

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

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

Ray was back for a Sunday match after a whirlwind cross country trip on Saturday to take his daughter to lunch on the left coast, traveling west on a Gulfstream and back home on a Citation.....tough life. Patrick tossed the balls, and our jet setter was paired with Matt against Phil and Pete. Matt missed a birdie putt from the fringe and made par, as did his partner Ray, and they were matched when Pete's birdie putt slid past the hole. Nobody was able to make par on the eleventh hole and bogeys halved for the teams, still tied. Matt had a long drive on twelve with only sixty yards to the green, and his lob wedge stopped about two feet from the cup, and birdie won the hole. On the thirteenth hole, Matt pulled his approach shot from the fairway into the left side woods, but Pete fortunately found the errant shot and Matt then punched a low shot through the trees and caught the downward slope of the green to run the ball toward the cup. He made a long uphill put for a "Pete par" to win the hole and put his team two up. Ray hit an uncharacteristically poor tee shot on fourteen, landing on the hill just past the white tees. From there he hit a gorgeous fairway metal down the far hill, giving him a long uphill shot to the green. He hit another metal and landed just off the front of the green, from where he chipped and made his par saving putt for par. Phil played the hole more conventionally, hitting three good shots to get on the green in regulation and two putted for par, so the hole was halved. Phil also parred the fifteenth hole by making a fifteen foot putt after a chip from the hillside, while Matt ran his chip shot past the hole but made the sidehill comeback putt to halve. Phil hit a short drive on sixteen but followed with a long fairway shot and chipped to six inches for par. Both Matt and Ray were on the green in regulation on the left side with downhill birdie putts to win the hole. Neither made the birdie putt, and then both missed the comeback putt as well, and the combination of three-putts lost the hole and put Phil and Pete back in the match going to seventeen. Ray, Pete and Matt all had birdie putts on seventeen but all settled for par and a tie, leaving the match one up for Ray and Matt going to eighteen. Pete, knowing he needed to win the eighteenth hole to tie the match, hit a beautiful wedge to about seven feet. Matt followed with his own lob wedge that stopped inside of five feet, and his birdie putt sealed the victory....two up.

**SHOT OF THE DAY-** I am awarding this to myself for the punch shot out of the woods on thirteen which landed on the green, backed up by the par saving putt.

**RECOVERY OF THE DAY-** Ray looked to be out of the hole on fourteen when his tee shot probably did not carry one hundred yards. But he recovered in stylish manner with two long fairway metals, a nice chip and a par saving putt.

**REMARK OF THE DAY-** On eighteen, Matt hit a very low tee shot while Ray hit his quite high, but both came to rest within a few feet of each other in the fairway. When it was pointed out that they were playing partner golf, Ray commented that Matt had gotten there by land, while he (Ray) had gotten there by air.

	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
08/24/08	0	1	0	1
08/31/08	0	1	0	1
09/01/08	1	0	0	1
09/28/08	1	1	0	0
10/11/08	1	1	0	0
10/12/08	0	1	0	1
10/19/08	1	0	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>15</b>