

2009 GRIFFITH HARRIS EARLY-BIRD BACK-NINE CHAMPIONSHIP

June 27, 2009	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	FINAL
Pete - Phil	4	6	4	5	5	2	4	5	4	39
Ray - Matt	4	4	4	5	5	3	4	5	3	37
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There was a bit of controversy at the tenth tee after two newcomers, having been told that they would have to wait in line like the rest of the golfers, decided to tee off at first light and had to be retrieved on the 14th hole by Sonny. Pete and Phil were convinced that they would be playing together, and their premonition proved correct when Ray's Noodle and Matt's Titleist were nearly touching after the ball toss. A medal match was chosen as the format, a critical decision that would come into play shortly. Ray and Matt were in the fairway from the tee while Pete was in the left rough. Both Ray and Matt hit approach shots to about six feet but neither was able to make birdie and par matched Pete's two-putt score. Ray and Matt were on the right fringe on eleven and Matt chipped to concession distance for his par. Pete was off to the left, flopped a shot onto the green and while he knew he needed the putt to halve the hole, he forgot that every stroke counted, so when he ran his putt boldly past the cup there was a two stroke swing on this hole. Phil was near the trees on the right from the twelfth tee, came back to the fairway and hit his approach shot to about twenty feet...then made a long par putt for four. Meanwhile, Matt landed his approach shot about a foot from the hole but backspin brought it to rest six feet below the cup, and he could not convert a birdie so the match stayed at two up for Ray and Matt. Pete and Ray were in the fairway on thirteen but the soggy fairway meant a long second shot, and both players settled for bogey. Ray and Matt were fairly short off the fourteenth tee but recovered nicely to get to the fringe in three, and each made par. Pete took a more conventional path, on the back of the green in regulation but with a very long downhill birdie attempt that came close and ended in par as well. On fifteen, Matt was on the green but well short while Ray hit a high draw toward the cup and landed about ten feet to the right, and both made par, while Pete hit a better six iron from the tee that looked like it might go in the hole but stopped five feet short. Pete made his birdie putt to cut the lead in half. Matt hit his tee shot on sixteen short and in the left rough but he recovered to just in front of the green and got up and down for par, a score that was needed as Pete also made par but in the conventional manner with a good drive, approach shot and two putts. All players made bogey on seventeen when nobody was able to get up and down from off the green, so Ray and Matt had a one shot lead going to the last hole. Matt and Ray put pressure on Phil and Pete from the tee on eighteen, hitting in the fairway and leaving themselves about 110 yards to the yellow flag. Ray hit his wedge just off the left side of the green while Matt was on line but short, and it looked like the match was over from the fairway. But Ray put another exclamation point on the medal match when he sank his birdie putt for a two up victory.

As a side note, it looks like Phil and Pete have been matched against Ray and Matt nine times in fourteen matches....incredible.

<u>POINTS</u>	Ray	Pete	Phil	Matt	Total Points
Ray		12	16	8	18
Pete	10		8	14	16
Phil	8	2		10	10
Matt	2	10	12		12

<u>WON-LOST</u>	Ray	Pete	Phil	Matt	Overall
Ray		5.4.2	7.3.2	4.1.0	8.4.2
Pete	4.5.2		4.1.0	6.4.2	7.5.2
Phil	3.7.2	1.4.0		4.5.2	4.8.2
Matt	1.4.0	4.6.2	5.4.2		5.7.2

	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
06/06/09	0	2	2	0
06/07/09	0	2	2	0
06/20/09	2	0	0	2
06/27/09	2	0	0	2
TOTAL	18	16	10	12

Year to Date

