

2009 GRIFFITH HARRIS EARLY-BIRD BACK-NINE CHAMPIONSHIP

July 25, 2009	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	FINAL
Ray - Pete	-		-	-		-	1	1	1	won
Phil - Matt	-	1	-	-	1	-				

It has been three weeks since the last match as the players took time off for the town tournament (Pete represented the group admirably with a fifth place finish) and some travel. The toss of golf balls led to the Noodles (Pete and Ray) against the Titleists (Phil and Matt). Pete hit short on the tenth hole to the top of the hill while Ray went into the trees and had to punch out, but both made par and halved the hole as Phil and Matt played conventionally but narrowly missed their birdie putts. The format had not been officially decided at this point, so a coin was flipped on the eleventh tee and a standard match play format was chosen for the day, with an agreement to play a medal match on Sunday. Both Phil and Matt were on the eleventh green from the tee, and even though both players missed their birdie putts, par was enough to win the hole and put the team one up. Pete hit a high, short drive on twelve but followed with a nice iron to the back of the green and made his par, enough to win the hole after both Phil and Matt came up short with their wedges and could not get up and down for a tie. Ray bounced his Noodle off the road on thirteen, landing well down the fairway and then hit a beautiful approach shot to about three feet below the cup. Matt hit his approach shot onto the side of the hill to the left of the hole but executed a delicate chip perfectly as the ball landed softly above the cup and trickled down the hill and into the cup for birdie. Ray, up to the challenge, calmly sank his birdie putt to tie the hole and keep the match even. Phil played a consistent and routine three shots on fourteen leading to a birdie possibility, and even though he just ran his putt by the edge of the hole, his follow-up par won the hole and put his team back in the lead. Ray hit a very high iron to about five feet on fifteen, missed his birdie attempt this time, but par was sufficient to win and the match was even again. Ray was on the sixteenth hole in regulation and made his par to win the hole and give his team the lead for the first time. The seventeenth hole was halved with bogeys, Ray and Pete with very long first putts that they put within "gimme" distance while Phil also two putted for bogey to tie. Matt and Phil knew they needed birdie to have a chance on eighteen but could not make that happen, so while Phil made par, it only tied both Ray and Pete's score for the hole and the match ended with Pete and Ray winning, one up. The victory gives Ray a five match win streak and maintains his spot in first place overall.

SHOT OF THE DAY- I have to give myself the award today for the flop shot off the hill on thirteen, landing the ball softly with an accelerated swing and having the ball roll into the cup for birdie.

<u>POINTS</u>	Ray	Pete	Phil	Matt	Total Points
Ray		14	22	12	24
Pete	10		12	18	20
Phil	8	2		10	10
Matt	2	12	14		14

<u>INDIVIDUAL</u> <u>WON-LOST</u>	Ray	Pete	Phil	Matt	Overall
Ray		6.4.2	10.3.2	6.1.0	11.4.2
Pete	4.6.2		6.1.0	8.5.2	9.6.2
Phil	3.10.2	1.6.0		4.6.2	4.11.2
Matt	1.6.0	5.8.2	6.4.2		6.9.2

<u>TEAM</u> <u>WON-</u> <u>LOST</u>	Won	Lost	Halved
Ray-Pete	5	0	0
Ray-Phil	1	1	0
Ray-Matt	5	3	2
Pete-Phil	3	5	2
Pete-Matt	1	1	0
Phil-Matt	0	5	0

	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
06/28/09	2	2	0	0
07/05/09	2	0	0	2
07/25/09	2	2	0	0
TOTAL	24	20	10	14

Year to Date

