# 2011 GRIFFITH HARRIS EARLY-BIRD BACK-NINE CHAMPIONSHIP 

| July 16, 2011 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | FINAL |
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| Ray - Pete |  |  |  |  |  | 2 |  | x | x |  |
| Phil - Matt | 1 |  |  |  |  |  | 3 | x | x | won |
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The gentlemen were back in competitive play after a long hiatus due to injuries and time off for the town tournament, where the group was represented by Pete, Ray and Phil while Matt recuperated. Reports back from the tournament indicated fun but also frustration as play was spotty and rules unduly repeated and enforced, the gentlemanly nature of the game forgotten by some of the other competitors. But it was back to friendly fire on Saturday as Phil and Matt took on Ray and Pete in a traditional match play where grounding clubs in hazards is overlooked and standing perpendicular to the player putting does not affect the line of sight. Ray and Matt both hit the fairway and rolled to the edge of the rough on the tenth hole, Ray hitting his wedge to the front edge while Matt rolled his approach to about four feet. After Ray hit a solid putt for a tap in par, Matt sank his putt to start with a birdie and a one hole advantage for his team. Nobody hit the green on eleven and neither Matt nor Pete could save par after their chip shots left them eight foot putts, so the hole was halved. Only Matt found the fairway on twelve down the right side, and his two putt par was enough to win the hole and extend the team lead. Ray was in the rough on the right side of thirteen, Pete on the left and neither found the green with their approach shot. Matt landed his second on the green and below the hole, had his par two putts later and put pressure on Ray and Pete to make their curvy par-saving putts to halve. Both slipped by the hole so Phil and Matt picked up another hole and took a three hole lead. Pete hit a bad drive to the right on fourteen but followed with a long and straight fairway wood that ended up in the valley, putting him with Ray and Matt for approach shots. Pete was on the front of the green about thirty feet away, Ray to the right and twenty feet away and Matt had to chip on after clipping a branch with his approach shot. It looked like the teams would halve the hole, but Pete drained his long putt to make birdie and bring his team back with some life. But Phil took over the next two holes and extinguished that life quickly with a good tee shot on fifteen and a two putt par to win the hole, regain the three shot lead and take the match to dormie....and the best was yet to come! Phil teed off first on sixteen and landed in the fairway bunker on the right, followed by the three other players making the fairway. Phil followed with a nicely hit five iron from the trap that sailed toward the green, faded in nicely at the hole and looked from the fairway to leave some sort of birdie putt. Ray and Matt both hit nice shots to the front of the green, so it looked like a putting contest for the hole. But Phil's shot looked better and better as the players approached the green, until we realized the ball was wedged between the side of the hole and the pin....AN EAGLE FROM THE SAND. And it clinched the match for his team, three and two, and set the press in motion. Nobody played the seventeenth particularly well and when Matt's bogey went unmatched, the team took a lead in the press match. Needing a win on eighteen, both Ray and Pete went after their drives and hit long drives down the fairway. Ray hit his approach shot to about five feet but Matt matched that with his own wedge to the same distance, and after Ray just missed his birdie putt the match was basically over, Matt needing two putts from close range to halve the hole. He missed the birdie but tapped in for his par, gaining the extra point for his team in the press.

Shot of the Day- No surprise here, Phil hit the most difficult shot possible in the best way possible. Playing from the fairway bunker on sixteen, he put his five iron squarely on the ball without sand and flew it toward the green, fading in from the left side. Nobody knew it from the fairway but the ball rolled into the hole for an eagle and a great shot!


| Weekly <br> Results | Ray | Pete | Phil | Matt |
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| 04/09/11 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| $04 / 10 / 11$ | 0.0 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 2.0 |
| $04 / 22 / 11$ | 3.0 | 3.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| $05 / 01 / 11$ | 0.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 0.0 |
| $05 / 14 / 11$ | 0.0 | 3.0 | 0.0 | 3.0 |
| $05 / 28 / 11$ | 2.5 | 2.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| $05 / 29 / 11$ | 2.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.0 |
| $06 / 05 / 11$ | 0.5 | 0.5 | 2.0 | 3.0 |
| $06 / 18 / 11$ | 0.5 | 2.5 | 0.5 | 2.5 |
| $06 / 19 / 11$ | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| $06 / 25 / 11$ | 2.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 2.5 |
| $06 / 26 / 11$ | 0.0 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 2.0 |
| $07 / 16 / 11$ | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 |
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| TOTAL | $\mathbf{1 1 . 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 8 . 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 . 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 2 . 5}$ |



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| Ray |  | 2-5.5-1 | 4.5-3.5-1 | 2.5-7-1 | 4.5-8-1.5 |
| Pete | 5.5-2-1 |  | 7-2.5-1 | 3.5-4.5-1 | 8-4.5-1.5 |
| Phil | 3.5-4.5-1 | 2.5-7-1 |  | 1-6.5-1 | 3.5-9-1.5 |
| Matt | 7-2.5-1 | 4.5-3.5-1 | 6.5-1-1 |  | 9-3.5-1.5 |


| WON-LOST | $5{ }^{5}$ | $v^{\circ}$ | $\underbrace{0}$ |
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| Ray-Pete | 2.5 | 2.5 | 0.5 |
| Ray-Phil |  | 4.5 | 0.5 |
| Ray-Matt | 2.0 | 1.0 | 0.5 |
| Pete-Phil | 1.0 | 2.0 | 0.5 |
| Pete-Matt | 4.5 |  | 0.5 |
| Phil-Matt | 2.5 | 2.5 | 0.5 |


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| Skins Won |  |
| Ray | 1 |
| Pete | 1 |
| Phil | 3 |
| Matt | 4 |


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| Skins Points |  |
| Ray | 0.5 |
| Pete | 0.5 |
| Phil | 2.0 |
| Matt | 3.0 |

