

2007 GRIFFITH HARRIS EARLY-BIRD BACK-NINE CHAMPIONSHIP

July 21, 2007	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	FINAL
Pete - Phil	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Ray - Matt	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	won

Today's match pitted Matt and Ray vs. Pete and Phil. Matt immediately knew he would not be following last Sunday's low score when his tee shot (with a 5 wood) barely crossed the cart path about 50 yards in front of the tee and he followed by losing his ball in the woods on the right. So much for glory. And it was not a glorious tee shot for Pete, either, as he hooked his ball toward the eighteenth fairway, but after catching a tree he found himself on the tenth fairway and was able to make par to win the hole. Phil made a beautiful sand shot on 11 to leave himself about two feet for par, but when Matt was able to flop a wedge close enough to save par, it gave Ray the opportunity to go after his birdie putt...which he made (of course, it is a par 3 and we expect that of Ray on these holes) to bring his team even. The twelfth hole was halved with pars by Pete, Ray and Matt. On the thirteenth, Pete hit a beautiful approach shot to leave himself a long putt but from below the hole while Matt left himself a chip shot from the fringe. Matt, playing first, ran his pitch over the right edge of the hole and settled for par....then Pete rimmed the cup with his birdie putt, closer but still not in....and the hole was halved and the match remained even. Only Matt was able to avoid a hazard or lost ball from the tee on 14, and when he followed that with two good shots to be on the green in regulation, his two putt par won the hole and gave his team the lead. Four pars on 15 halved the hole and left Matt and Ray one up. The sixteenth was also halved with pars, with Pete two putting from the back of the green and Matt able to get up and down from outside the right bunker. On the difficult seventeenth hole, both Ray and Pete were on the green in regulation and they halved the hole with two putt pars. Pete and Phil needed to win the eighteenth hole to square the match, and Pete put the pressure on his opponents by chipping from behind the green to gimme distance and forcing the opponents to make par. Matt faced up to the challenge by running his birdie putt to about a foot, and the concession from Phil and Pete ended the match.

Shot of the Day- Although he was out of the hole due to earlier encounters with hazards, Phil determinedly pressed onward on the par five fourteenth hole. He had a tough and blind approach shot from the edge of the crossing water hazard, a severe uphill shot toward the green. When he hit the shot, everyone knew it was a good one....but it was only when we got to the green and could not account for all the balls that we suggested that Phil look in the cup, where he found his ball after the "shot of the day".

04/21/07	0	0	0	0
04/22/07	0	0	0	0
04/28/07	1	1	0	0
05/05/07	0	1	0	1
05/06/07	0	1	0	1
05/19/07	1	0	0	1
05/20/07	1	0	0	1
06/02/07	0	0	0	0
06/09/07	0	1	0	1
06/10/07	0	1	1	0
06/16/07	1	1	0	0
07/04/07	0	0	0	0
07/08/07	1	1	0	0
07/14/07	1	0	0	1
07/15/07	0	0	0	0
07/21/07	1	0	0	1
TOTAL	7	7	1	7