

2009 GRIFFITH HARRIS EARLY-BIRD BACK-NINE CHAMPIONSHIP

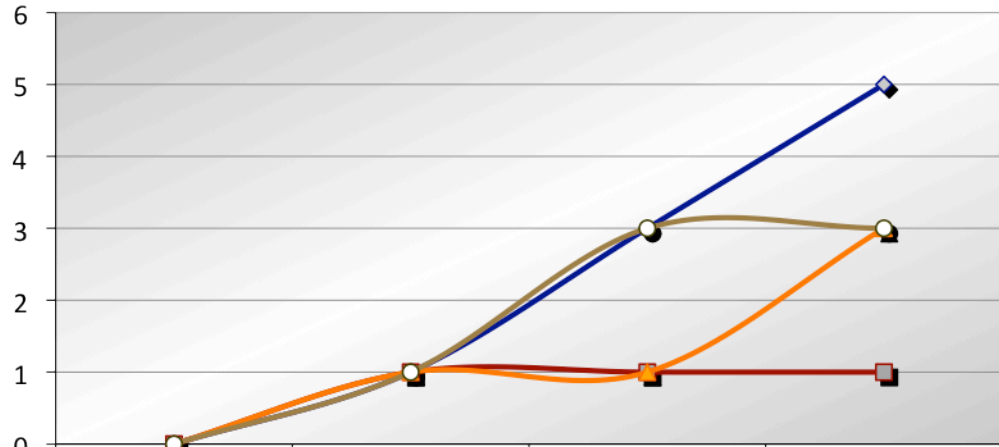
April 18, 2009	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	FINAL
Ray - Phil	1	1	-	1	2	1	2	2		win
Pete - Matt	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

Newly formatted newsletters were passed out to the players on the tenth tee, a multi-page publication in colors and print for the competitors to review. Today was the first day on the back nine, freshly reopened after work was far enough along on fairway traps and ten and eighteen as well as a newly shaped greenside bunker on ten to play those holes fully. Phil, stiff neck and all, was honored with the privilege of the ceremonial ball toss, and his ball landed closest to Ray's Noodle zero while Pete and Matt were partnered for the morning. Matt and Ray drove down the fairway on ten while Pete and Phil found the right side trees. Phil made a beautiful recovery to the side of the green, from where he chipped to inches to save par. This turned out to be enough as Pete could not match and Matt misplayed two consecutive chip shots, so Phil and Ray were one up. But not to be left out of the hole, Ray converted his birdie putt from about six feet to put the dagger in further on the first hole. The appropriate comment for everyone's play on the eleventh hole- awful. For the first time in memory, a hole was halved with double bogeys as everyone was in trouble and missed shots. Pete drove down the middle of twelve and hit his wedge to the front of the green, and two putts later he had his routine par and a win to tie the match. Ray was in the right rough on the thirteenth and hit a fairway metal to the green, while Matt was close by off the tee but ran off the back of the green with his hybrid. Ray carefully rolled a sidehill putt to about a foot and his putt was conceded, winning the hole when Pete and Matt could not make par. Phil won the fourteenth with par by hitting three clean shots- a hybrid off the tee to the crest of the hill, a mid-iron to about 100 yards and a wedge to the green that gave him a birdie opportunity. Pete and Matt got back in the match when Matt was the only player to find the green on fifteen and make par to cut the lead in half. Sonny was kind enough to stay behind the fifteenth green and offer a ride up the hill, which both Matt and Ray gratefully accepted. Ray followed with a beautiful draw off the tee on sixteen to about 125 yards, an approach shot to six feet and a two putt par for the victory to put the match two up with two to go. Pete got lucky off the tee on seventeen when his fading tee shot caromed back in the rough, and Matt was long down the middle, so things looked good for them as Ray and Phil both found problems. But Ray persevered and got to the green in three, two putting for bogey, which was enough as both Matt and Pete missed the green and could only tie the hold. So the first points of the year on the accustomed back nine go to Phil and Ray.

QUOTE OF THE DAY – On his way to double bogey on the eleventh, Matt mishit a flop shot from the side of the green and his ball ricocheted off a player's bag left close by. Phil noted that Matt was "lucky to have hit Ray's bag, because if you hit Pete's it would be a penalty." So what would that have done to Matt, caused him to take a quadruple instead of a double?

	Ray	Pete	Phi	Matt
04/04/09	0	0	0	0
04/10/09	1	1	1	1
04/11/09	2	0	0	2
04/18/09	2	0	2	0
TOTAL	5	1	3	3

Year to Date



	Exhibition	4/10	4/11	4/18
Ray	0	1	3	5
Pete	0	1	1	1
Phil	0	1	1	3
Matt	0	1	3	3