

2009 GRIFFITH HARRIS EARLY-BIRD BACK-NINE CHAMPIONSHIP

November 26, 2009	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	FINAL
Phil - Ray	5	3	4	5	7	3	4	5	4	40
Pete - Matt	4	3	4	4	5	3	5	4	4	36
	+1	+1	+1	+2	+4	+4	+3	+4	+4	

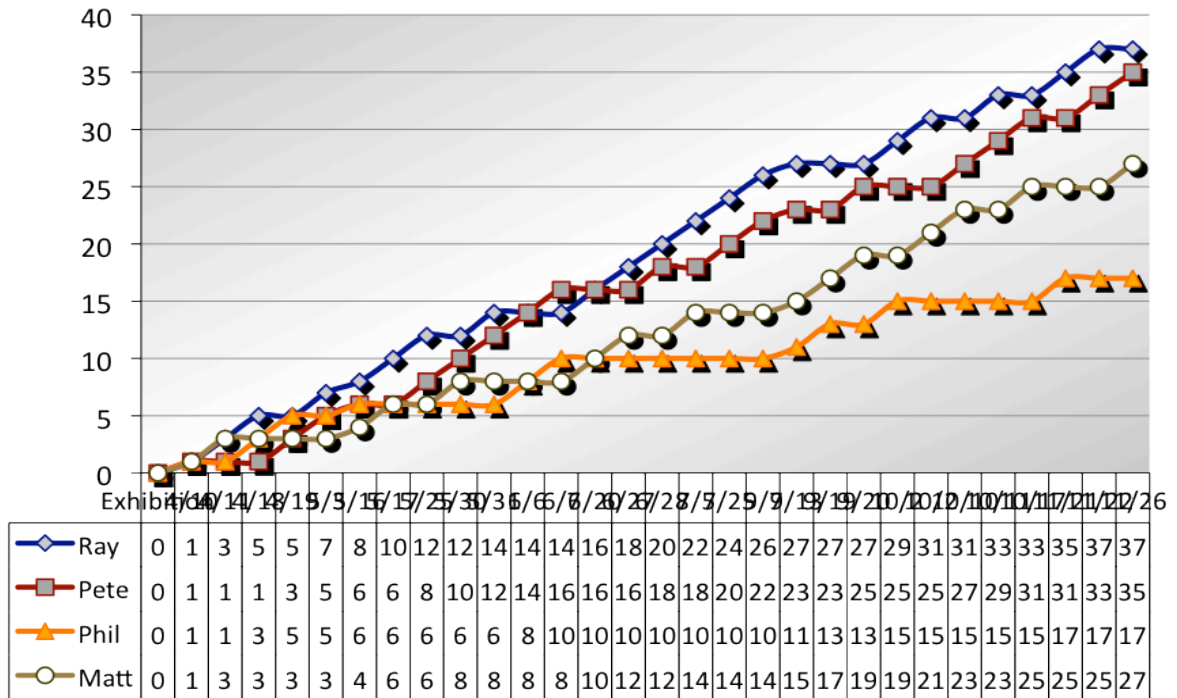
I did remember my voice recorder for the Thanksgiving morning match, and hopefully the details will be accurate. We were treated to reasonably warm weather and \$16 greens fees as the group teed off at 7:30 to accommodate various family plans for later in the day (I believe Phil had to run home to stuff the turkey and get it in the oven, take a traditional long walk with Pat, get back to the course for another 18 holes with his two boys and then finally return home for the meal that would be served late in the afternoon...what a day of rest and relaxation). The pressure is squarely on Pete at this stage of the season (Matt and Phil having been reduced to also-rans) as he chases the defending champion in the dwindling days at the Griff. With closing scheduled for December 6, there are only 5 possible playing dates remaining. The first requirement is for Pete NOT to be paired with Ray, at least giving him a chance to get closer. That worked out as Phil tossed the balls and determined that he would play with Ray, while Matt would team with Pete in a medal stroke match. Ray and Matt were both in the fairway on ten while Pete was in the left rough and Phil was farther in the trees. Pete got on the green but was twenty five feet away while Ray was a bit closer. Matt, with the shortest approach shot, chunked his wedge but recovered with a good second try and made his par putt. Pete could not make his long birdie putt, but Ray also had trouble on the green and three putted to drop the first hole. Matt was the only player on the eleventh green, hitting a hybrid right at the pin, hitting about six feet short and rolling about ten feet past. Pete was long and left and flopped a chip over the trap that rolled to about three feet, and followed by making his par and giving Matt a free shot at a birdie. In the meantime, Phil was shorter and behind the left trap, but the "chippah" lobbed a ball over the bunker that stopped within two feet and his par was conceded. Matt rolled his birdie putt past the cup so both teams came away with par. Ray, Pete and Matt were in the fairway on twelve while Phil was in the trees on the right. Phil recovered nicely but could only make bogey, but Ray held his team up with a two putt par. Pete missed the green left but again got up and down for par, giving Matt another free birdie attempt, which bounced to the side and missed the cup for another par. Matt popped his tee shot on thirteen while the other three players all went left. But Pete got the lucky break when his ball rolled out of the woods and landed to the right of the path, and even though he missed the green, he got up and down once again for par, this time to win the hole as the best Ray could do was bogey. Pete and Matt played the fourteenth hole well, each making the green in regulation and having birdie putts. Pete's was long and downhill and his stroke was good enough to tap in for par, and that gave Matt his third chance in a row to go for birdie without fear of having to make the second putt. But it was not to be (anyone seeing a pattern?), another Griff aeration hole and bump turning the ball off course and they settled for par again...this time, though, it was a two stroke swing as the best that Ray and Phil could do was double. Pars halved the fifteenth hole, Pete getting up and down from off the green, Ray two putting as did Matt. Matt hit a hybrid onto the front of the sixteenth hole, while Ray missed the green to the right. Ray's chip rolled toward the cup and he made his four foot par putt, which won the hole and brought his team closer after Matt three-putted from twenty five feet. The match was conceded on the seventeenth after Matt made a par, chipping from about twenty yards in front of the green and converting a four or five foot putt.

<u>TEAM</u>			
<u>WON-</u>			
<u>LOST</u>	Won	Lost	Halved
Ray-Pete	8	1	1
Ray-Phil	3	5	0
Ray-Matt	6	3	2
Pete-Phil	3	6	2
Pete-Matt	5	3	0
Phil-Matt	1	8	1

<u>POINTS</u>	Ray	Pete	Phil	Matt	Total Points
Ray		20	31	23	37
Pete	18		27	25	35
Phil	11	9		14	17
Matt	13	17	24		27

<u>INDIVIDUAL WON-LOST</u>	Ray	Pete	Phil	Matt	Overall
Ray		9.8.2	14.4.3	11.6.1	16.8.3
Pete	8.9.2		13.4.1	11.7.3	14.10.3
Phil	4.14.3	4.13.1		6.11.2	7.17.3
Matt	6.11.1	7.11.3	11.6.2		11.13.3

Year to Date



	Ray	Pete	Phil	Matt
Exhibition	0	0	0	0
4/10	1	1	1	1
4/11	3	1	1	3
4/18	5	1	3	3
4/19	5	3	5	3
5/3	7	5	5	3
5/16	8	6	6	4
5/17	10	6	6	6
5/25	12	8	6	6
5/30	12	10	6	8
5/31	14	12	6	8
6/6	14	14	8	8
6/7	14	16	10	8
6/20	16	16	10	10
6/27	18	16	10	12
6/28	20	18	10	12
7/5	22	18	10	14
7/25	24	20	10	14
9/7	26	22	10	14
9/13	27	23	11	15
9/19	27	23	13	17
9/20	27	25	13	19
10/2	29	25	15	19
10/2	31	25	15	21
10/10	31	27	15	23
10/11	33	29	15	23
10/17	33	31	15	25
11/21	35	31	17	25
11/22	37	33	17	25
11/26	37	35	17	27