

2008 GRIFFITH HARRIS EARLY-BIRD BACK-NINE CHAMPIONSHIP

August 22, 2008	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	FINAL
Ray - Phil	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	
Pete - Matt	1	1	1	2	2	2	-	-	1	won

My apologies in advance for the lack of quality in this newsletter, but I can blame the dead batteries in my handheld recorder for the lack of complete information. I will try to recall the shots and action as best I can, but admit to errors in advance. A rare Friday match began at 6:45 with one of the two usual pairings, this time Phil and Ray against Pete and Matt. Nobody drove well on the tenth, but Matt escaped from the right side by hitting a low wedge to the fringe, from where he sank a chip shot for birdie and the early lead. The eleventh hole was halved with pars, as Pete chipped nicely to about eighteen inches for a conceded par, Matt sank a three foot second putt for his par, and Ray withstood the pressure and calmly made a downhill five or six footer to tie the hole. The twelfth was also halved when both Ray and Pete made par. The thirteenth is a bit fuzzy, but I understand that Pete won the hole so I must assume he made par to best his opponents and give his team a two hole lead. Ray recovered nicely from a poor tee shot on fourteen and two putted for a bogey, requiring Pete to hole his long putt to tie after losing his tee shot in the woods. Fifteen was halved with pretty routine two putt pars and Pete and Matt went up the hill two up. Ray hit a wonderful long second shot onto the sixteenth green and two putted for par, enough to win the hole and get his team back in the match. Phil took his turn on the seventeenth by hitting two gorgeous shots, the first the longest drive of the group down the fairway, the second a drawing hybrid or fairway metal that rolled onto the green and stopped about six feet from the cup. Although he narrowly missed his birdie attempt, his classic par was enough to win the hole and halve the match going to the eighteenth. Matt was in trouble under the trees on the right side of eighteen but punched an iron to the fringe of the green, while Ray and Pete both hit beautiful wedges to within ten feet. Matt made his par, leaving Pete to attempt his birdie which he drained for the second match in a row and putting the pressure on Ray to match. When Ray's birdie putt edged the cup, Pete and Matt won the hole and the match....one up.

SHOTS OF THE DAY- Many candidates to choose from, so here is a brief list:

- Matt's chip in for birdie on ten
- Ray's downhill saving putt on eleven
- Ray's fairway wood on sixteen
- Phil's tee shot and approach shot on seventeen
- Pete's wedge and birdie on eighteen

	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
07/20/08	1	0	0	1
07/26/08	0	1	1	0
08/02/08	1	1	0	0
08/03/08	1	0	1	0
08/16/08	0	1	1	0
08/22/08	0	1	0	1
TOTAL	8	11	7	10