

2010 GRIFFITH HARRIS EARLY-BIRD BACK-NINE CHAMPIONSHIP

September 4, 2010	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	FINAL
Pete - Phil	-	-	-					x	x	
Ray - Matt	-	-	-	1	2	2	3	x	x	won

Labor Day weekend dawned crisp and relatively clear, Hurricane/Tropical Storm Earl having moved out to the east and missed us entirely. A bit of residual wind, but no rain at all, making the fairways and approaches firm and difficult to hold the greens. Ray was back from his wedding extravaganza in Chicago, getting in a few rounds (77 at Winged Foot on Friday) before his cruise to Bermuda, and Phil was playing the back in advance of a tee time on the front nine at 9:24. We were second on the back nine and today's ball toss paired Ray with Matt against Pete and Phil. The first three tee shots on the tenth were solid, Pete the longest as he rolled past the trap. Phil hit his approach to the left side, Matt hit a short wedge that landed short of the green but the firm ground took the ball about twelve feet past the cup. Pete, seeing this, hit his wedge even shorter but got no bounce and was on the fringe. All three two putted for par and the match started even. Phil faded his (borrowed) hybrid nicely onto the eleventh green while Matt and Pete both hit theirs past the pin. Again, two putts from everyone and the hole was halved. Four pars on twelve halved another hole, Pete taking advantage of a break when his errant tee shot hit a tree on the right side and dropped in the rough, Phil getting up and down from the right side of the green, while Ray and Matt were more traditional in hitting the green in regulation but failing to convert birdie opportunities. Pete hit another huge drive on thirteen, but Matt hit the best approach when his seven iron stopped only three feet from the cup. The pin placement was more than diabolical as putts would not stop when they passed the hole, so Matt had to just tap his birdie attempt and it still went 18 inches past, but a comeback par won the hole and took the lead. Phil and Pete were in quick trouble on fourteen and Ray took advantage with three straight shots to the greenside fringe, narrowly missing a birdie putt but tapping in for a hole-winning par. The short par three fifteenth found nobody on the green from the tee box, but everyone got up and down in different fashion (Ray from the fringe, Phil from the front, Pete with a long wedge after a missed tee shot and Matt with a flop shot from the left rough) to save their pars and halve the hole. The match ended on sixteen after Phil was out of bounds and Pete was in trouble, while Matt was long in the middle of the fairway and landed his approach shot just off the green, chipping to three feet and saving par to win the hole and close the match....three and two.

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

<u>POINTS</u>	Ray	Pete	Phil	Matt		Total Points
Ray		24	23	23		35
Pete	10		19	13		21
Phil	5	15		14		17
Matt	11	15	20			23

<u>INDIVIDUAL WON-LOST</u>	Ray	Pete	Phil	Matt		Overall
Ray		11-4-2	11-2-1	10-4-3		16-5-3
Pete	4-11-2		8-6-3	6-7-1		9-12-3
Phil	2-11-1	6-8-3		6-9-2		7-14-3
Matt	4-10-3	7-6-1	9-6-2			10-11-3

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

