

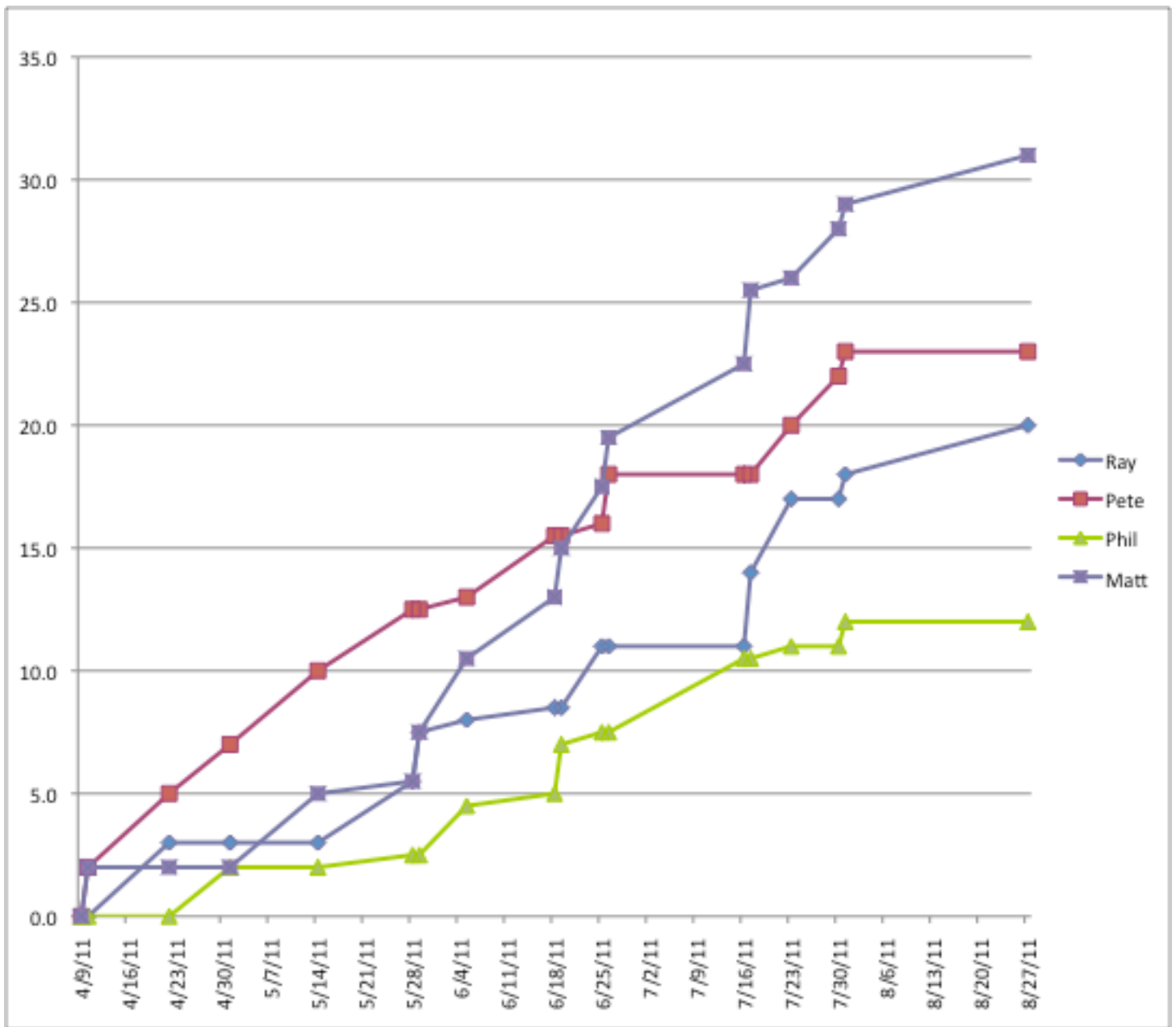
2011 GRIFFITH HARRIS EARLY-BIRD BACK-NINE CHAMPIONSHIP

August 27, 2011	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	FINAL
Pete - Phil	-	-	-		-	-	-			
Ray - Matt	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	won

It would be the only match of the entire month of August played today, Saturday the 27th. The weather was ominous as everyone on the east coast prepared for Hurricane Irene, with dire forecasts of extreme conditions for this after noon through Sunday. But there was a window of opportunity for the morning and the group teed off in the grey skies with Pete and Phil opposing Ray and Matt in a traditional match play format. Jack stayed on the tenth tee because he could not see anything through the gloom anyway, so he made his comments directly and immediately as Phil started off with a drive that went wide to the right. Matt went the same direction but Ray and Pete were long and straight, too long as it turned out when they walked down the fairway to find each of their balls in the bunker. But they came out nicely, Ray to fifteen feet and Pete even better to six feet. Both players missed their birdie putts and tapped in for par, halving the first hole. Only Matt was on the eleventh green from the tee, Ray to the left and Phil in the bunker with Pete out of the hole. Phil came out of the trap to four feet and had a downhill putt for par, while Matt hit his first putt badly and left himself four feet as well. Both players made their putts, halving the hole and keeping the match square. Phil was on the right side of twelve, Ray on the left in the rough, Pete in the fairway approximately eighty yards out and Matt with his best drive of the year to about thirty yards from the green. Pete hit a lovely approach shot to twelve feet, Ray ran a low shot just over the back and Matt stopped about ten feet from the cup. Nobody made birdie, and tap in pars halved the hole again. Matt was on the left side of the thirteenth hole, Pete shorter, Phil to the right and Ray in the fairway. Phil hit a beautiful second shot that stopped just short of the green, Ray was long and came to rest in the flower bed for a free lift, Matt was through the green to the back edge. Ray hit a nice chip from the drop area, as did Matt from the back, both made par and took the first lead of the day. The advantage was short lived, though, as Pete and Phil would win the fourteenth hole in spectacular fashion. Pete's second shot headed toward the right side hazard, and while we all thought it made its way through the trees, the ball was not to be found. Pete took a penalty stroke and dropped his ball in the rough about 160 yards away, and proceeded to hit a gorgeous hybrid that stopped three feet from the cup. After Matt missed the green to the left and could not get up and down, Pete had a chance to win the hole with his putt, and he took advantage of the opening by rolling his par putt into the front center of the cup. Match back to even. Everybody was on the green or fringe of the fifteenth, and everyone made their pars to halve the hole in nice fashion. Matt and Ray were in the left rough on sixteen, Phil in the right bunker and Pete in the fairway. Phil hit his shot to the left side bunker, Ray through the green, Matt to the front and Pete to the middle. Ray saved par with a nice chip and putt, as did Phil with a double sandie, giving Pete and Matt free runs at birdie. Matt went first and had the right line when his ball broke right and then left, but it came up inches short. Pete pulled his putt to the left, and again, all players had pars to tie. Ray and Pete were in the fairway on seventeen, Phil on the right while Matt pulled his tee shot left and across the road. But as the group approached the landing area there looked to be a white ball in the left side of the fairway, and it turned out that Matt got one of Jack's "big ass bounces" off something to carom back to the fairway. Nobody could land on the green, but Ray and Matt made the most of their opportunity when each chipped onto the green and made their putts for par to win the hole and take the advantage with only one hole to play. Pete hit a nice drive on eighteen but Phil was even better with perhaps his best drive of the year, a drawing trajectory that landed long and in the middle of the fairway. Meanwhile Ray was under the trees on the right and Matt was in the rough but all right. Matt hit first and landed his approach in the middle of the green where it stopped about fifteen feet from the cup. Pete and Phil hit nice shots as well, on the green but with lengthy birdie putts that they probably needed to win the hole. Both made par safely and Matt needed two putts to halve the hole. His first putt rolled a bit left but was good distance, leaving himself eighteen inches, and he sank the follow up for par as well to tie the hole. Ray and Matt won a well-played match....one up.

SHOT OF THE DAY- There were a number of nice shots, but none as important and well struck as the approach shot Pete hit on the fourteenth after having to take a drop from the hazard. His uphill approach stopped three feet from the cup and he made the important putt to win the hole for his team.

QUOTE OF THE DAY- Matt had a par putt on seventeen to win the hole, but immediately thought he had missed the ten footer as soon as he hit the ball. He called the shot "missed it right, missed it right, missed it right" before the ball stayed the course and dropped into the hole for par.



<u>HEAD-TO-HEAD POINTS</u>	Ray	Pete	Phil	Matt	Total Head-to-Head Points
Ray		10	16	7	16.5
Pete	14		18	9	20.5
Phil	9	7		3	9.5
Matt	18	16	21		27.5

<u>HEAD-TO-HEAD WON-LOST</u>	Ray	Pete	Phil	Matt	Overall
Ray		4.5-6.5-1	7-3.5-2	2.5-8-2	7-9-2.5
Pete	6.5-4.5-1		8-2.5-2	3.5-7-2	9-7-2.5
Phil	3.5-7-2	2.5-8-2		1-10-1	3.5-12.5-2.5
Matt	8-2.5-2	7-3.5-2	10-1-1		12.5-3.5-2.5

Weekly Results	Ray	Pete	Phil	Matt
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
07/17/11	3.0	0.0	0.0	3.0
07/23/11	3.0	2.0	0.5	0.5
07/30/11	0.0	2.0	0.0	2.0
07/31/11	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
08/27/11	2.0	0.0	0.0	2.0
TOTAL	20.0	23.0	12.0	31.0

<u>TEAM</u> <u>WON-LOST</u>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Halved</i>
Ray-Pete	2.5	2.5	1.5
Ray-Phil		5.5	0.5
Ray-Matt	4.5	1.0	0.5
Pete-Phil	1.0	4.5	0.5
Pete-Matt	5.5		0.5
Phil-Matt	2.5	2.5	1.5

<u>Skins Won</u>	
Ray	8
Pete	3
Phil	3
Matt	4

<u>Skins Points</u>	
Ray	3.5
Pete	2.5
Phil	2.5
Matt	3.5