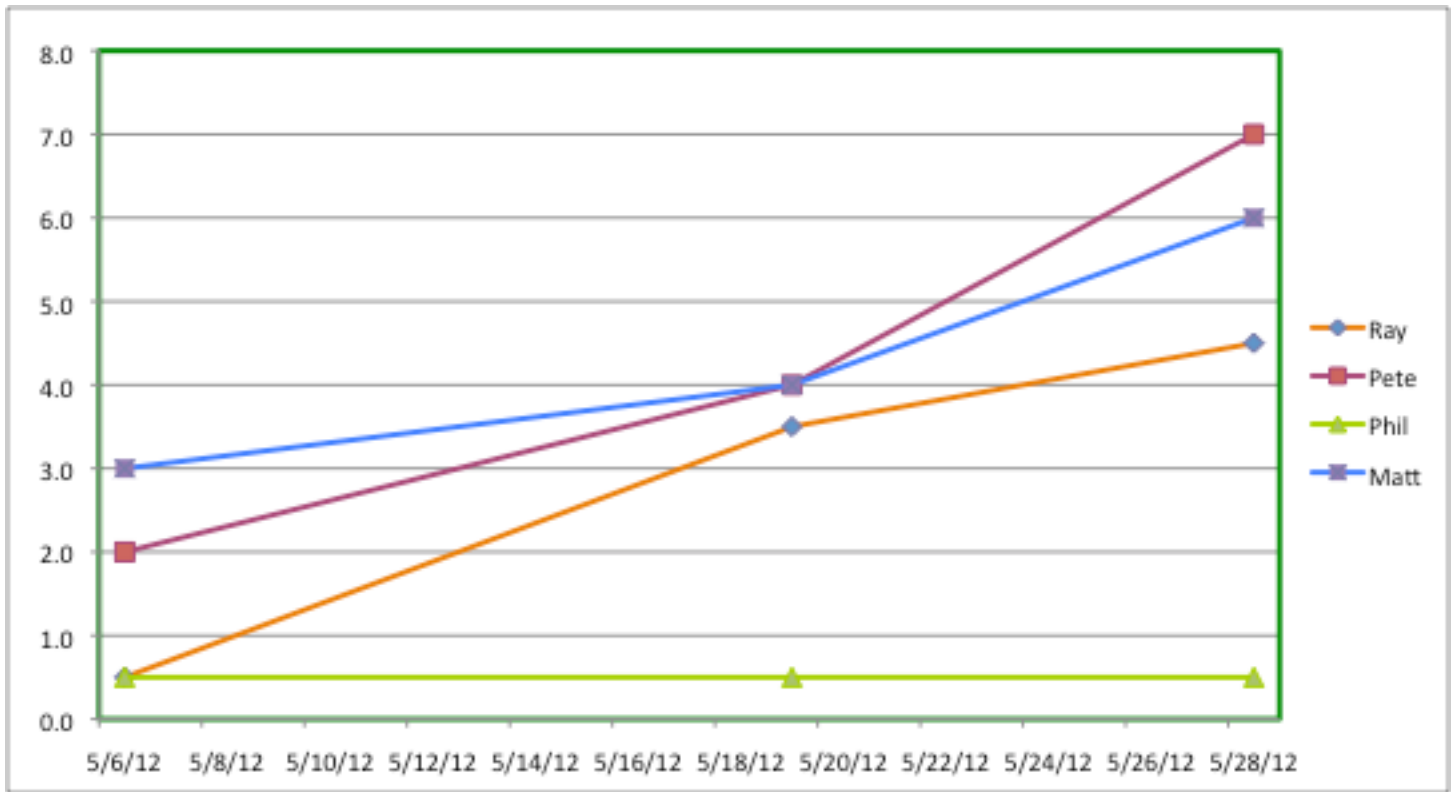


2012 GRIFFITH HARRIS EARLY-BIRD BACK-NINE CHAMPIONSHIP

May 28, 2012	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	FINAL
Ray	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Pete	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	4
Phil	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matt	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	3

Memorial Day Monday was to be a Skins format, with the group teeing off second off the back nine behind Dave Ayres and company. Jack was his usual irascible self, challenging everyone to hit the fairway for once and make him proud. Three were up to that challenge as Phil, with a four iron to protect an aching back, Pete and Ray all hit the fairway, leaving Matt to suffer Jack's wrath after an errant tee shot that went into the right side trees. Phil hit the best second shot to eight feet, Pete on the fringe and Ray over the green. Pete had a nice two-putt par from twenty feet which tied Phil, who missed his birdie by inches and also settled for par, carrying over the skin to the eleventh hole. That skin was not settled on the second hole of the day as nobody could find the green nor could anyone save par, and bogeys tied the hole, making the twelfth hole worth three. Sloppy play pervaded the twelfth, Phil missing left and Ray coming up short while Matt mishit to the right side. Only Pete found the green, but with a tricky sidehill putt to navigate, could do no better than tie the hole when everyone again made bogey. But Pete did not wallow in his missed opportunity, rather taking full advantage of the large carryover by winning the thirteenth hole and gaining four coveted skins with a beautiful chip from the front and a twisty three foot par putt that bested everyone by a stroke. Everyone was in the fairway on fourteen, but Matt went right to the hazard with his second and Phil also went right, although with his third. But Ray and Pete both made par, Pete with a chip and par saving putt and Ray with the best approach shot and a delicate downhill two putt that used almost all 360 degrees of the opening before dropping to tie. Ray and Pete hit nice tee shots onto the fifteenth green, while Phil went left on the slope and in the rough. But Phil hit a wonderful chip that stopped only a few feet from the cup, made his putt and saved par, halving the hole after both Ray and Pete took two putts to finish their hole. Two skins would carry up the hill, and Matt took full advantage of that on sixteen. Despite not being a factor on the prior holes, he managed a par on sixteen after his shot from the fairway bunker skimmed along the ground and made the front of the green, not pretty but just as effective, leading to two putts and a victory after nobody else could get up and down. Pete hit a nice drive down the right side of seventeen, Ray was to the left and Matt hit his best of the day down the fairway. Matt pushed his second shot to the right of the green, Ray mishit his second and had a long way to go, while Pete was in front but short. All three players chipped onto the green but could not save par, settling for bogeys all around. That made the eighteenth an important hole in some way for everyone....Pete having the lead, but Matt could pass him with a skin on eighteen, and Phil and Ray still vying for third place and needing that same skin. Pete hit a short drive and was unlucky when his second shot was well struck but just caught an overhanging branch above the fairway bunker. That left an opening for Matt, who had hit a long drive but flubbed a wedge that only went halfway to the green. Meanwhile Ray and Phil took up their challenges, Ray hitting his approach to pin high and giving himself the better opportunity. Ray made a two putt par, and after Phil could not get up and down to match, Ray won the deciding two skins to take third place for the day.

Weekly Results	Ray	Pete	Phil	Matt
05/06/12	0.5	2.0	0.5	3.0
05/19/12	3.5	4.0	0.5	4.0
05/28/12	4.5	7.0	0.5	6.0



<u>Total # Skins Won</u>		<u>Total Skins Points Won</u>	
Ray	2	Ray	1.5
Pete	5	Pete	5.0
Phil	0	Phil	0.5
Matt	11	Matt	5.0

<u>Total Stableford Score</u>		<u>Total Stableford Points Won</u>	
Ray	14	Ray	3.0
Pete	13	Pete	2.0
Phil	10	Phil	0.0
Matt	11	Matt	1.0