

2009 GRIFFITH HARRIS EARLY-BIRD BACK-NINE CHAMPIONSHIP

May 3, 2009	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	FINAL
Pete - Ray	-	-	-	1	2	1	2	2		won
Phil - Matt	-	-	-	-	-		-	-		

Saturday was not going to be a match as Phil was out of town, but it turned into a rain out when Matt went back to sleep too early and missed a good opportunity to play a round. Ray took advantage of the day, however, and was even par through seven and two over for the day. But it only counts when everyone is present, so we teed it up for real on Sunday. The teams.....surprise! Matt and Phil were paired together for the first time this year against Ray and Pete. And with Pete switching his ball manufacturer, it was the Titleists against the Noodles (or *Golf Magazine* against the *Ladies Home Journal*, as Matt noted on the tenth fairway). The day started ominously when nobody hit the fairway on ten, and the group had to face Jack holding his nose as we neared the crest of the hill. Jack chose to go back to the tee box, so he missed the comeback by all four players as they each made par from their errant tee shots. The eleventh hole witnessed the mating dance of wild turkeys, with two toms strutting their stuff and puffing their chests on the left side of the hole, both after the same hen who was grazing and did not seem to care at all. Perhaps a distraction, but all players bogeyed this hole and the match stayed even. Pete got a good break on twelve when his tee shot bounced off some trees on the left side to land next to the cart path, and he took advantage by lofting a shot to the green and saving par with two putts. Phil saved his par, giving Matt an opportunity to win the hole if he made his birdie putt, but it was off line and pars halved the hole. Ray was near the right side trap on thirteen and hit a nice approach shot above the hole, Pete hit a six iron that landed even closer, and although Matt had only seven iron he missed to the right. Ray stopped a very tricky sidehill putt close to the hole for par, while Matt narrowly missed his downhill par try and Ray and Pete were one up. Phil and Matt were out of the fourteenth hole from the tee as neither found the fairway and had to take penalty strokes, while Ray and Pete played a routine three shot, two putt hole to make their pars and win the hole. Only Matt was on the green on fifteen, but Phil hit a marvelous chip to within a foot and even though Matt's birdie putt was woefully short, their pars won the hole and put them back in the match. Matt and Ray were fairly long and down the middle of sixteen while Pete was behind a tree on the left side. But Pete hit a three iron short of the trap, got up and down and saved a lovely par while both Ray and Matt three-putted for bogey, so Pete came back and won the hole, putting his team two up with two to play. The match ended on seventeen when Matt and Phil pressed to win the hole, but to no avail, as Ray calmly hit his third shot onto the green and made two putts to close out the match.

	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
04/19/09	0	2	2	0
05/03/09	2	2	0	0
TOTAL	7	5	5	3

<u>POINTS</u>	Ray	Pete	Phil	Matt	Total Points
Ray		5	5	4	7
Pete	3		2	5	5
Phil	3	2		5	5
Matt		3	3		3

<u>WON-LOST</u>	Ray	Pete	Phil	Matt	Overall
Ray		2.1.1	2.1.1	2.0.0	3.1.1
Pete	1.2.1		1.1.0	2.1.1	2.2.1
Phil	1.2.1	1.1.0		2.1.1	2.2.1
Matt	0.2.0	1.2.1	1.2.1		1.3.1

Year to Date

