Post-traumatic stress syndrome

Cleaning up after The Majors is like clearing a battlefield after war

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Cleaning up after the U.S. Open and the roughs lower, the fairways longer and the greens slower on Pinehurst No. 2 here. "You would hardly know right now that we had an Open," said Director of Golf Course Maintenance Brad Kocher, whose course is blessed with fast-growing, fast-healing Bermudagrass.

Augusta National Golf Club Senior Director of Golf Course Operations Marsh Benson and superintendent Brad Owen opened their course for play the day after the Masters Tournament concluded and, in this dry year, had the playing areas back in shape in two weeks.

Three weeks after Carnoustie Golf Links hosted the British Open, July 15-18, superintendent John Philp was removing all the periphery items which come first in the regeneration of the famous course after its first Major in 24 years.

But at Medinah (Ill.) Country Club, whose No. 3 hosted the PGA Championship on Aug. 13-15, superintendent Danny Quast was in more of a rush, waiting for the last of the corporate tents to be removed from the neighbor-