

## 2008 GRIFFITH HARRIS EARLY-BIRD BACK-NINE CHAMPIONSHIP

May 4, 2008	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	FINAL
Pete - Phil	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	halved
Ray - Matt	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	halved

Phil tossed the balls for the Sunday match, deciding to place the balls that landed the closest to each other as partners even though those were the two middle balls....executive decision that place Phil with Pete against Ray and Matt. Only Phil hit a really good drive on the tenth hole, long and in the fairway. Pete was fortunate to bounce off a tree on the left side and back into the fairway, but left himself with almost 200 yards to the green, but he cut his hybrid beautifully and landed on the back right side of the green. Matt skied his tee shot, leaving himself with a long second shot, which he hit short and to the right, and followed with an approach shot that barely made the green. Meanwhile Phil hit a beautiful wedge to about 10 feet, and it looked like a quick win for his team. But Matt sank about a 30 foot putt for par to halve the hole when Phil narrowly missed his birdie putt. But Phil put his team ahead on the next hole when he was the only player to find the green from the tee and his two putt par won the hole. Nobody made par on the twelfth, with Ray, Pete and Matt all missing six footers for par that would have won the hole, and Phil and Pete remained one up. Sloppy play continued on the thirteenth when Matt and Ray both bogeyed and it was enough to win the hole and square the match. Bogeys again halved a hole, this time the par five fourteenth. Only Pete landed on the green on the short par three, and when neither Ray nor Matt could get up and down for par, Pete's two putts won the hole and put his team back ahead heading up the hill. The ugliness continues on the sixteenth hole, as Ray and Matt both bogeyed but won the hole to even the match. On the seventeenth, Matt was off the green to the right but out of the trap. He hit his chip shot and immediately voiced his displeasure, thinking he had left the shot short, but was surprised when his ball rolled down the slope to about two feet, and his par won the hole and put his team one up going to eighteen. Ray and Matt talked about making par on eighteen to put pressure on Phil and Pete, requiring them to make birdie to tie the match, and that is exactly what they did. But Pete was up to the task, hitting a long drive just short of the left trap and a beautiful wedge to about four or five feet....and calmly sank the putt to win the hole and tie the daily match.

	Ray	Pete	Phil	Matt
04/20/08	0	1	0	1
04/26/08	0	1	0	1
04/27/08	0	0	0	0
05/01/08	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>