

With about 650 greenkeepers attending, the first Southturf exhibition is being hailed a great success by BIGGA's South East section. They say pictures are worth 1,000 words, so here is the way our photographer saw it...

Job shock for greenkeeper

A head greenkeeper went to a section golf day and found out his job was being advertised. A fellow head greenkeeper told him a friend from Scotland was interested in the post and had phoned him inquiring about the course. The job had been advertised in Golf Weekly and the Scottish greenkeeper had replied to a PO Box number.

The head greenkeeper, who has asked not to be named at this stage, says he hasn't been sacked yet but that after seven years at the Essex club he has received two written warnings for different things in the past six months from a secretary who has been in his job for about a year.

"Suddenly he is picking holes in everything I do," says the head greenkeeper, who was about to call a meeting with the chairman and captain as we went to press.



Above: Pattison's new goodies include a swivel putting flag (£9.95), a heavy-duty hole-cutter (£95), and a pear shaped tee marker made of resin not wood (£6.90). Making a comeback is the divot box (£64)

Right: John Deere has broadened its range with the addition of the Gator 4x2 utility vehicle



Above: Hayter impressed these greenkeepers with its T44

Left: The Huxley Multi-Depth Aerator attracted a lot of interest alongside its sister greensmowers, hydraulic reelmower and ride-on rotary mowers

Right: A new-style Big Bird bunker rake with shortened teeth that are angled back and supports to stop it twisting is given its first public showing by Tacit. It costs £14.50. Also shown is the improved Laser holecutter with upgraded blades and a self-setting depth gauge costing £110



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