

2010 GRIFFITH HARRIS EARLY-BIRD BACK-NINE

October 9, 2010	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	FINAL
Phil - Ray									x	
Pete - Matt	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	x	won

No matches had been played for three weeks, so the group was eagerly anticipating the fall portion of the competition. The weather did not disappoint, as the day dawned crisp and cool, a perfect autumn day for golf. The greens have been aerated, so putting was going to be an adventure, but just as in the recent Ryder Cup event, the conditions were the same for everyone involved with no advantages to anyone. Ray and Phil were paired against Matt and Pete and we were off and running. Matt and Ray hit toward the right side while Pete and Phil went left, and only Pete hit a decent second shot, stopping about six feet from the cup. Even though he could not convert his birdie putt, par was enough to win the hole and take the early lead. Ray was just on the eleventh green, Matt and Phil both short and Pete wide to the left of the bunker. Pete chipped to three feet, as did Phil, and both converted their pars, which halved the hole when Ray narrowly missed his own birdie attempt. Pete was long down the fairway on twelve, Matt shorter but in the short grass. Matt hit his wedge to about ten feet, but Pete was much better as he stiffed his wedge and was conceded he birdie putt (and by the way, Matt made his putt once the pressure was off). Phil hit a huge drive down the left side of thirteen with Ray a bit behind and Matt and Pete toward the right. Nobody found the green but Phil hit a very nice chip to three or four feet while Pete blasted out of the trap to get close and Matt chipped to seven feet himself. Matt made his par putt, putting pressure on Phil, who matched with his own par putt to halve the hole. Three players had reasonable approach shots on fifteen, with Matt in the creek (see below). Phil again made his par with two putts, another pressure situation as he needed that par to halve the hole again. Nobody was on the fifteenth hole and even though all four par putts were close, none dropped and bogey tied the hole, leaving Matt and Pete two up riding up the hill. Phil was long again on sixteen and a nice approach shot left him ten feet for birdie. Matt chipped to six feet on his third shot, and when Phil just missed his birdie the pressure was on Matt this time to sink and halve, which he did. Matt was the only one with a chance to par the seventeenth hole, and even though his four foot putt was pushed to the right, bogey was sufficient to halve the hole and close the match....two and one.

Shot(s) of the Day- Matt's second shot on fourteen went left and stopped inside the hazard and down in some water. Probably not a good idea, but he decided to play the ball as it lay and slammed a wedge into the thick and wet stuff, got a decent result when his ball landed toward the top of the greenside slope (although his clothes took a beating from water and mud). He followed with a high lob that stopped close enough for Phil and Ray to concede the par...two excellent shots.

<u>POINTS</u>	Ray	Pete	Phil	Matt		Total Points
Ray		24	23	23		35
Pete	16		25	13		27
Phil	5	15		14		17
Matt	17	15	26			29

<u>INDIVIDUAL WON-LOST</u>	Ray	Pete	Phil	Matt		Overall
Ray		11-7-2	11-2-1	10-7-3		16-8-3
Pete	7-11-2		11-6-3	6-7-1		12-12-3
Phil	2-11-1	6-11-3		6-12-2		7-17-3
Matt	7-10-3	7-6-1	12-6-2			13-11-3

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

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
9/5/10	35	23	17	25
9/19/10	35	25	17	27
10/9/10	35	27	17	29

