

2009 GRIFFITH HARRIS EARLY-BIRD BACK-NINE CHAMPIONSHIP

April 11, 2009	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	FINAL
Pete - Phil	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Ray - Matt	-	-	-	1	2	3	2	2		won

Despite dire weather forecasts that had predicted significant rain for the morning, the group was able to get the second tee time and start in dry weather on the front nine with Ray and Matt teamed against Pete and Phil. Ray had a new sleeve of Noodles (number zero) that he claimed went about ten yards farther than his old Callaway and Titleists, while Pete broke open a new sleeve of Pro V1s (same logo), while Phil (chairman of the Rules Committee) declared that he was approving a local law superseding the prohibition of any range-finder capabilities beyond simply distance. Pete and Matt drove well on the first hole, Matt with about two hundred yards into the wind and his five wood came up just short of the green, while Pete hit a beautiful hybrid from just outside the trap to about twelve feet. Both players made par and the hold was halved to start the day. Pete found the bunker on two, then hit the lip with his hybrid and could only make bogey from there, but it was enough to tie the hole when both Matt and Ray could not get up and down from near the green. Pete was down the middle on three, while Ray was off to the right with his second shot, and Matt was out of bounds from the tee. Matt followed his problem with a good tee shot, a long second shot and a wedge to the green, then made his long putt and Pete and Phil thought they had lost the hole as neither remembered the penalty to start the hole. With a second chance, Pete narrowly missed his birdie putt but made par, while Ray made a pressure packed eight footer to save his par after early trouble and keep the match even. Pete hit his tee shot to the left on the fourth hole and got a bad bounce with his hybrid, veering to the right of the green and forcing him to make bogey. Matt was short of the green but chipped to ten feet and made his par putt, while Ray missed his birdie putt and made par as well to give the team the first lead. The par three was playing into the wind and nobody found the green, but Ray made his par putt that was not matched by the other team and he put his team two up. Pete and Phil were both in trouble off the tee on the sixth hole and neither could recover to challenge, losing the hole to bogeys from both Matt and Ray, and the match was dormie after six. Phil hit a nice tee shot on the par three seventh and was the only player to make par, winning the hold and keeping his team in the match. Matt and Phil were out of bounds on the eight hole, leaving it to their partners from the tee. Both Ray and Pete struggled a bit on the hole and the best each could do was bogey, so the hole was halved and Ray and Matt were now two up with only one to go...match over.

	Ray	Pete	Phil	Matt
04/10/09	1	1	1	1
04/11/09	2	0	0	2
TOTAL	3	1	1	3