

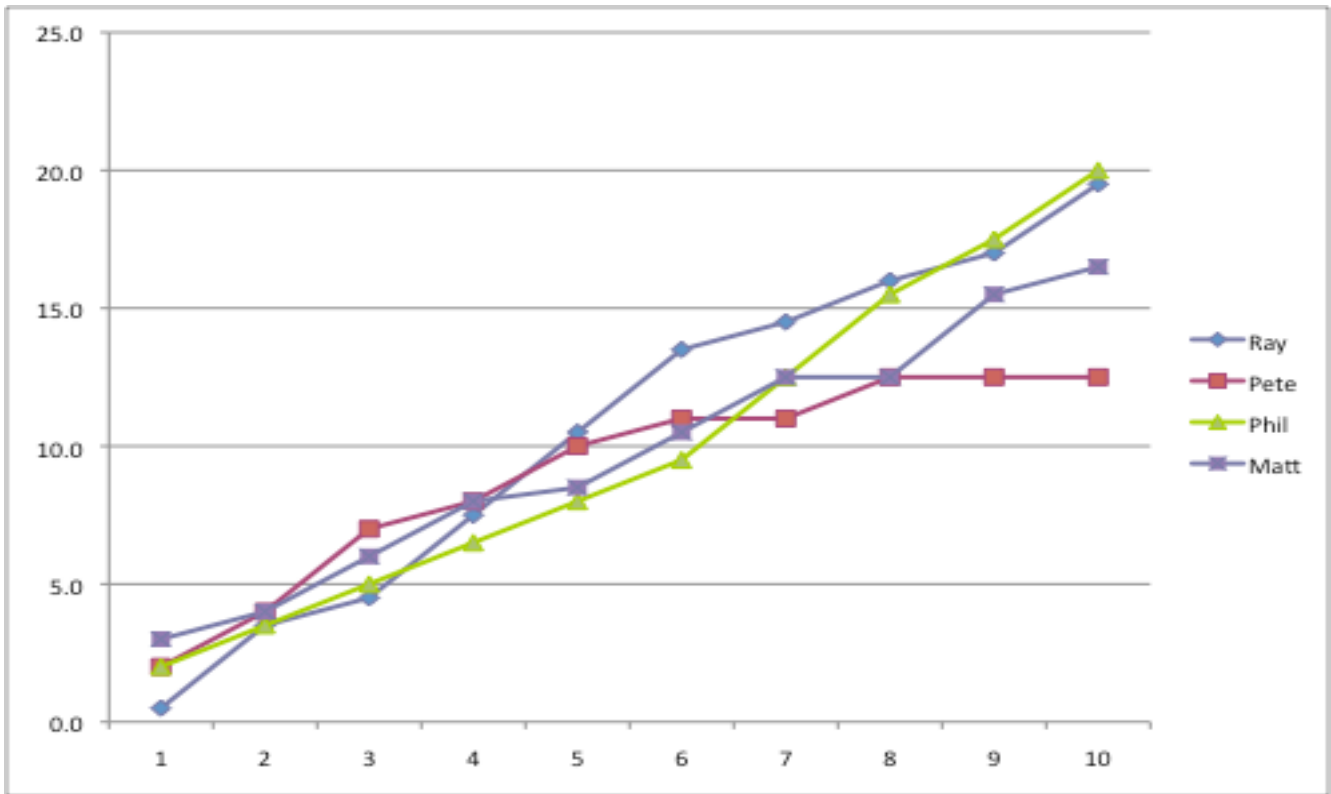
2012 GRIFFITH HARRIS EARLY-BIRD BACK-NINE CHAMPIONSHIP

Wednesday, July 4										
Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Phil	1	1	1	1	1	6	0	0	6	17
Ray	3	3	3	1	1	3	0	0	3	17
Pete	1	1	3	1	0	1	0	1	1	9
Matt	3	0	3	0	0	1	3	1	3	14

Independence Day turned out to be rainy and gray, with the clouds settled overhead for the early morning hours and affecting play. But the match would be played, the only match for some time as it was sandwiched between an idle weekend before and the town tournament to follow. We were the third group off, and Phil started the day with a good tee shot down the left side, Pete toward the big tree but kicking past and leaving a shot to the green, Matt very long to the cart signs short of the green and Ray around the left side trap. Phil and Pete were just off the back of the green and both were unable to save par, settling for bogey, while Ray hit a nice approach to six feet and Matt to twelve, but neither able to convert their birdie putts and both making par. Phil and Pete were both short on eleven, Matt left by the bench structure and Ray perfectly positioned about hole high to the right. The three players that missed the green could only make bogey, while Ray took command with a two-putt par for three points. Phil took his first stroke on twelve, pushed his tee shot to the right rough and had to hack out toward the green. Pete was short but hit a beautiful iron from the top of the hill, bounced onto the green and past the flag. Ray was in the fairway but missed the green, settling in just on the grassy edge of the trap, while Matt found the green with Pete and had a birdie putt. Phil ultimately did not take full advantage of his bonus stroke, missing the green and settling for a six, giving him just one point. Ray's chip was not the best, either, stopping twelve feet from the cup, but he stroked a nice putt into the back of the hole to save par, tying Pete and Matt after their birdie attempts missed on either side of the hole. Four good tee shots on thirteen....Pete a bit short, Ray a bit wide toward the trap, Phil in the fairway and Matt long and even with the middle trap. But nobody hit a good second shot, nobody found the green, nobody up and down to save par and Matt the worst after peaking on his chip shot and ending with a double bogey for no points. Ray hit the best tee shot on fourteen to the crest of the hill, while Matt veered right and into the woods after trying to get down the hill from the front tees, Pete with a pop up but a good second to the fairway, and Phil in the fairway. Ray, Phil and Pete all got down to reasonable position to approach the green, but Pete went long and Phil was short to the right, Ray past the pin as well. Phil and Ray salvaged bogey but Pete could not after being left with a long and tricky shot from the rear. Phil took another stroke on fifteen, landed his tee shot on the right fringe, with Pete off to the left, Ray in the center of the green and Matt long and into the hazard. Pete chipped onto the green but could not save par, while Matt chipped to eight feet and made the putt to earn a bogey after the penalty stroke. Phil chipped to within a foot for a tap-in par, net birdie, and six points which bested Ray would made a routine two putt par. Pete hit a short drive on sixteen, Phil a nice drive that drifted into the right rough, Ray down the middle and Matt in the left rough. Matt's second shot found the green and left him a twelve foot birdie putt, a good opportunity to gain ground when the others could not do better than double bogey. But his side hill putt slid past the cup and he settled for par, three points but not the six he needed to catch up. Ray and Phil were in the woods on the left side of seventeen, Pete in the fairway with a long way to go, Matt also in the fairway with a shot at the green. Ray chipped out very nicely and stopped about fifty yards short of the green, Pete hit his third shot from 130yards and struck a beauty that rolled past the pin, and Matt missed to the right pin high. Matt had a shot at par after a good chip but pushed a bad putt to the right, and Pete also missed a par opportunity from farther away, both making bogey while Phil and Ray each doubled. The match was up for grabs going to eighteen, Ray with a three shot lead over both Phil and Matt, and Phil still having the stroke that he had saved for this moment. It looked bad for Phil, though, when he pushed his tee shot under the trees on the right while Ray and Matt both were long in the fairway, perhaps 110 yards to the rear pin. It looked worse for Phil when he hit a good low shot out of the trees but a bit long and into the greenside bunker on the left. Matt hit a good approach to ten feet, giving himself a birdie opportunity and waiting to see what Ray would do. Ray did not hit his best shot technically, but the result was fine when his approach stopped on the right side fringe about hole high. Ray went first and left his first putt within a foot, tapping in for par and three points. That left Phil needing to make his chip shot to tie, and he was up to the challenge as his ball rolled dead center into the cup for a four, net three, tying him with Ray. Matt also had a chance to tie the others, needing to make his birdie putt, and his read was good but his execution poor as his ball stopped a foot short on line. So Phil's birdie and six points caught Ray's par and three points, tying them for the daily victory and splitting five points between them, while Matt was sent off thinking about two makeable putts on seventeen and eighteen.

Best of luck to Ray and Phil in the town tournament this weekend. See you all on the fourteenth.

	Ray	Pete	Phil	Matt
1	0.5	2.0	2.0	3.0
2	3.5	4.0	3.5	4.0
3	4.5	7.0	5.0	6.0
4	7.5	8.0	6.5	8.0
5	10.5	10.0	8.0	8.5
6	13.5	11.0	9.5	10.5
7	14.5	11.0	12.5	12.5
8	16.0	12.5	15.5	12.5
9	17.0	12.5	17.5	15.5
10	19.5	12.5	20.0	16.5



<u>Total # Skins Won</u>		<u>Total Skins Points Won</u>	
Ray	10	Ray	6.5
Pete	7	Pete	7.0
Phil	9	Phil	10.0
Matt	17	Matt	10.5

<u>Total Stableford Score</u>		<u>Total Stableford Points Won</u>	
Ray	93	Ray	13.0
Pete	66	Pete	5.5
Phil	58	Phil	10.0
Matt	69	Matt	6.0