

2008 GRIFFITH HARRIS EARLY-BIRD BACK-NINE CHAMPIONSHIP

May 10, 2008	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	FINAL
Pete - Phil	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Ray - Matt	1	-	1	2	2	2	3	-	-	won

It didn't look optimistic for play on Saturday as the rain continued through the evening hours on Friday, soaking the ground completely. However, the weather changed in the overnight hours and it was reasonably clear by tee time on Saturday as the balls were tossed.....and, as twice before, Pete was teamed with Phil and Matt with Ray. All players hit good tee shots on the tenth hole, but only Ray and Matt could make par, which won the hole. None of the players found the eleventh green from the tee, but Phil hit a beautiful uphill chip shot and made his putt to save par and win the hole, evening the match. Matt was on the tree line on the twelfth, and tried to wedge a wedge (how's that for wordsmithing?) in between the trap and the pin, only to land quite short and roll into the trap on the downhill side. He blasted out to about 8 feet and rolled in his par putt to win the hole for his team. Pete and Phil both had trouble on the thirteenth, and when Matt hit a hybrid from the fairway to the back of the green and got down in two for par, his team was two up. The par five fourteenth was an adventure, as all players found trouble along the way. Pete missed his approach shot and chipped short, but rebounded to halve the hole with Ray, who made a beautiful putt to save the day for his team. Only Pete was on the green on the par three fifteenth, although he was more than thirty feet from the hole. It turned out he needed a two putt just to halve the hole after Matt blasted out of the right front bunker to gimme distance for par. The match ended quickly on sixteen after Pete drove out of bounds and Phil was in bad position to the left, while Ray found the middle of the fairway and subsequently the middle of the green, two putting for par and the victory for his team.

SHOT OF THE DAY

It's time to start considering this category again, and I decided to award the prize to myself for the downhill sand shot on the par three fifteenth to within a foot of the pin.

	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
05/04/08	0	0	0	0
05/10/08	1	0	0	1
TOTAL	1	2	0	3