

**2008 GRIFFITH HARRIS
EARLY-BIRD BACK-NINE
CHAMPIONSHIP**

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

With Pete tossing the ceremonial golf balls for the first time, the results were as predictable as anything to date as he was paired with Matt against Phil and Ray. The odds of two players not playing with each other over 15 consecutive matches with this method of team selection is approximately one quarter of one percent (0.00246), or one in four hundred sequences. Regardless, the players teed off and sent three balls down the fairway (although Matt hit a bit early, narrowly avoiding Jack's wrath and only because Jack did not see that tee shot). Both teams made par to keep the match even after one. None of the players found the eleventh green from the tee, and only Phil was able to convert a chip into par, enough to win the hole and give his team the early lead. Matt and Pete were long and in the fairway on twelve, Ray in the left rough. All three players hit the green, with Matt hitting his wedge to three feet while the others had longer putts. But Matt pushed his birdie attempt and Ray's par was enough to halve the hole. Pete hit a beautiful drive on thirteen, but put his approach shot in the right side bunker. Ray pulled his second shot to the left of the green, flying into the thick flowers and ornamental grasses. Pete came out of the bunker with a beautiful shot and saved par, while Ray was given significant dispensation from the USGA rules official who pronounced a free drop in order to protect the flora, fauna and resident beauty of the course, which Ray took full advantage of as he got up and down to save par and halve the hole. That same USGA official, perhaps feeling some pangs of residual guilt, graciously awarded a mulligan to Matt after he hit his tee shot into the left side woods, an errant shot perhaps due to the awkward foot alignment relative to the tee markers, but more likely because of a bad swing. Matt took advantage of the opportunity and saved par from the fringe of the green later down the hole, matching Pete's scrambling par after a long hybrid to the side of the green, and Ray's routine on-in-three and two putts for par. Phil rolled to the back of the green on fifteen past the red pin while Pete was in the left rough with Matt and Ray was on the fringe. Pete made a clutch four foot putt for par to halve the hole after both Phil and Ray two putted for the same score. On the sixteenth hole, Pete was on the back side of the green in regulation while Matt was just outside the right side trap. When both players got down in regulation, par won the hold and evened the match going to seventeen. The seventeenth was into the wind and only Pete was able to make the green in regulation, although he was on the very back and left himself with a forty foot birdie putt. Matt chipped from off the front of the green to within a foot for par, while Pete also made par with a good two putt. That left Phil to make a ten footer for his par to halve the hole, and while he used all of the cup to get the ball to drop, drop it did for a very nice par to halve the hole. Ray and Matt were in the middle of the fairway on eighteen with Pete about ten yards ahead, while Phil veered off toward the seventeenth with his tee shot. Phil recovered nicely over the trees and hit a wedge onto the green, Ray found the front bunker with his approach shot, Matt was on the front of the green and Pete was on the back. Matt and Pete made their pars, but Ray could not get up and down and when Phil lipped out his par putt (running all the way around the rim but staying out), Matt and Pete won the hole and the match....one up.

	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
07/13/08	0	1	0	1
TOTAL	5	6	3	8