

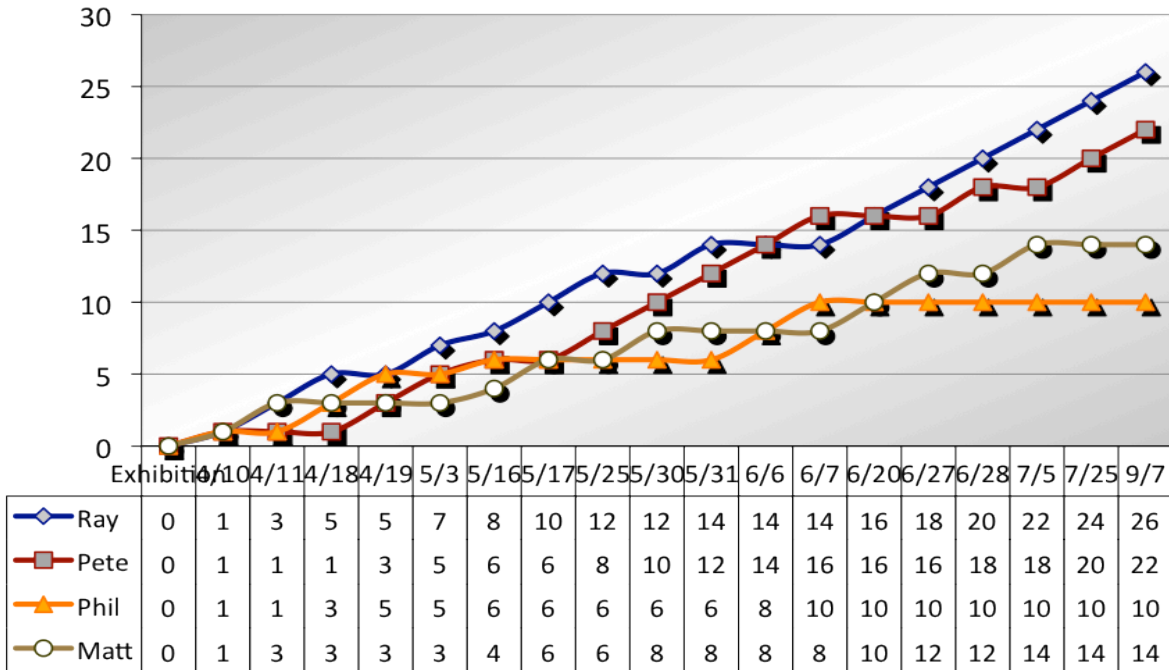
## 2009 GRIFFITH HARRIS EARLY-BIRD BACK-NINE CHAMPIONSHIP

September 7, 2009	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	FINAL
	E	+1	+1	+2	+1	+1	E	+1	+1	won
Ray - Pete	4	3	4	4	7	3	5	4	4	38
Phil - Matt	4	4	4	5	6	3	4	5	4	39

It is incredible, but true, that today is the first match since July 25, a span of 44 days! With Matt being injured and unable to play for about four weeks, and Ray enjoying the luxuries of a Mediterranean cruise for the past two weeks, there has been no formality and no competition for more than seven weeks. But we welcome Ray back and acknowledge his commitment to the early morning group as he returns with jet lag, having landed just late yesterday from his trip. Matt attempted to get the coveted first tee time to get the group back properly in its rightful time slot, arriving at the course at 4:45, only to find David Ayres already out on the practice range picking up loose golf balls. But at least we are back on the course, although in the second group.

Phil handled the ceremonial toss, and at least we remembered to set the format (thanks, Pete) before the teams were set. A medal match was chosen in deference to Ray, who was teamed with Pete against Phil and Matt. It should be noted that Phil was about to play 36 holes in just over 24 hours, and even he acknowledged (on more than one occasion) that it was too much golf. Jack was his usual curmudgeonly self on the tee box, but had to note that Ray was like Tommy Henrich of the 1950s Yankees teams....."old reliable"....as he striped his first tee shot down the middle and just short of the trap. Ray could not make birdie but his par, along with Pete and Matt's, halved the hole. Ray and Pete were both on the eleventh hole from the tee, with Pete narrowly missing his long birdie putt and converting for par to win the hole, as Matt could not get up and down. Pete and Matt were in the fairway and twelve and both made routine pars to keep the match at one stroke difference. Pete hit a huge drive on thirteen to the end of the traps and a good iron onto the green while Matt was short on the drive and into the deep bunker with his approach. Matt could not get up and down while Pete made par to increase the lead to two shots. The fourteenth hole was ugly with Ray in the woods, Phil out of the hole and Pete only at the white tee markers with his drive while Matt barely avoided the hazard on his second shot. Matt had a chance to tie the match with a par putt but missed and settled for bogey to gain a single stroke. Phil came right back with a nice tee shot on fifteen, the only player to land on the green. Matt chipped to gimme distance while Pete left himself with a three footer, which he converted to halve the hole after Phil's birdie putt ran just past the hole. Phil kept up his play with a nice par on sixteen, equaling his partners score and besting the opponents who could only manage bogey. The match is all square going to seventeen. Matt was off to the right side of the green on seventeen while Pete was left of the trap. Matt flopped his shot a bit far, leaving himself a ten footer for par which he narrowly missed, but Pete was up to his challenge as he got up and down to par the hole and give his team the lead once again. Taking over the tee box, Phil and Pete put pressure on their opponents when both hit long and straight drives on eighteen. Phil did his best to carry his team, leaving himself a difficult birdie putt that most likely had to be made to tie the match (Pete and Ray had fairly short par putts left themselves) and his ball ran over the left edge but did not drop. There was still a slim chance, if both Ray and Pete were to miss their putts, but Pete nailed the match down in the center of the cup for a tying par and a team victory.

### Year to Date



<u>POINTS</u>	Ray	Pete	Phil	Matt	Total Points
Ray		14	24	14	26
Pete	10		14	20	22
Phil	8	2		10	10
Matt	2	12	14		14

<u>INDIVIDUAL WON-LOST</u>	Ray	Pete	Phil	Matt	Overall
Ray		6.4.2	11.3.2	7.1.0	11.4.2
Pete	4.6.2		7.1.0	9.5.2	9.6.2
Phil	3.11.2	1.7.0		4.6.2	4.11.2
Matt	1.7.0	5.9.2	6.4.2		6.9.2

<u>TEAM WON-LOST</u>	Won	Lost	Halved
Ray-Pete	6	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	6	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
09/07/09	2	2	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>14</b>