

2008 GRIFFITH HARRIS EARLY-BIRD BACK-NINE CHAMPIONSHIP

November 8, 2008	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	FINAL
Phil - Ray	-	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	halved
Pete - Matt	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	halved

After a bunch of nonsense before tee time from a group from Scotland and South Africa that was trying to make their own rules, the balls were tossed and Phil was paired with Ray to play against Pete and Matt. There is a temporary green on the tenth for at least the balance of the year, with a sign stating that it was 160 yards to the pin. But Phil, ever the energetic one, paced off the distance and came back with the proclamation that it was 172 yards to the pin, information essentially but not exactly corroborated by Matt's laser range finder, which measured the distance at 175 including the uphill, and important fact that will show itself. Phil hit the best tee shot on ten, dead toward the flag but it was about three yards short of the circle (see distance measurements above).....had he trusted the laser instead of his feet, he would have added the three yards needed to reach the "green". But nobody could get up and down, and the hole was halved. Matt and Pete were way off target on eleven while Ray was just short of the green and when his chip stopped a few feet from the cup the putt was conceded and the hole was won by Ray and Phil. Pete hit a long drive and a nice wedge to put himself in position for a birdie on twelve, and even though he missed the putt on the bumpy greens par was enough to win the hole and halve the match. Phil hit a long tee shot with a three wood on thirteen and landed his approach shot just on the front edge, from where he two putted for par and a win to go back one up. Ray and Matt played side by side on fourteen with tee shots and second shots in the fairway, approach shots to different parts of the green but two putts for each and a tie. The fifteenth hole was also halved with par, and Phil and Ray walked up the hill with the lead. Phil and Matt had two putt pars on sixteen, but Pete bested them with a birdie putt across the aerated green to win the hole and tie the match once again. Matt hit a beautiful five wood into the wind to the fringe of seventeen and then chipped to within two feet, but he pulled the par putt to the left, missing an opportunity to put his team in control and the hole was halved. Pete and Ray drove down the middle on eighteen and both players had somewhat makeable birdie putts. Ray went first but missed the hole and settled for par, then watched as Pete lined up his putt on what has become his birdie hole. But Pete's putt would not fall, either, and the hole and the match were halved.

	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
11/08/08	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	12	16	7	15