WITH AN AMAZING 22-UNDER-PAR 50 ON FINAL ROUND

Kientzle, Pines Team Place 4th in Oldsmobile Scramble

When Tom Kientzle placed his wedge shot two feet from the cup on the par 3, 135-yard, 12th hole at Eagle Pines at Disneyworld, you had an inkling that The Pines team from Grand View Lodge in Nisswa was going to play well on the final day of the national Oldsmobile Scramble in Orlando, Fla.

Kientzle, head golf course superintendent at The Pines, was playing with Fred Boos, a part-owner of Grand View Lodge; Fred’s daughter, Carolyn; Kevin Cashman, head professional at The Pines, and Steve Stoxsen, a Pequot Lakes school teacher—a fivesome that not only was one of 150 teams nationwide to qualify for the national tournament but also was one of 20 to make the cut for the October 4 finale.

By draw, they were joined by touring pro Jim Hallet, who had won $15,000 as low pro on the final day last year and later in the day would repeat that performance.

Kientzle’s wedge shot on a shotgun start ignited The Pines to 13 birdies, three eagles and two pars—a spectacular 22-under-par 50 (with their 3-stroke handicap) to place fourth in the low net division of the Oldsmobile tournament. One hundred fifty teams also competed in the gross division.

“It was one of the most enjoyable rounds of golf I’ve ever played,” said Kientzle. “Everyone on our team did well. Carolyn Boos sank an 85-foot putt for an eagle. On occasion Steve Stoxsen outdrove Jim Hallet. Both Fred Boos and Kevin Cashman came through at key times, and of course, Jim Hallet was steady all the way.”

“Furthermore, the overall atmosphere was something special,” he said. “It was first-class all the way. We really were treated well.”

The amazing 50 on the final 18 holes was the low score of the day and catapulted the Pines team from 11th place in the standings to fourth, only four shots from the winning 72-hole score of 214.

But The Pines fivesome also played well in the three qualifying rounds. They shot:

• A nifty 16-under 56 on their first round at Eagle Pines;
• An even better 18-under 54 on Disney World’s Lake Buena Vista course on the second day, and
• A 14-under 58 on their third round at Falcon’s Fire.

This 188 total beat the cut of 169 by one stroke.

Yes, Hallet won another $15,000 for the low round of the final day. Cashman pocketed $2,000, and each of the amateurs on The Pines team received $360 gift certificates.

It was a day of golf all of them will remember forever.

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