

2008 GRIFFITH HARRIS EARLY-BIRD BACK-NINE CHAMPIONSHIP

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

It was decided that Ray should toss the balls to determine teams in an effort to change the season's pattern of keeping him away from Pete, and Matt separate from Phil. The change finally worked, and Ray played with Pete for the first time this season, as did Matt and Phil. Ray broke out a new driver, one that is slated for shipment to his dad in India once it shows the necessary wear to classify it as "used" and avoid the import duties for new items. As usual, Ray hit his tee shot straight down the middle, leading to the quote of the day (see below). Both Ray and Phil were in the fairway on ten, but both missed the green with approach shots, while Pete hit the green from the eighteenth hole by hitting over the trees and stopping about seven feet from the cup. Although he missed his birdie, Pete's par was enough to win the hole to give his team the early lead. Phil won the eleventh hole for his team with a beautiful tee shot that ran past the pin, stopping about three feet past the cup, from where he made his birdie to square the match. Three balls made the fairway on twelve, from where Pete and Ray both made par, and when Matt missed a five footer for the same score, Pete and Ray retook the lead. The thirteenth hole was pretty sloppy, and the teams tied after Pete played from behind the electrical box near the right side woods and two putted for bogey, Ray made an uphill putt for the same score that looked like Tiger's leaner from the Masters as it narrowly dropped into the hole, while Matt played from the fairway bunker and made a three foot downhill putt to tie. The fourteenth hole was halved when Matt missed a golden opportunity to capture the hole, needing only par but was not able to get up and down from the right fringe and settled for a tie with bogey. Ray hit a wonderful six iron from a back tee to a yellow pin on the par three fifteenth, stopping just a few feet from the cup, and when Matt's chip ran just past the cup, birdie for Ray won the hole. Ray and Matt hit very similar tee shots down the middle of the sixteenth, stopping just a foot from each other, prompting the second quote of the day. From there, both players got to the green, Ray in the back and Matt on the right. Ray's second putt went in the side door, but it still counts for par and halved the hole. Pete hit the drive of the day on seventeen, but it was Ray who got up and down from the cart signs to make par and seal the victory for his team.....three and one.

QUOTE OF THE DAY Phil noted that Ray's new driver had a different sound when he struck his tee shot on the tenth hole, a "sound I have never heard before". That prompted Matt to tell Phil that the unfamiliar sound that he had heard was the sound of a ball landing in the middle of the fairway.

QUOTE OF THE DAY With two tee shots sitting only a foot from each other on sixteen, Ray noted from about 250 yards that they "look like a set of cajones out there".

SHOT OF THE DAY Birdies were converted on both par threes, but the award goes to Phil for his longer tee shot on the eleventh hole that ran past the cup and stopped three feet away.

	Ra	Pete	Phi	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
07/20/08	1	0	0	1
07/26/08	0	1	1	0
08/02/08	1	1	0	0
TOTAL	7	9	5	9