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Since the series of articles by Nick Park first appeared in *Golf Monthly* they have done much to interest and inform the club golfer about the conditions under which he plays. When the complete collection was published by the Greenkeeper Training Committee, thanks to the financial assistance of the R & A, they created even more interest throughout the fine turf industry. However since *Greenkeeper* has advertised *The Management of British Golf Courses* for sale on behalf of the G.T.C. it has become apparent that a number of the original copies that we distributed never saw the light of day — in one small area of the country no less than ten head greenkeepers when asked by the chairman of a greens committee denied all knowledge of the book. Could it be they have even more to hide on their own courses?

In the next issue of *Golf Monthly* Nick Park has updated his thoughts and observations on how the various bodies in the game have performed in relation to their greatest assets, the golf courses, over the last year. It will no doubt make one or two more laymen sit up and take a greater interest in their own course's management, and make the task of all greenkeepers trying to preserve traditional golfing terrain and conditions a little easier.

One championship course which is clearly on the road to recovery is Carnoustie, under the guidance of Links Superintendent John Philp (see March issue of *Greenkeeper*).

At a recent public hearing in Carnoustie, Jim Arthur was able to state that the improvement in the last year was quite dramatic with the links fast returning to their natural character. Let us hope that it will not be too long before this famed links holds another Championship and returns to the Open roster.

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