

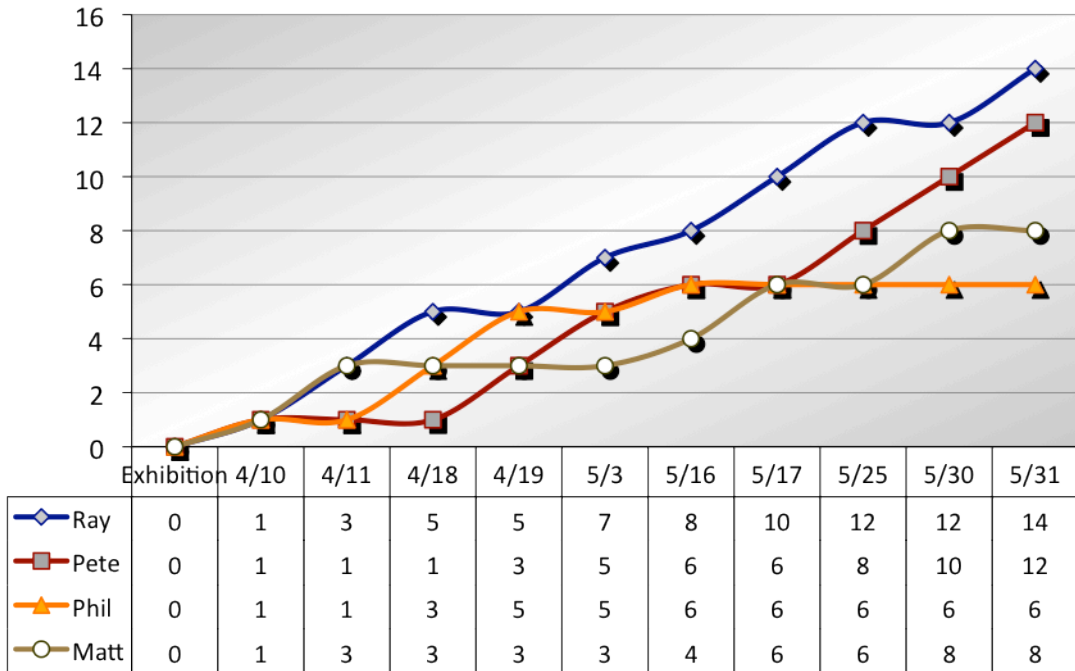
2009 GRIFFITH HARRIS EARLY-BIRD BACK-NINE CHAMPIONSHIP

May 31, 2009	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	FINAL
Ray - Pete	4	4	3	4	5	3	3	5	3	34
Phil - Matt	5	3	4	4	7	3	4	5	3	38
match score	+1	E	+1	+1	+3	+3	+4	+4	+4	

Sunday, the last day of May, 2009 and Phil arrived at the course at 4:40 AM. Was it because he could not sleep or was he silently challenging David Ayres to a "first in line" duel? Hopefully the former, because Dave was already resting comfortably in his car, reading the newspaper when Phil arrived. Almost two hours later, Phil drew Matt as his partner...and if that were not unusual enough, today was the first attempt at a "medal match", where the better ball of each twosome was counted on every hole but the match would be decided by total strokes and not individual holes won. This format allows for two, and possibly three, shot differentials on a given hole and keeps the match open longer. Nobody was in the fairway on ten, with Ray on the left and the others on the right, and Pete was the only player to save par with a three foot putt. Matt and Phil made bogey so the lead was one stroke after one hole. Matt was the only player on the green on eleven, while Phil chipped up next to the hold for a conceded par. This would have ended the hole in the traditional format as Pete and Ray settled for bogey, but Matt's birdie putt was for a two shot swing if made....but he left it six inches short so the match was tied. Matt was in the fairway on twelve and took two putts for par after an approach shot left him twelve feet. Pete hit his approach stiff to the pin for birdie from just to the left of the cartpath and his team was back in the lead. Matt hit hybrid almost to the green from the rough on thirteen, chipped and saved par which was needed when Pete approached the green from well down the fairway, left himself a downhill tester for his first putt and a two foot slippery one for par which he converted. Disaster for Phil and Matt on fifteen as the best they could do was double bogey while both their opponents made routine pars to give themselves a three shot lead....the first two shot swing in this format. The fifteenth hole was sloppy all around, nobody on the green from the tee and nobody able to save par, so bogeys were the score. Phil and Matt seemed to make comebacks on sixteen when both made par, but Ray dropped an eight foot putt on the high side after hitting pitching wedge from 130 yards for birdie to extend the lead to four shots. With doubly bogey the worst score counted on any hole, the match was nearing a logical end. Everyone made bogey on seventeen so a miracle would be needed on eighteen. That was not to be, as Ray and Pete both hit approach shots to twelve feet and Ray converted his second birdie of the day to officially close the match. For the record, Matt hit his approach shot to about eight feet and made his birdie putt, his first of the year but still within the month of May...as Pete said, the last possible shot on the last possible day.

	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
05/17/09	2	0	0	2
05/25/09	2	2	0	0
05/30/09	0	2	0	2
05/31/09	2	2	0	0
TOTAL	14	12	6	8

Year to Date



<u>POINTS</u>	Ray	Pete	Phil	Matt	Total Points
Ray		8	12	8	14
Pete	6		8	10	12
Phil	4	2		6	6
Matt	2	6	8		8

<u>WON- LOST</u>	Ray	Pete	Phil	Matt	Overall
Ray		3.2.2	5.1.2	4.1.0	6.2.2
Pete	2.3.2		4.1.0	4.2.2	5.3.2
Phil	1.5.2	1.4.0		2.3.2	2.6.2
Matt	1.4.0	2.4.2	3.2.2		3.5.2