

## CORRESPONDENCE

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Dear Sir,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my views on the apparent lack of educational facilities for golf greenkeepers.

Why, since 1912, has no structure of education and examination designed for the enlightenment and qualification of students of greenkeeping been evolved by the B.G.G.A.

It is true that there exists an apprenticeship scheme and week-long block lectures at the S.T.R.I., but these factors, although of some merit, are hopelessly inadequate. As for the St. Ives courses, well, they are fine but all too swift and indigestible with no real results. The training of an accomplished apprentice depends solely upon his head greenkeeper who might view his potential prodigy's well-being with jealousy and apathy.

Apart from a greatly enhanced future, it would be far more interesting and rewarding for the apprentice to work for and attain a set level of requirements in both theoretical and practical aspects of golf course management.

Tell me, is greenkeeping to remain a semi-obscure profession confined to the peasants of the field? For this I am sure is the impression of the majority.

Finally, in desperation, I ask you, if possible, to acquaint me with any N.A.G. examination courses in my immediate area, or better still nationwide, for the benefit of other frustrated assistants.

Yours faithfully,

D. C. HANNAN,  
Ilkley Golf Club.

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