a natural environment that would mimic the drying process on a nice, windy, dry day," continues Matthyssens. "The absorption dryers dry the air and blow the moisture outside, and the fans provide for brisk circulation of the dry air. In this way, mold does not stand a chance and the golfing equipment dries off in the storage area."

This means that golfers are able to turn up every day and play with dry equipment. "Three months after the installation, we are now about to send out a questionnaire to members to gauge how satisfied they are," says Matthyssens. "We already have a good feeling about this, and we have not had any more complaints."

European PGA Tour

"We will host the European PGA Tour," adds Matthyssens. "This is one of the largest golf tournaments in Europe, and it has not been staged in Belgium since 2000. It will bring in a lot of very interesting and important people from the world of golf, which makes it even more important to make sure everything is perfect. We are really looking forward to this event and thanks to Munters, we can ensure one more aspect has been taken care of."

Case study

Drying room for golf bags at Rinkven International Golf Club.

Advantages:

- No mold build-up and controlled moisture levels
- Dry golfing equipment and reduced energy costs
- Satisfied club members

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