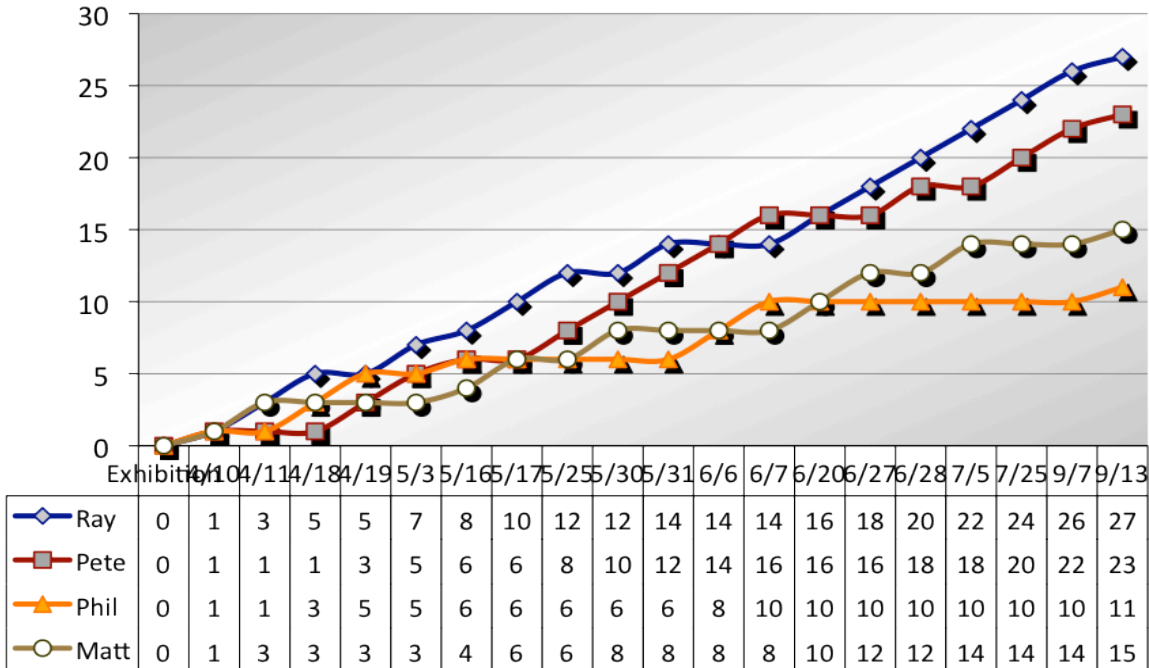


2009 GRIFFITH HARRIS EARLY-BIRD BACK-NINE CHAMPIONSHIP

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

Saturday was a wet washout, but Sunday was dry and promising as Ray returned to the lineup with his dad safely resting after a long flight. The group was in a customary second slot on the Sunday back nine, although not behind David Ayres but rather an incongruous group of singles that got out of bed way too early. Phil lobbied for the traditional match play format, something to remember as events of the day unfold. Phil and Matt were again paired together against Ray and Pete, trying for their first victory of the year against this formidable twosome, which Phil noted on the tenth tee, exhibiting some lack of confidence. Ray and Pete hit classic drives on the tenth, starting their tee shots at the big tree on the right and drawing them back to the fairway, while Matt was more conventional with a five wood short of the trap. Matt hit the best approach shot, stopping within ten feet, and when he converted his birdie putt his team took the early lead. Pete and Ray both made bogey but only lost a single hole in the agree-upon format rather than suffering a two shot deficit in medal play....ah, well. We played from the ladies' tee on the eleventh, making it a hole of only 144 yards. Ironically nobody hit the green from the closer tee, but Ray and Matt got up and down for par to halve the hole. Matt and Ray were in the fairway on twelve, but Phil hit the best approach shot from just over the top of the hill, landing on the front right of the green, while Matt only made the front of the green and Ray was shorter and in the fringe. To a back pin, both Matt and Phil three-putted while Ray chipped (he actually skulled the ball but it hit the pin and stopped a foot away instead of rolling off the back) and made his par to even the match. Matt and Ray both hit hybrid clubs into the thirteenth green, Ray stopping on the front with a back pin location while Matt stayed in the rough above the hole. Matt chipped down the slippery hill, stopping at a foot for his par, while Ray boldly went six feet past the cup and made his comeback to tie. Pete, Matt and Ray played regulation golf on the fourteenth, tee shots in the play and second shots to the landing area, third shots onto the green and two putts for par all the way around. Still tied. Ray got up and down from the fringe on fifteen while Matt could not match from the rough, and Phil could not convert his par either, so Pete and Ray were one up going up the hill. On the sixteenth, Pete, Matt and Ray all had about 135 to the green but nobody hit the green and nobody got up and down, so bogeys halved the hole. On seventeen, Matt had about 200 yards to the pin from the fairway and hit a beautiful hybrid that stopped on the back of the green, perhaps sixty feet from the cup. He blindly hit an approach putt to within a foot (honestly, I could not see where it stopped from where I stood....too far away....but took everyone's word for it) for par to win the hole and square the match going to eighteen. Ray had 130 yards to the green while Matt and Pete were about 115 yards to the pin. Pete putted first, but this was no automatic birdie from thirty feet, and Pete left himself a three footer for par. He finished out the hole, making his par putt to give Ray a free run at birdie, which he ran past the cup. Matt now had a chance to win the match if he could make his fifteen footer, but also needed to make sure he two putted for a tie. His putt was a few inches short and right, and a tap in closed out the match with a tie. Remember the choice of format two hours ago?!?!?!?!?

Year to Date



<u>POINTS</u>	Ray	Pete	Phil	Matt	Total Points
Ray		14	25	15	27
Pete	10		15	21	23
Phil	9	3		10	11
Matt	3	13	14		15

<u>INDIVIDUAL WON-LOST</u>	Ray	Pete	Phil	Matt	Overall
Ray		6.4.2	11.3.3	7.1.1	11.4.2
Pete	4.6.2		7.1.1	9.5.3	9.6.2
Phil	3.11.3	1.7.1		4.6.2	4.11.2
Matt	1.7.1	5.9.3	6.4.2		6.9.2

<u>TEAM WON-LOST</u>	Won	Lost	Halved
Ray-Pete	6	0	1
Ray-Phil	1	1	0
Ray-Matt	5	3	2
Pete-Phil	3	5	2
Pete-Matt	1	1	0
Phil-Matt	0	6	1

	Ray	Pete	Phi	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
09/13/09	1	1	1	1
TOTAL	27	23	11	15