

2008 GRIFFITH HARRIS EARLY-BIRD BACK-NINE CHAMPIONSHIP

June 8, 2008	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	FINAL
Pete - Phil	-	-	1	-	1	1	2	2		won
Ray - Matt	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		

The tenth hole finally saw a different pairing, today with Phil and Pete against Ray and Matt. Both Pete and Matt drove down the left side toward the bunker, with Pete coming to stop just short but causing his ball to be about a foot above his feet, which were in the trap for the shot. Matt rolled just through the bunker and had a partial sandy lie for his second shot. In the meantime, Ray was in the fairway with a wedge in his hand. But all three made par to halve the hole. The eleventh was also halved with pars, Matt hitting a flop wedge from the left side cart signs and making his four foot putt while Pete two putted to tie. Pete, Phil and Matt all had birdie putts on the twelfth hole, with Pete's the longest and curviest from the side of the hill. But only Pete could make the putt, and that put his team one up. The next hole saw both Phil and Pete in trouble off the tee, and although Matt and Ray could only manage bogeys, it was enough to win the hole and square the match. The fourteenth turned into quite a hole, all players getting into significant trouble and struggling, with Pete needing to make a four footer for bogey to win the hole and put his team back in front. The par three fifteenth was playing very short, with the tees up at the hole sign and a red flag set for the day. Ray hit wedge onto the green while Matt bounced his nine iron on the cart path and down the fourteenth fairway*. From that spot, Matt tried a high flop shot back to the green, and although he could not see the shot hit the green, was told it landed three feet from the hole and spun back to about nine feet. Phil chipped close from the front of the green and made his par, and Matt also made his putt to halve the hole. The foursome had narrowly avoided the ignominy of having all double bogeys on a hole on the par five fourteenth when Pete made a bogey putt, but the sixteenth made that look earlier hole look successful. With Matt out of bounds, Ray unable to find his approach shot over the left side bunkers and Phil getting into all sorts of trouble, it was left to Pete to win the hole, which he did with a double bogey six.....a first, but it put his team dormie. Pete found the woods on the left side of the seventeenth, wisely chipped out to the fairway and hit an iron to about ten feet. His two putt bogey was enough to tie the hole and win the match when neither Ray nor Matt could get up and down for par and had to settle for bogeys as well.

***QUOTE OF THE DAY-** After Matt's tee shot bounced on the cart path on fifteen and landed on the fourteenth fairway, Phil noted, "At least you are closer than yesterday."

SHOT OF THE DAY- Considering Phil's quote, I am awarding myself the shot of the day for the blind flop shot back up to the fifteenth green, only because the par putt was made to halve the hole as well.

	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
05/26/08	1	0	1	0
06/07/08	0	1	0	1
06/08/08	0	1	1	0
TOTAL	3	4	3	4