

2009 GRIFFITH HARRIS EARLY-BIRD BACK-NINE CHAMPIONSHIP

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

The day was foggy and dreary when the balls were tossed at the side of the tenth tee. Pete inspected his choice of balls for the day and chose a brand new logo ball for the toss rather than the scuffed one that was also in his pocket, but the outcome was just as predictable as Pete was teamed with Phil against Ray and Matt. Only Matt found the fairway, using his hard-to-get demo driver from DeMane, while Pete and Phil both went right...and Ray popped up his drive when a foghorn from the first hole went off precisely at the top of his backswing. But Ray was up to the challenge, putting his second shot in front of the green and chipping on to about twenty feet. From there he made an incredible putt to par the hole, which was needed as Phil hit an equally incredible shot between two trees to land on the green and two putted for his par, so the hole was halved. Nobody found the green from the eleventh tee, with Ray and Matt both in the left side trap and Phil short of the green. But it was Pete who made his par when he ricocheted off the structure on the left of the green and hit a chip shot stiff to the pin from the hard pan surface to win the hole and put his team one up. The foghorn went off again in the middle of Ray's swing on the twelfth tee, but he ignored the distraction and hit his tee shot down the middle of the fairway. Pete bounded down the left side of the hole, chipped to the front of the green and left himself about six feet for par when his first putt was short. Meanwhile Matt was in the right rough and hit a wedge to ten feet, then two putted for par and putting pressure on Pete to make his long second putt, which he did to tie the hole. Bogey was the order of the day on thirteen, the hole was halved and Pete and Phil were still one up. Ray and Pete both bounced off the road and back to the fairway on their second shot on fourteen, and both took advantage of the break by making their pars to halve the hole. Only Matt found the green on fifteen, and although his birdie putt slid past the hole, par was enough to win the hole and tie the match going up the hill. Pete found the fairway trap on sixteen and hit a hybrid just over the green, chipped back and made his par. Ray played conventionally, had a ten foot birdie putt that he ran four feet past the cup but calmly utilized all the teachings of his recent putting lesson and made his par as well, keeping the match even. Pete made par on seventeen by reaching the green in regulation and taking two putts, while Ray was wide to the right and needed a flop shot to stay on the green and a ten foot plus putt for his par. Regardless of how, the hole was halved and the match was even going to eighteen. Ray was down the middle on eighteen while Pete was to the left side and near the road. Ray hit a beautiful approach shot to perhaps eight feet, putting pressure on Pete to match and keep his team in the match. Pete's shot was just as nice, settling about ten feet to the right of the hole. Both players narrowly missed birdie putts, had tap in pars to halve the hole and halve 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
05/03/09	2	2	0	0
05/16/09	1	1	1	1
TOTAL	8	6	6	4

<u>POINTS</u>	Ray	Pete	Phil	Matt	Total Points
Ray		6	6	4	8
Pete	4		2	6	6
Phil	4	2		6	6
Matt	0	4	4		4

<u>WON-LOST</u>	Ray	Pete	Phil	Matt	Overall
Ray		2.1.2	2.1.2	2.0.0	3.1.2
Pete	1.2.2		1.1.0	2.1.2	2.2.2
Phil	1.2.2	1.1.0		2.1.2	2.2.2
Matt	0.2.0	1.2.2	1.2.2		1.3.2

Year to Date

