

2012 GRIFFITH HARRIS EARLY-BIRD BACK-NINE CHAMPIONSHIP

August 25, 2012	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	FINAL
Pete - Phil									-	
Ray - Matt	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	-	won
Pete - Phil	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	-	halved
Ray - Matt	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	-	halved

A traditional match play format was chosen for Saturday's match, the first gathering in three weeks. A toss of the golf balls put Pete and Phil against Ray and Matt, with it predetermined that Phil would receive a stroke on the thirteenth, fourteenth and seventeenth holes. We ceded the first spot to Stan, who admonished Phil about slow play before anyone teed off, and hit our first shots into the foggy tenth hole. Phil went right, the others varying degrees of left with Pete in the rough, Ray in the fairway and Matt over by the seventeenth green. Ray and Matt both landed their approaches on the green while Phil and Pete both missed, and after both Ray and Matt made two putt pars, their team won the first hole for an early lead. Matt was wide to the right and between the traps, Ray and Phil short and Pete solidly on the eleventh green. But Pete's first putt, through the newly placed sand that was to fill the aeration holes, was very short and he settled for bogey. That gave Matt a chance for par after his chip stopped about four feet to the side of the cup, but he lipped out and also settled for bogey, halving the hole. Matt hit his drive to the left of twelve but was lucky when the ball hit the cart path and stopped about pin high on the thirteenth tee box. Ray was down the middle, second shot a bit long and left, while Pete found the green with his approach shot. Matt's chip was not good enough to secure a birdie, two putting of par, and tying Pete after he also two putted from the front side of the green. Phil had a stroke on thirteen and hit a good drive, Pete was down the right side, Ray to the left side, and Matt under some scrub bushes on the right. Pete and Ray both had tricky downhill putts for four that could have won the hole, but with sand and slope causing problems, neither player saved par and bogeys tied the hole. Matt hit a terrible tee shot on fourteen, just past the white tee box, but Ray was long and in the fairway. Pete got in trouble when his second shot found the right side hazard, and although he played well by chipping out and hitting a terrific shot to the green, he could only manage bogey. Phil had to lay up to the water with his third, approached nicely and took two putts for a net par. Ray halved the hole with a good second shot, a nice approach shot and a good first putt that left him a tap in for his par. Ray hit a lovely tee shot on fifteen, stopping about ten feet short of the hole. Pete hit a low line drive that skimmed in, rolling to a stop also about ten feet from the cup. Putting was difficult at best all day with holes in the greens filled with sand, and both players settled for pars to tie. Perhaps the surprise of the year occurred next when Jack offered rides to all the players, encouraging everyone to get on board and avoid the long uphill walk. But his best plans were foiled when a pull cart tipped and Phil was bounced around in the front, so the plan was scratched in favor of safety. Matt hit his best tee shot of the day on sixteen while Ray was left, Pete short and left and Phil to the left. Pete hit a gorgeous shot from behind some trees, drawing in and stopping just short of the green. Matt hit his approach shot a bit left, landing in the rough between the green and bunker. Only Matt got up and down, sinking a four-foot par putt to win the hole and put his team two up with two to go. Matt hit another good tee shot on seventeen, as did Pete and Ray. Pete approached short and hit a nice chip, while Matt landed in the bunker to the right with his approach, came out about eight feet from the cup. Matt made his longer putt to par the hole, closing out the match, but Pete still did a great job of making his putt for par as well, tying the hole in the end. An automatic press was started on eighteen, worth one point per player. Pete hit a good drive in the fairway, Ray to the left, Phil to the right and Matt a bit left behind the bunker. After good approach shots and first putts that missed birdies, pars halved the hole and the secondary match as well.

	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
11	21.5	13.0	20.5	19.5
12	24.5	13.0	22.5	20.5
13	25.5	14.0	23.5	21.5
14	28.5	15.5	23.5	23.0
15	31.5	15.5	25.5	24.0
16	34.0	16.0	26.0	26.5

