

2011 GRIFFITH HARRIS EARLY-BIRD BACK-NINE CHAMPIONSHIP

May 28, 2011	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	FINAL
Ray - Pete	E	E	1	2	1	2	2	2	x	won
Phil - Matt	E	E							x	
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A foggy morning for the new start times, people teeing off at 6:22 on the Memorial Day weekend, and the group was second behind Dave's group, who was playing an extra round for the three day holiday. Pete and Ray were to take on Phil and Matt in a traditional match play format, but before the match there was a note of celebrity and accomplishment to be acknowledged when the others found out about Phil's qualification for the Metropolitan Golf Association member-member better ball tournament, chosen to represent the Griff with his partner, Al Major, in upcoming events. It turns out that Phil's team, needing a birdie on eighteen to clinch the local qualifying, turned to its newest player and were not disappointed after Phil nailed a beautiful approach shot from under the right side trees to six feet on the final hole, and calmly sank his putt for the local victory. Good luck to our local heroes as they carry our good name forward to the next round. To start today's match, both Pete and Matt hooked their tee shots to the cart path on eighteen and had to come over the trees toward their own green. But both were successful, Pete landing on the fringe and two putting for his par while Matt found the short grass on the green and also two putted. Phil was the only player on the eleventh green but on the front portion with a yellow flag, leaving himself a twenty-five foot putt. It turned out that Phil would need to two putts just to halve the hole after Ray came out of the left side bunker to about a foot and was conceded his par. Matt had the best drive on twelve but the old demons showed their ugly head when he mishit (euphemism....can't use the "s" word") his approach. Meanwhile both Ray and Pete were within ten feet on their approaches and although neither could capitalize on birdie, par was sufficient to win the hole and give that team the early lead. Ray hit a beautiful hybrid from the fairway to the fringe on thirteen, left his uphill putt just outside the cup but tapped in for par and another hole won. Phil and Matt showed some signs of life on fourteen, winning the hole after Phil chipped close and saved his five while Matt two putted for the same score. Three players were on the green on sixteen, Matt and Pete with low ball flights that ran onto the green while Ray had a prettier approach as his ball soared high toward the cup. Pete putted first from twenty feet and boldly ran his putt inside the back of the cup, winning the hole when Matt left his attempt outside right. Ray hit a nice drive on sixteen and had about 150 to the pin, but hit his seven iron to the back of the green, leaving himself a very long birdie putt. Meanwhile Matt had a better approach and a shorter putt and a chance to get back closer. But Ray hit a positive first putt and made his comeback attempt for par, while Matt slid his putt by and settled for the tie. The match was closed out on seventeen when neither Phil nor Matt could put enough pressure on their opponents, not that it would have been enough anyway after Ray chipped to seven feet and converted the only par on the hole to close out the challenge. With the new 2011 rules, a close out in match play automatically launches a half-score match, so there was still a point to work for on eighteen. Pete, Ray and Matt all found the center cut with their drives and have just over one hundred yards to the pin. All hit nice approach shots and had makeable birdie putts, but nobody was able to capitalize and the short match was halved and the point shared by all.

Weekly Results	Ray	Pete	Phil	Matt
4/9/11	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
4/10/11	0.0	2.0	0.0	2.0
4/22/11	3.0	5.0	0.0	2.0
5/1/11	3.0	7.0	2.0	2.0
5/14/11	3.0	10.0	2.0	5.0
5/28/11	5.5	12.5	2.5	5.5

<i>POINTS</i>	Ray	Pete	Phil	Matt		Total Points
Ray		0	5.5	5.5		5.5
Pete	7		10.5	7.5		12.5
Phil	2.5	0.5		2		2.5
Matt	5.5	0.5	5			5.5

<i>INDIVIDUAL WON-LOST</i>	Ray	Pete	Phil	Matt		Overall
Ray		0-3.5-0	2.5-1-0.5	2.5-2.5-0.5		2.5-3.5-0.5
Pete	3.5-0-0		5-0-0.5	3.5-0-0.5		6-0-0.5
Phil	1-2.5-0.5	0-5-0.5		1-2.5-0		1-5-0.5
Matt	2.5-2.5-0.5	0-3.5-0.5	2.5-1-0			2.5-3.5-0.5

<i>TEAM WON-LOST</i>	Won	Lost	Halved
Ray-Pete	2.5		0.5
Ray-Phil		2.5	
Ray-Matt		1.0	
Pete-Phil	1.0		
Pete-Matt	2.5		
Phil-Matt		2.5	0.5

