

# MEMBER-GUEST INVITATIONAL 2025 PENTACLE

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## OVERALL CHAMPIONS

Trevino Flight: Brian Noonan & Kevin Bonfield | \$1,250 team

### **\*\*The Pentacle Invitational: A Championship Years in the Making\*\***

The annual men's invitational, "The Pentacle", returned in full swing from Wednesday, July 16 to Friday, July 18. Fifty Geneva National members each invited a close friend, family member, or business associate to enjoy and compete in this three-day tradition of camaraderie and competition. Many seasoned duos returned to defend their legacies while a wave of first-timers embraced the challenge for the very first time.

The field of 50 teams was divided into nine flights, each team playing five round-robin 9-hole matches within their flight. The action began Wednesday on the Trevino Course with a Competitive Practice Round. Longtime teammates Brian Noonan and Kevin Bonfield fired an impressive -8, winning a scorecard playoff to earn the automatic bid into the Championship Shootout and take home \$500. Also finishing at -8, the team of member Mike Vesper and his son/guest Chris placed second and claimed \$300. Member Eric Ladewig and guest Greg Sloan finished third, also at -8, and earned \$100.

On Thursday, the competition officially began on the Player Course, where teams battled it out in three 9-hole matches. Between rounds two and three, players enjoyed a midday takeover lunch at the Hunt Club, adding to the day's camaraderie and energy. Friday brought the final two matches on the Palmer Course, where match points were totaled to determine the nine flight winners and one wild card team—awarded to the team with the highest Friday point total that did not win a flight.

Ten teams advanced to the Pentacle Championship Shootout. The sudden-death format began on Hole 16 with a closest-to-the-pin contest to determine the five teams advancing to Hole 17. From there, two finalists emerged to face off on Hole 18: the wild card team of former champions Dave Olson and guest Mike Luebke, and the persistent and determined duo of Brian Noonan and Kevin Bonfield.

On the final hole, Dave and Mike struggled off the tee, leaving the door open. Brian and Kevin capitalized, each finding the green in regulation. With nerves of steel, Kevin calmly two-putted from 30 feet to clinch the long-awaited win. "This is our first win in many tries—about 10 times—and we finally did it!" shared a jubilant Brian Noonan.

Congratulations to all our flight winners and thank you to the GN members for making this another incredible Pentacle. We can't wait to welcome everyone back for the next chapter, \*\*July 22-24, 2026!\*\*

### FLIGHT WINNERS | \$250 TEAM

Palmer - James Matthews & Zach Allegretti

Player - John Himmelspach & Jon Hubbard

Trevino - Brian Noonan & Kevin Bonfield *(1st overall)*

Nicklaus - Ryan Denny & Jay Becker *(3rd overall)*

Jones - Mike Vesper & Chris Vesper

Hogan - Mike Kuehn & Matt Kuehn

Snead - Wayne Sills & Bill Merchantz

Nelson - Ray McArdle & Ray McArdle Jr.

Watson - Mike Dominelli & Tim Bourke

Wild Card - Dave Olson & Mike Luebke *(2nd overall)*

### PRACTICE ROUND WINNERS

1st - Brain Noonan & Kevin Bonfield - \$500 | 2nd - Mike & Chris Vesper - \$300 | 3rd - Eric Ladewig & Greg Sloan - \$100

*Member name listed first*