

Dave vs. Steve

After enduring another week of high temps Friday arrived with much cooler, almost tropical air. So much so that each of us wore Hawaiian shirts, Dave was blue on blue, and Steve grey on blue. We were joined by Winton as an observer. We selected Bing Maloney as the course to decide this match, Steve had to give Dave 7 strokes.

The start for both contestants was less than spectacular, neither could come close to sniffing pars on the first two holes, however Dave managed to go up 2 heading to the third hole. Dave +2

With the first two pops now done and one to go on the front, Dave managed to find a bit more game posting a 3-putt bogey to win the third hole. Dave +3

Holes 4 & 5 were even better for Dave posting winning pars with a total of 3 putts in two holes. Dave +5

Steve found his game on the sixth hole, narrowly missing a par putt. Dave managed to cobble together a gritty bogey to tie the hole. Dave +5

Dave got his final pop on the 7th, which he needed to tie Steve's par effort. Dave +5
With a new attitude and a shift in momentum, Steve puts up a bogey on the eight to win his first hole. Dave +4

On 9, Steve hits a booming drive, Dave tops his. Daves' second shot is much stronger (just past Steve's drive), Steves' second goes wide right into the trees. Dave advances his third to 140 yds. out, Steve stays in the woods. Dave hits the greenside bunker, chips out to about 30 feet. Steve gets out of the trees but comes up short, then sculls it well past the hole. Both manage to get down with two more shots. Dave +4 at the turn.

With a net par on the difficult 10th Dave wins the hole without needing the pop. Dave +5
A push 11, Steve par, Dave net par, keeps the score the same. Dave +5

Dave scored a 3-putt net par on 12, Steve could only manage a double. Dave +6 (dormie)

Dave 3-putts the short 13th for a 4, unfortunately Steve also bogies the hole to eliminate him from the 2026 Championship. Dave wins 6 & 5.

It was a quick round, just under 4 hours. Bing was in reasonably good shape, and the weather was perfect for golf!