

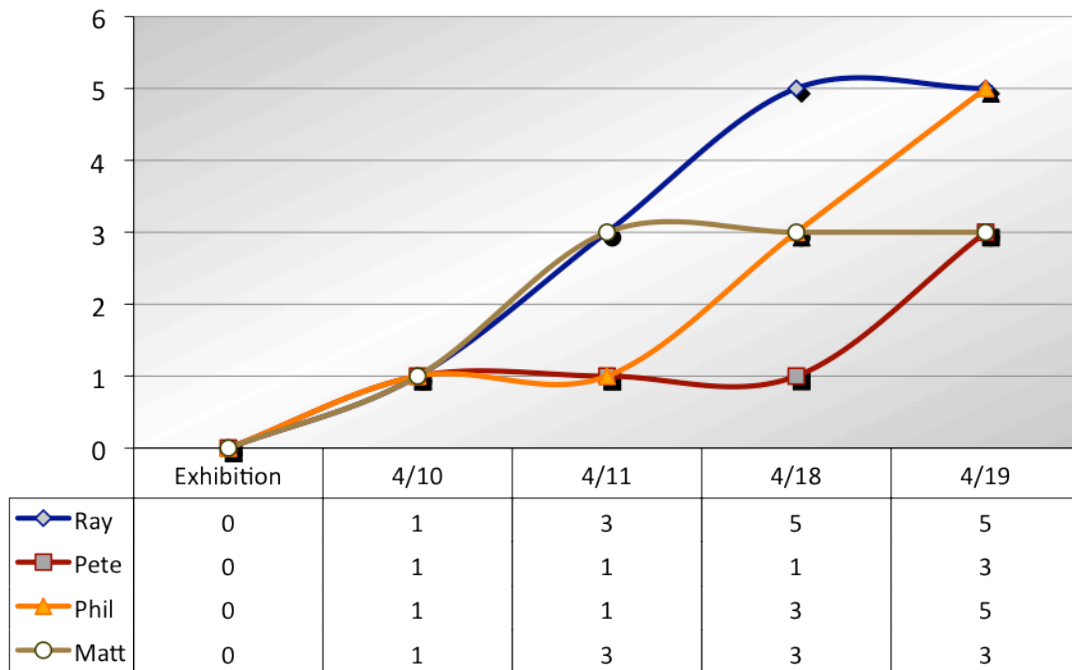
2009 GRIFFITH HARRIS EARLY-BIRD BACK-NINE CHAMPIONSHIP

April 19, 2009	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	FINAL
Pete - Phil	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	won
Ray - Matt	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

The teams were set again on the tenth tee, with Pete and Phil against Ray and Matt. Phil double checked his rule book (many were surprised that it had not been memorized) and revealed that Matt could have requested a replay of his errant flop shot on the eleventh hole on Saturday when his shot accidentally hit his opponent's bag. While it is possible that the outcome of the match could have been changed, it was too late and the moral is to know and understand the rules before you start playing....or have a digital copy of the book for quick reference. The match began with no drives in the fairway, incurring Jack's sarcasm as he waited for the group at the crest of the hill. From the woods, Pete hit a branch trying to recover, leaving himself with a long chip, while Matt hit his ball back on the fairway in front of the green. Both players got up and down, making six foot putts to save par and halve the hole. Eleven was much better than Saturday (when everyone double bogeyed) with Phil getting the best of the hole with a beautiful chip to four feet and a par saving putt to win the hole and put his team one up. Ray was in the fairway on twelve while Matt was long down the right side, from where he made a two putt par which would have been enough to win the hole on its own. But Ray bested that with a gorgeous approach shot to five feet and a birdie putt to put an exclamation point on the hole and tie the match. Ray and Pete were both in the fairway on the thirteenth, with Ray making the green but having a long sidehill putt while Pete was just off the back. Both first putts stopped about three feet above the hole on the aerated and bumpy green, but both players made their testy downhill sliders to halve the hole. Ray and Matt played aggressively on fourteen, trying to get down the hill from the tee. Matt was part way down the hill on wet ground but his five wood landed in the creek. Ray played driver from the tee, going way down the hill and giving himself a legitimate shot at the green, which he struck beautifully and landed on the back of the green. Matt took his penalty stroke and flopped a wedge to twelve feet, then made his par putt, while Ray had to contend with bumps coming back down the green and could only make his par as well. In the meantime, Pete quietly and routinely hit a hybrid from the tee, another hybrid from the fairway, an iron approach and two putts to par the hole and keep the match even. Ray and Matt were both on the par three from the tee but with long birdie putts, while Phil was off the green and hit a beautiful chip to four feet. Ray and Matt missed their birdies but made par, leaving Phil to make his pressure packed four footer to tie the hole and keep the match even going up the hill. Matt was in the left rough off the sixteenth tee while Ray and Pete were only a few feet from each other but well past Matt. Matt's approach shot stayed short, and his chip was also short so he made bogey. Ray hit nine iron from 135 yards and flew the green, going out of bounds beyond. Meanwhile Pete hit seven iron onto the green, missed his first putt but made the three foot second putt for par to win the hole and put his team one up. The seventeenth was halved with bogey, as Ray hit his drive onto the sixteenth fairway, hit a tree trying to come back and had to hit a wedge to the green, from where he two putted for his bogey. Matt hit his five wood to the cart sign but his chip from the rough did not stop and he was left with an uphill putt from off the green while Pete was on the green in three and took two putts for his bogey. The result was a halved hole and Pete and Phil were one up going to eighteen. Matt was in the left rough with a shot around the big tree, and knowing his team probably needed birdie he went for the pin but hit the tree and took himself out of the hole. Ray went over the green, chipped back on and made par, but it was not enough as Pete made a routine two putt par to tie the hole and win the match.

	Ray	Pete	Phil	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
04/19/09	0	2	2	0
TOTAL	5	3	5	3

Year to Date



<u>POINTS</u>	Ray	Pete	Phil	Matt	Total Points
Ray		5	3	2	5
Pete	3			3	3
Phil	3	2		5	5
Matt		3	3		3