

2008 GRIFFITH HARRIS EARLY-BIRD BACK-NINE CHAMPIONSHIP

May 25, 2008	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	FINAL
Ray - Phil	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2		win
Pete - Matt	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-		

First, I need to clean up the errata from Saturday. The asterisk in the summary portion after the description of Ray's approach shot on the second hole was meant as a pointer to what was to be a later bullet of the "Shot of the Day". I neglected to officially make the award, but it is duly noted in the archives as a splendid approach shot from 150 yards, stiff to the downhill pin. Congratulations, Ray.

Ray heeded the needling regarding his arrival time, as he was early to the ticket office on Sunday and prepared to play, being paired once again with Phil for the Sunday match. Three tee shots were down the middle on ten, with Matt deep in the woods on the right from where he incurred Jack's wrath and sarcasm (but not Jack's ball seeking capabilities, as he left the group to go back to the tee for the following foursome). Pete hit his wedge to "gimme" distance to draw first blood for his team. The same down-the-middle group was on the eleventh hole directly from the tee, and this time, pars all around halved the hole. Both Phil and Ray made excellent comebacks on twelve, each making par from the trees, which was enough to tie as Pete narrowly missed his birdie putt. Bogeys were the order of the day on the par four thirteenth, leaving Pete (and Matt) one up. Everyone found trouble on the par five fourteenth, and only Phil was able to escape and reach the green in regulation, taking two putts for par and the win to even the match. Both Matt and Pete made the green from the tee on the fifteenth, but Phil made a great up and down from the rough to halve the hole with par. Matt was out of the sixteenth hole right from the tee as he was out of bounds, and Pete was in trouble in the right side bunker. Phil drove down the middle, approached just short of the green but got up and down for par to win the hole and put his team one up. Ray rose to the occasion on the seventeenth hole, driving down the middle and hitting a beautiful approach shot to about 12 feet, from where he rolled in a smooth birdie putt to close out the match....2 and 1.

SHOT OF THE DAY- No clear winner today, with contending shots for Pete's wedge to gimme distance on 10 and Ray's approach and putt on seventeen, and a few up-and-downs from Phil.

	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
05/24/08	0	0	0	0
05/25/08	1	0	1	0
TOTAL	2	2	1	3