#### **INSIDE THIS ISSUE**

2022 Scholarship Golf Recap Page 4-6

38th Annual NCTGA Conference and Trade Show Page 7

2022 Scholarships Page 9-11

Interview with Lucas Palczewski Page 13

First Green's First Time in ND Page 16-18



# TALKINGTURF NORTH CENTRAL TURFGRASS ASSOCIATION

Fall 2022

## President's Message

### By Cammi Campbell, Minot Park District

Greetings NCTGA members,

I want to thank everyone that came out to our annual scholarship golf tournament. It was nice to get together with the NCTGA members that made the trip to Minot. I want to thank the Vardon Golf Club for hosting us and our wonderful sponsors for the day, including: hole sponsors, proximity and prize sponsors, and our food sponsors- Bayer and Tessman. With the support of our vendors and members we made this year's scholarship golf tournament a success.



We were able to hold a First Green event for youth on Sept. 13th at the Wee Links in Minot. I am ecstatic at how this event turned out. It was a huge accomplishment for the NCTGA. It was



great to interact with the kids and they were beyond excited to be out there. It truly is amazing how many kids in the area never realized there was a kid's course in their neighborhood. They had so much fun, running from station to station. I think the vote was Sam's soil station was the best! At the end the kids were able to sign a First Green Flag, then they received a backpack thanks to the GCSAA and the Minot Parks for adding a few extra items. In our newsletter Randy wrote an article about the day. I especially want to thank, Sam Bauer, Lucas Palczewski, and Randy Robinson for spending an extra night in Minot, and Steve Kottsick, for helping with this event.

Continued on page 3...



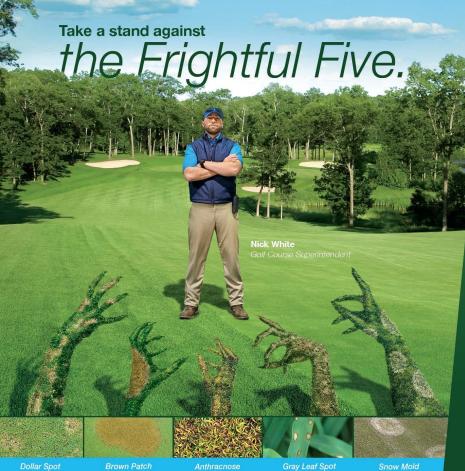
## Set a new benchmark in white grub and ABW control.

Introducing the unrivaled insect control of Tetrino™, the one insecticide solution that does the work of many by controlling not only white grub and annual bluegrass weevil but also a wide range of other turf-damaging pests. With flexible application timing, it even allows you to take a preventive or early curative approach to your pest management. Up your game with the new broad-spectrum control and fast-acting flexibility of Tetrino.

Learn how Tetrino can up your game against white grub and ABW at es.bayer.us/Tetrino.

ALWAYS READ AND FOLLOW LABEL INSTRUCTIONS. Bayer Environmental Science, a Division of Bayer CropScience LP, 5000 CentreGreen Way, Suite 400, Carry NC 27513. For additional product information, call toll-free 1-800-331-2867 www.environmentalscience bayer us. Not all products are registered in all states Bayer, the Bayer Cross and Tetrino are trademarks of Bayer. ©2021 Bayer CropScience LP.







## Densicor® controls the fear of turf disease.

Introducing your new advantage against the top five most notorious turf diseases.\*

Densicor® is the ultimate defense against dollar spot, brown patch, anthracnose, gray leaf spot, snow mold and other harmful diseases. Its ultra-low use rate, affordability and strong turf safety profile allow you to spray less while protecting more acres in any climate. Stand up to the Frightful Five with Densicor for exceptional disease control and excellent turf safety across greens, fairways and tees.

Start protecting your turf against the Frightful Five and visit es.bayer.us/Densicor.

ALWAYS READ AND FOLLOW LABEL INSTRUCTIONS. Bayer Environmental Science, a Division of Baye CropScience LP, 5000 CentreGreen Way, Suite 400, Cary, NC 27513. For additional product information call toll-free 1-800-331-2267. www.environmentalscience.bayer.us. Not all products are registered in all states Bayer, the Bayer Crops and Densicor are registered trademarks of Bayer. ©2021 Bayer CropScience LF

## **President's Message continued**

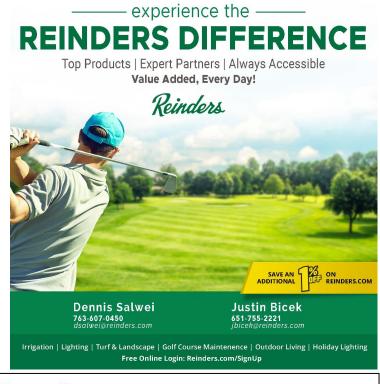
Continued from page 1...

We have this year's NCTGA and NDGA \$1,000 scholarships available in this newsletter and on our website. These are eligible to golf course/turf management students. We also have our \$500 Legacy Scholarship available; this application can be found in the newsletter and on the website under members only. That is eligible to a child of a current NCTGA member in good standing. If you have a child currently enrolled in their Senior year in high school or an undergraduate college program, I encourage you to have them apply. Deadline to apply is January 15 and we will announce the recipients at our annual meeting at the conference.

Our conference is being held February 28- March 2, 2023 at the Holiday Inn in Fargo, ND. We have an excellent line up of speakers, including Dr.

Doug Soldat and Dr. John Loegering. I'm anticipating a great turn out and look forward to seeing everyone at our conference.

- Cammi



Justin 701-219-9781

Steve 320-760-0215



## Superior Tech Products

Leading Edge Turfgrass Solutions Golf Courses | Sport Fields | Parks

www.stproots.com



- \* Liquid & Granular Fertilizers
- \* Organic Fertilizers
- \* Post Patent Pesticides
- \* Aerification Tines & Bedknifes
- \* Natural & Artificial Turf grooming equipment.

















## **2022 Scholarship Golf Tournament Recap**

The 2022 NCTGA Scholarship Golf Tournament was held at the Vardon Golf Club on September 12th. Officially 32 NCTGA members made the trip to Minot for this fundraiser. Golf Course Superintendent Bruce Ruppert and his staff had the course in superb condition for the event. Thank you to all the sponsors for this event, including: lunch sponsor (Bayer Environmental Science), afternoon sponsor (Tessman Company), prize sponsor (MTI Distributing), proximity sponsors (Plaisteds, Syngenta, and Superior Tech Products), and hole sponsors; without you this event could not happen! THANK YOU!!!

First Flight Winners: Matt Schmid (Superior Turf) and Randy Robinson (GCSAA)

Second Flight Winners: Jordan Kainz (Prairie West) and Justin Goetz (Delta)

Longest Drive: Randy Robinson (GCSAA)

**Longest Putt:** Matt Schmid (Superior Turf)

Closest to the Pin #4: David Henry (Vardon)

Closest to the Pin #15: Jordan Kainz (Prairie West)



#### • THE PROS OF BEING A PRO •

# A DEDICATED TEAM TO SUPPORT YOUR TEAM



Visit your nearest SiteOne Landscape Supply location or contact:

Craig Hendrickson CHendrickson@SiteOne.com 763.297.0838 **Trent Geddes**TGeddes@SiteOne.com
605.310.5503

Donald Kenna DKenna@SiteOne.com 701.281.7034 Joe Foren JForen@SiteOne.com 701.219.9193

## **2022 Scholarship Golf Tournament**

## Thank you to all of our sponsors!

## **Lunch Sponsor**

**Bayer Environmental Science** 

## **Afternoon Sponsor**

**Tessman Company** 

### **Prize Sponsor**

MTI Distributing

## **Proximity Sponsors**

Superior Tech Products, Syngenta, Plaisted Companies

### **Hole Sponsors**

Ferguson Waterworks, Rivard's Turf and Forage, Superior Tech Products, Superior Turf Services, Yamaha Golf and Utility, GCSAA, Northern Turf Services, Ramy Turf Products, NB Golf Cars, SiteOne Landscape Supply, Van Deist Supply, Aquatrols

## **38th Annual Conference and Trade Show**

## Join us for the 38th Annual NCTGA Conference and Trade Show from February 28th - March 2nd, 2023 at the Holiday Inn in Fargo, ND

Register at: <a href="http://nctga.net/2022-Conference">http://nctga.net/2022-Conference</a>

#### Schedule at a Glance

#### Tuesday, February 28th

8:00am - 3:00pm: Vendor Setup

11:00am - 12:00pm: Registration and Networking

12:00pm - 12:30pm: President's Message

(Cammi Campbell, Minot Parks)

12:30pm - 1:00pm: State of the Industry/First Green Program (Randy Robinson, GCSAA)

1:00pm - 2:00pm: Managing Nuisance Wildlife Around Your Turf and Landscape (Dr. John Loegering, UMN-Crookston)

2:00pm - 3:00pm: Maintenance on a Budget (Mark Michalski, Chisago Lakes GC and Matt Cavanaugh, Rush Creek GC)

3:00pm - 4:00pm: Turf Fertility: Doing More with

Less (Dr. Doug Soldat, UW-Madison)

4:00pm - 8:00pm: Trade Show/Social

#### Wednesday, March 1st

7:00am - 7:30am: Registration and Networking

7:30am - 9:00am: Vendor Seminars (open to all

vendors)

9:00am - 11:30am: Trade Show

11:30am - 12:15pm: NCTGA Annual Meeting

#### Wednesday, March 1st cont'd

12:15pm - 1:00pm: Lunch

1:00pm - 3:00pm: Measuring and Managing Putting Green Organic Matter & Optimizing Nitrogen Fertilization for Golf (Dr. Doug Soldat, UW-Madison)

1:00pm - 3:00pm: 21st Century Ball Field Maintenance (Ben Boeding and Roger Weinbrenner, Minnesota Sod Company)

3:00pm - 5:00pm: Leadership Lessons for the Green Industry (Bruce Williams, Williams Golf Consulting and Roger Stewart, Stewart Golf Consulting)

5:00pm - 7:00pm: Social/Silent Auction/Raffle

#### **Thursday, March 2nd**

7:00am - 7:30am: Registration and Networking

7:30am - 9:00am: Cutting Unit Setup and Troubleshooting & Tips and Tricks for your Maintenance Facility (Trent Manning, Ansley and Settindown Creek Golf Club)

9:00am - 10:00am: Reducing Turfgrass Winter Injury through Remote Sensing (Dr. Eric Watkins, UMN-Twin Cities)

10:00am - 11:30am: Communication Across Generations: Each Different, Each Valuable (Liz Carlson, Liz Carlson Professional Development)

12:00pm - 3:00pm: NCTGA Board Meeting



## NORTH CENTRAL TURFGRASS ASSOCIATION AND NORTH DAKOTA GOLF ASSOCIATION

## 2022 TURFGRASS STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

DEADLINE: JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

The North Central Turfgrass Association (NCTGA) and North Dakota Golf Association (NDGA) continue to offer scholarships to qualified student applicants in golf course/turfgrass management studies. This year we are offering two \$1,000 scholarships. The NCTGA scholarship is open to any qualified turfgrass student applicant enrolled in at least his/her second year of turfgrass/agronomy/horticulture studies. The NDGA scholarship is also open to a qualified turfgrass student in his/her second year but is restricted to residents of North Dakota.

These awards will be administered and voted upon by the NCTGA Board of Directors Scholarship Committee. Recipients of these scholarships will be given his/her award at the NCTGA Annual Conference and Trade Show, February 28<sup>th</sup> – March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 at the Holiday Inn in Fargo, ND.

#### Please include the following with your application:

- Name, email, phone, school address, home address, Major, GPA, anticipated graduation date, advisor
- Resume
- Statement of Future Professional Goals (ex: where do you see yourself five to ten years from now?)
- One letter of recommendation from employer or professor (can be sent separately)

Applications and reference letters must be postmarked by January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Electronic submissions can be emailed to: Sam Bauer, NCTGA Executive Director: <a href="mailto:info.nctga@gmail.com">info.nctga@gmail.com</a>

Mailed documents can be sent to:

North Central Turfgrass Association

P.O. Box 10823

Fargo, ND 58106

Phone: 612-205-4428





North Dakota Golf Association



## TORO Greensmaster eTriFlex



The new Greensmaster® eTriFlex models carry no hydraulic fluid and utilize all-electric components for traction, steering, lift and cutting. These EnergySmart® models are operationally friendly with noticeable noise reductions, operational cost savings, and other meaningful improvements to complement the ever-important enhancements in cutting performance.

## **ENTRAC** Contour Deck

Already recognized as one of the best mowers for golf courses, municipalities, and estates, the Ventrac Contour Deck will outshine the rest and make your property stand out. Three decks float independently and follow the contour of the terrain with up to 40 degrees of motion for each side deck. It also features full rear rollers for even cutting and striping, rear discharge, and a flip-up deck design.



Call your salesperson today! Tim Fleegel: 612-803-0849



4830 Azelia Ave N Suite #100 Brooklyn Center, MN 55429 1-800-362-3665 www.mtidistributing.com

### NORTH CENTRAL TURFGRASS ASSOCIATION

## **2022 LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP**

DEADLINE: JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

The North Central Turfgrass Association (NCTGA) is offering one \$500 Legacy scholarship to a child of a current NCTGA member in good standing. The child must be currently enrolled in his/her senior year of high school or an undergraduate college program. Funds for this scholarship are generated at the Annual Scholarship Golf Fundraiser hosted by the NCTGA in the fall every year.

The scholarship recipient will be selected by an unbiased committee of academic professionals. The recipient of this scholarship will be given his/her award at the NCTGA Annual Conference and Trade Show, February 28<sup>th</sup> – March 2nd at the Holiday Inn in Fargo, ND. Parent members of the NCTGA can also accept the award on behalf of their child.

Applications for the Legacy scholarship must be completed by the student. To be eligible for this scholarship, all items listed below must be post-marked or emailed by the January 15<sup>th</sup> deadline.

- Name, email, phone, school address, home address, Major (or anticipated Major), GPA, extracurricular activities, anticipated graduation date, advisor
- NCTGA parent member's name, organization, and years as a NCTGA member
- Statement of Future Professional Goals (ex: where do you see yourself five to ten years from now?)
- Letter of Recommendation from advisor, professor, or employer
- Resume

#### Electronic submissions can be emailed to:

Sam Bauer, NCTGA Executive Director: <a href="mailto:info.nctga@gmail.com">info.nctga@gmail.com</a>

Mailed documents can be sent to:

North Central Turfgrass Association

P.O. Box 10823

Fargo, ND 58106

Phone: 612-205-4428

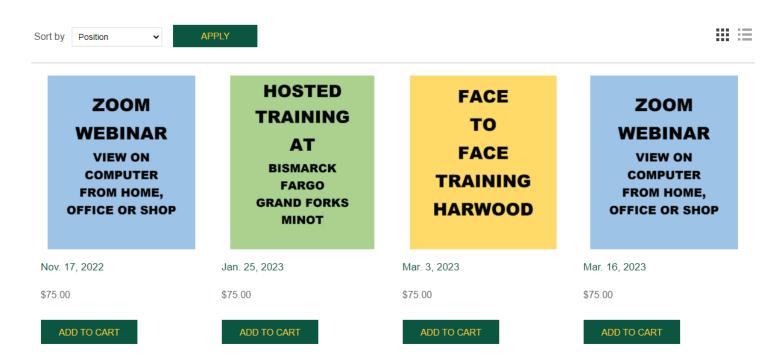




## NDSU Extension Ornamental & Turf/Greenhouse Recertification Offerings Click this link to register:

https://extpest-northdakotastate-ndus.nbsstore.net/ornamental-turfgreenhouserecertification-trainings

Ornamental & Turf/Greenhouse Recertification Trainings



#### Effective weed control starts with accurate identification and timing.

Get it all with the Corteva Agriscience Weed ID and Midwest Quick Reference Guides.



## **New Position: Interview with Lucas Palczewski**

NCTGA Board Member Lucas Palczewski recently accepted a new position with **MTI Distributing**. Sam Bauer had the chance to conduct a Q & A with Lucas regarding this new position.

#### Title

Commercial Sales Representative in North Dakota Territory.

#### **Education**

Sports and Urban Turfgrass Degree from NDSU

#### Years of service

Prior to MTI, I have worked 17 years on golf courses all over the country. This includes Winged Foot Golf Club in New York, Oakland Hills Country Club in Michigan, Wynstone Golf Club in Illinois, and Edgewood Golf Course in Fargo, ND.



#### Favorite part of the turf industry

I've really enjoyed working with different people in all of my positions. The relationships built will last a lifetime. Additionally, I loved having the pressure of performing at a high level to produce championship golf course conditions.

#### Explain your new role

I will be taking over the North Dakota Territory for MTI Distributing from Tim Fleegel and Dave Iverson, selling commercial golf equipment and irrigation.

#### How do you feel your work experience and education have helped you prepare for this role?

I feel with my former role as an assistant superintendent that I had my hands on a lot of equipment that we are selling and I also have many former coworkers and fellow colleagues that have information on certain things that I may have not done and they have.

#### What are somethings you'll be working on in the first month? 6 months?

Trying to meet the clients who I have not met yet. 6 months: Forming good relationships with current and new clients and continuing to serve them with the high standard of service that they expect.

#### What are you most excited about?

Most excited about meeting people in the industry who I have not met yet.

#### How can the NCTGA help you be successful in your new role?

The NCTGA will help me be more visible to people who I have not been privileged to meet yet.



## It goes where you go.

Our revolutionary mobile-first irrigation control system lets you go with the flow while keeping control — whether you're on or off the course.



More Freedom – run your course from anywhere, on any device.



Complete Control – program your irrigation your way.



Better Data – feel confident and irrigate with precision.







#### Craig Vigen, CGCS

Golf Sales 701-205-8456 craig.vigen@ferguson.com

#### **Dalton Wacha**

Product Specialist 701-205-2995 dalton.wacha@ferguson.com

#### **Brian Anderson**

Turf/Golf Sales 701-318-0112 brian.anderson1@ferguson.com



## **2023 NCTGA Conference Sponsorship Levels**

The NCTGA Board will continue with the same vendor sponsorship levels for 2023. The goal is to simplify sponsorships and allow more opportunities for NCTGA to promote our vendors. Newsletter advertisements will begin with the spring issue of our newsletter, and vendors will have the option to pay in the 2022 or 2023 fiscal year. The NCTGA will work with you on a case by case basis if you would like to modify your sponsorship level to one that doesn't fit the sponsorships outlined below.

#### **Sponsorship Levels**

**Platinum (\$2,500):** includes 4 conference booths, 4 conference attendees and memberships, full page newsletter ad, largo logo on website, platinum sponsorship advertised at conference and in all publications

**Gold (\$2,000):** includes 3 conference booths, 3 conference attendees and memberships, 1/2 page newsletter ad, medium logo on website, gold sponsorship advertised at conference and in all publications

**Silver (\$1,000):** 2 conference booths, 2 conference attendees and memberships, 1/3 page newsletter ad, small logo on website, silver level sponsorship advertised at conference and in all publications

Bronze (\$500): 1 conference booth, 1 conference attendee and membership

If you have questions on structuring of sponsorship levels or if you would like to modify your sponsorship, please reach out to Sam Bauer (612-205-4428, info.nctga@gmail.com) or a NCTGA Board Member.

Thank you to all vendors for your continued support of the NCTGA!





## First Green's First Time in North Dakota

#### By Randy Robinson, GCSAA

On a brisk September morning, the 13<sup>th</sup> to be exact, I found myself in a parking lot down by the Souris River. Looking at a Wee Links sign, but I didn't see a golf course. As I crested the hill, to my surprise, was what appeared to be a championship golf course, only downsized. At that point, I knew something special was about to happen.

On September 13<sup>th</sup>, the City of Minot Parks Department, in particular Cammi Campbell, with help from the NCTGA hosted the FIRST EVER, First Green Event in North Dakota. For those that may be unfamiliar with the First Green Program, it was founded in 1997 and is the only STEM education and environmental outreach program in the United States and Canada that uses golf courses as learning labs. First Green, a Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) program, pairs golf courses with local schools for unique Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) learning opportunities. You can read more about the program at <a href="thefirstgreen.org">thefirstgreen.org</a>.

Overall, I believe we had nearly 30 students attend from a local school. The students were divided into four different stations. The station leaders were Cammi Campbell, Lucas Palczewski, Sam Bauer, and Steve Kottsick.

Cammi's station (right) was all about water. The kids learned how, when, and why we use water on a golf course. Cammi showed them the ins and outs of irrigation heads and stand-alone irrigation satellite. She also talked about the importance of conserving water and only needing to use it when needed. The kids even got to turn some heads on to see how

much water they put out and how accurate and uniform the whole operation is.

Lucas (left) ran the "cool tools of turf" section and had students cutting cups, showing them the root system and the distribution of sand from aerifica-

tion and top-dressing, and finally how to move the hole correctly. Students were able to look at multiple different mowers as well as sit on them. He also showed them what a stimpmeter is and what it is used for.





Continued on page 18...



### **C & B OPERATIONS LLC - YOUR GOLF EQUIPMENT HEADQUARTERS**

**Golf & Turf Sales Contact:** 

Cory Schulz - MT/Western ND (406) 200-3120

Nick Jensen - Eastern SD/ND (605) 769-0633

SHOP OUR NEW & USED GOLF EQUIPMENT AT **DEEREQUIPMENT.COM** 

**Parts & Service Contacts:** 

C & B - Billings, MT - (406) 248-7787

C & B - Gettysburg, SD - (605) 765-2434

**ORDER PARTS ONLINE AT** CANDBCENTRAL.COM

#### **OUR GOLF & TURF SHORTLINE BRANDS**



















































## First Green's First Time in North Dakota

Continued from page 16...

Sam (right) took on the soils station. He showed the kids the different types of soils (sand, silt, clay) and explained what each one was better for. The students really got their hands dirty at this station and they took numerous soil samples out of a tee and looked at the soil breakdown and how long the roots were. The soils station, from my experience, always ends up being the most enjoyable station for children.

Last but not least was Steve's station. Steve is the Director of Golf Operations at Souris Valley Golf Course, part of the Minot Parks department. He is also the director of the Junior golf program in Minot. The Junior golf program helps fund the Week Links golf course. Steve had his hands full and so did the students, with putters. The students learn putting 101 from a PGA teaching pro and tried to hone their skills with putting challenges.



We had a great day at the Wee Links and I would encourage all of you, if you haven't already, to get your children or grandchildren out there for some bite-sized golf. Thank you to all of the volunteers and especially GCSAA member Cammi Campbell for putting this all together. Have a great fall/winter everyone, see you at the show!!!



## HELPING YOU WIN.

When it comes to your course, you need a partner that's consistent. Count on us for the right products and technical insights you need to help your business thrive.

CALL YOUR WINFIELD UNITED REPRESENTATIVE TODAY TO LEARN HOW WE CAN HELP YOU WIN.

**CHRIS HOFF** 

651-336-5356 CEHoff@landolakes.com

## **NCTGA Board of Directors**

#### **Cammi Campbell**

President

Minot Park District

cammicampbell@gmail.com

#### **Tim Fleegel**

Vice President

MTI Distributing

tim.fleegel@mtidistributing.com

#### Lucas Palczewski

Treasurer

MTI Distributing

#### **Matt Schmid**

Secretary

**Superior Turf Services** 

superiorturf.matt@gmail.com

#### **Garrett Schultz**

Director

Prairie West Golf Course

gschultz@mandanparks.com

#### Mark Michalski

Director

Chisago Lakes GC

markmichalski77@gmail.com

#### Jesse Lunde

Director

Oxbow Country Club

jesse@oxbowcc.com

#### **Collin Cannon**

Director

**Grand Forks Country Club** 

collin.john.cannon@gmail.com

#### **Tyler Foster**

Director

**Dakota Winds Golf Course** 

tyler.foster@dakotamagic.com

#### Sam Bauer

**Executive Director** 

info.nctga@gmail.com

612-205-4428

#### **NCTGA Mailing Address**

P.O. Box 10823

Fargo, ND 58106



Leading the Industry in Service since 2000

Matt Schmid 612-366-4128

#### Superiorturfservices.com

























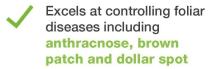




## GAIN A NEW PERSPECTIVE ON LARGE PATCH CONTROL AND MORE

Ascernity® fungicide combines an advanced SDHI and the proven cooling DMI to bring broad-spectrum disease control into focus.







See more at GreenCastOnline.com/Ascernity or contact your local Syngenta territory manager:

John Spaulding | john.spaulding@syngenta.com | (816) 674-7053







SyngentaTurf #Time4Ascernity





All photos are either the property of Syngenta or are used with permission.