

2008 GRIFFITH HARRIS EARLY-BIRD BACK-NINE CHAMPIONSHIP

July 5, 2008	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	FINAL
Pete - Phil	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-		
Ray - Matt	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2		won

The day dawned dark and dreary, with rain coming down intermittently during the dawn hours, but the hearty foursome was ready for the 6:22 tee off. Today's pairing was Phil and Pete against Ray and Matt, with Phil noting that he and Matt had perhaps not teamed up yet this year. A careful check of the archives supported Phil's observation, as the Ray/Pete vs. Phil/Matt match has yet to take place in spite of the fact that there have been 13 matches to date. A quick calculation indicates that the odds of that occurring (or not occurring depending on your point of view) is approximate one half of one per cent (0.001) or once in two hundred repetitions. The match began with Ray and Matt driving down the fairway on ten, while Pete was in the right rough. When all three players surrounded the pin with their approach shots and made par, the hole was halved. None of the players was able to get onto the eleventh hole from the tee, but Phil hit the best chip shot, as his wedge over the left bunker rolled to within a foot of the pin for a par that won the hole and gave his team the early lead. Routine pars halved the twelfth hole. Matt was fortunate off the thirteenth tee as his drive hit the cart path twice and came to rest on the right side, from where he hit a nice approach shot just over the green. Ray hit a better shot from the fairway, leaving himself a curling twelve footer for birdie. Matt chipped to within a foot to save par, and although Ray just missed his birdie putt a par was enough to win the hole and tie the match. Both Phil and Pete made par on the fourteenth, while Matt was in all sorts of trouble after bouncing off trees and rocks on both sides of the hole. But Ray was up to the task as he calmly stroked his par putt toward the hole and although it rimmed the cup and almost came out twice, it settled at the bottom of the cup for a tie. All four players were on the fifteenth hole with their tee balls and all four made par to halve the hole and keep the match even going up the hill. Pete found the left woods from the tee on sixteen and made a nice recovery when he hit his hybrid to the front of the green, but he was left with about a forty foot putt on a very wet green. Matt hit his approach shot to the left of the green and also had a long putt, perhaps thirty feet, which he stroked to within a foot for par to win the hole and put his team one up. All players missed their approach shots on the seventeenth hole, but Matt's twelve foot par putt found the center of the cup for a par to win the hole and put the match away....two and one.

	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
06/14/08	1	0	0	1
07/04/08	0	1	0	1
07/05/08	1	0	0	1
TOTAL	5	5	3	7