

than £200 to the Foundation, they are now putting up £30,000 to support the European Amateur Team Championships.

The 16th Annual European Event to be played over the links at Royal Porthcawl from 28th June to 2nd July is expected to attract entries from twenty countries including Czechoslovakia.

Welsh viewers will be able to see the championships live on BBC TV.

Pesticide certificates

Clubs who have not sent their greenstaff on training courses to obtain certificates of competence to apply pesticides are likely to find themselves in trouble with the Health and Safety Executive.

As from 1st January this year all greenstaff under 25 years of age, using chemicals must have obtained a certificate.

Those born after 31st December 1964 can still use pesticides under what is known as the 'Grandfather Clause', but they cannot supervise others. In effect this means the Head Greenkeeper must obtain a certificate himself before sending out the 'lads' to spray.

All pesticides must also be stored in approved fire resistant, lockable, leakproof cabinets or a purpose built building, dependant on the quantity kept on the course.

There are also strict rules where pesticides can be kept. They are not to be stored in a staff room, office, food areas or a dwelling house, or in a room with direct access to a dwelling house.

Greenkeepers must also keep a log book record of quantities and types stored and used out on the course.

A check on the first aid kit in the sheds is also advisable to ensure the right eye-washes and antidotes are available.

Thirst for knowledge in Japan

Two research seminars held by the Kansai Green Research Institute in Japan last year attracted over 920 greenkeepers. By comparison BIGGA's own conference in Cambridge this month struggled to get 60 greenkeepers in attendance.

Martin leaves Vitax

News has just reached me that Trevor Martin one of the industry's entrepreneurs is to leave Vitax, a company he helped to create and then sold the majority shareholding to Synchemicals last year.

Trevor is to take over as joint managing director with Frank Garvey of Rufford Top-Dress Supplies Ltd where I understand he will have special responsibility for the development of the Rufford range.

Honour for Yorkshire greenkeeper

Roger Bielby, Hornsea's Head Greenkeeper has been elected President of the East Riding Union of Golf Clubs at the annual meeting at Beverley.

A single figure golfer, Roger has captained the East Riding Team for three years and represented the Union in their matches since 1976.

He has competed in the Yorkshire Amateur Championship on many occasions and three years ago reached the quarter finals at Alwoodley.

Sign of the times for TIS

Turf Irrigation Services Ltd of Sandbach, Cheshire has now moved into the big league. From being primarily a North Western operation it has established itself as a nationwide designer and distributor of irrigation systems.

So director Robin Hume decided it was time to show this publicly by shedding the regional image and adopting a suitable company symbol.

In briefing his advertising agency, Ashley Griffiths Associates of Crewe, three aims were agreed. The company mark must reflect the company's true status in the irrigation industry. It must be visually eye-catching and memorable. And it must distinguish the company's title from any similar names.

The agency has created the logo-style, using the pattern of a sprinkler's jets to form the shape of a strongly affirmative tick. This mark has already been applied to Turf Irrigation Services documents and advertising. Within 1989 it will go onto everything else, from servicemen's overalls to service vehicles and the company premises themselves.