Pines Superintendent Tom Kientzle Places Second With Waterfall Pond Photo in National Contest

Before-and-after photographs of a waterfall pond at The Pines golf course at Grand View Lodge in Nisswa captured second place for Tom Kientzle, Grand View’s golf course superintendent, in a national contest sponsored by Becker-Underwood, Inc., Ames, Iowa.

Purpose of the contest was to illustrate how Becker-Underwood’s Lake Colorant WSP, an environmentally safe dye, can change pale, dirty or off-colored water into a natural-appearing, translucent blue.

The waterfall pond, enhanced by attractive rock formations, is the focal point of landscaping around the new clubhouse at The Pines.

“The dye, among other things, stops the photosynthesis of plants to eliminate weeds and gives the water a natural blue look,” Kientzle said.

He also uses the product in other ponds around the golf course.

Precision Turf, Plymouth, also was honored as a second place winner in the contest for its part in selling the product to Grand View.

First place went to a golf course in Hawaii.

Tom Kientzle by The Pines’ Waterfall