

2008 GRIFFITH HARRIS EARLY-BIRD BACK-NINE CHAMPIONSHIP

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

The group had a guest director on Saturday, as Patrick Hyland was invited (actually he invited himself) to toss the ceremonial golf balls to determine teams. The office opened late because of teenage delinquency, and Ray was still in line for his ticket when Sonny checked off the first group and told us that we could hit. Phil, anxious to get started, did not want to wait for Ray to join the group and asked Patrick to toss three balls, with the two closest to be paired for the day, and the stray to be paired with Ray. Patrick, as is his right as guest director, added his own ball as a substitute for Ray and elected to toss four balls instead. Surprise, even with a guest, Phil and Matt were not partners as Matt's ball landed right next to Ray to form the teams. With Phil and Pete having honors, Phil wasted no time in teeing off and encouraged Pete to do the same. They were rewarded for their haste with tee shots to the left side, while Matt was down the middle and the late arriving Ray also dead center, from where he hit a wedge to ten feet and calmly sank his birdie putt to win the hole and put his team one up.....proving that "haste makes waste". None of the players was on the eleventh green from the tee, but Ray got up and down for par to win that hole as well and give his team an early two hole lead. The twelfth hole was halved when all four players had pars. Ray, Pete and Matt were all on the fringe of the thirteenth hole, but only Pete could get up and down as Matt's curly three footer stopped short while Pete found the back of the cup with his par putt, getting his team back in the game. Ray and Matt found trouble on the fourteenth hole, Matt dribbling a tee shot into the left side woods and Ray landing his second shot in the right side hazard, allowing Pete to win the hole with a routine par and even the match. Three balls were on the par three fifteenth, and when none of the birdie putts went in, the hole was halved with par, keeping the match even going up the hill. Pete was long and down the middle on sixteen, and his iron to the green left him a downhill fifteen foot putt for birdie. Even though he missed the putt, par was enough to win the hole and put the team one up. Matt was long and down the middle on seventeen, and was just off the right fringe with his approach shot from where he made par to win the hole and even the match going to eighteen. All four drives were in the fairway on eighteen, with Ray and Matt having the apparent advantage with the shorter approach shots. But both Phil and Pete hit their irons to about fifteen feet, while Matt hit his wedge fat and just onto the front edge. Neither Phil nor Pete could sink the birdie putt, leaving Matt a three footer that he made to tie the hole and the match.

QUOTE(S) OF THE DAY

Two candidates come to mind today, both from Phil.

Walking off the tenth green, after Ray won the hole with a birdie putt, Phil asked Ray, "How come you never do that when you're my partner?"

Walking between thirteen and fourteen, with the group discussing Matt's recent eagle on the upcoming hole, Phil noted that "if Matt had a cooperative partner, that person would offer to tee off first and set the stage for Matt to try to get down the hill. But I guess Ray will still go last in the group".

	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
07/12/08	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	5	5	3	7