

2008 GRIFFITH HARRIS EARLY-BIRD BACK-NINE CHAMPIONSHIP

July 19, 2008	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	FINAL
Pete - Phil	-	1	1	2	3	4				won
Ray - Matt	-	-	-	-	-	-				

The only real question on the tenth tee box was whether Ray or Pete would play with Phil, as history indicated there was no chance of Phil and Matt teaming up. Keeping with the sequence of 2008, Pete and Phil were teammates for the day, and both hit their drives down the left side, Phil low and long while Pete was high and shorter. Matt was long and in the fairway while Ray was past the right side tree. Pete got closest to the pin but none of the players could convert birdie opportunities so the hole was halved. Only Matt was on the eleventh green, although Ray was on the short cut fringe. But both players three putted, leaving the door open for Pete, who converted from the left side hard pan near the bench and shelter with a delicate chip and par saving putt to give his team the lead. The twelfth hole gave the players some surprises as they crested the hill and saw both Ray and Pete's tee shots in the fairway, surprising since both had gone left off the tee and expected to be on the left side of the cart path. Both players took advantage of the opportunity as they hit approach shots onto the green and made par to halve the hole, while Matt's shorter approach flew the green for bogey. Another opportunist moment on thirteen, as Phil's drive came off the left side trees and back onto the fairway, from where he hit a beautiful fairway metal toward the front of the green, from where he got up and down for a nice par and a win for his team to put them two up. Even more opportunistic play on fourteen, as Phil narrowly avoided the right side hazard with his tee shot, only to find the same hazard farther down the hole with his second. But he collected himself and put an approach shot about ten feet from the cup, made the putt and saved par. That would have been enough to win the hole, but his partner bested his effort as Pete hit his approach shot into the top of the hill and came to rest about two feet from the cup for a birdie. The match ended on fifteen when Phil hit a "classic" tee shot to the back of the green, and his par was all that was needed to win the hole and close out the match.....four and three.

Quote of the Day

The players were talking about routines on the eleventh tee, noting that repetition was what four players relied on for their confidence and consistency. Phil noted that the only routine he has is trying a different routine all the time.

	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
07/19/08	0	1	1	0
TOTAL	5	7	4	8