

2013 GRIFFITH HARRIS EARLY-BIRD BACK-NINE CHAMPIONSHIP

Monday, May 27	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	FINAL
Phil - Ray	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	WIN
Pete - Matt										

The long holiday weekend would see only a single match because of poor weather and some travel, but the wait was worthwhile as the Memorial Day match came down to the last putt on eighteen. Phil and Ray were playing against Pete and Matt on a still chilly, 50-degree May morning. No players waiting to play and Jack told the group that the total number of holiday weekend players was down more than fifty per cent in the last few years. Matt teed off first and bounced his drive off a tree, landing in the fairway. Phil hit a short drive, prompting a comment about age from Jack, but he followed with a beautiful cut around the overhanging tree to just off the back of the green. Ray was even better, hitting the green in regulation, and although he could not make his birdie putt after Phil secured the par, four was enough to win the hole and take the lead. Ray was on the eleventh green and a two-putt par won this hole after both Phil and Matt missed their putts after chips. Phil "pulled" his approach shot on twelve, but was twelve feet left of the cup and pin high. Pete was just inside that, and Matt above the pin in regulation. All three made good attempts but could not convert birdie opportunities and the hole was halved. Pete and Ray were short of the thirteenth in two, both chipped onto the green and took two putts for tying bogeys, keeping Phil and Ray one up through four holes. The fourteenth hole was quite poor, with Phil and Matt noting from the bottom of the hill that bogey might win the hole....and in fact it did after Pete was the only player able to make a six, bringing his team back into the competition. Phil and Pete both hit nice tee shots on fifteen to the right of the pin and after Phil narrow missed a birdie putt and made his comeback for par, he graciously conceded Pete's par to halve the hole. The sixteenth was well played, Phil short of the green in two, Pete off the fringe and Matt on the green and past the cup. A nice chip by Phil saved par, as did Pete's two putt and when Matt could not make birdie, the hole was halved. Phil played the seventeenth very well, hitting his second shot to within ninety yards of the green, following with a good wedge to ten feet. Matt was off on the eighteenth fairway in two, but hit a good high lob to the green and converted from ten feet to save par. Pete and Matt made Phil line up his putt to halve the hole, and did not concede until he addressed the ball, but the hole was still halved and Phil and Ray had a one hole lead going to eighteen. Ray was left off the tee and tried to curl around the big tree on that side, got unlucky when he clipped a branch with a good looking shot. Phil was short after a good second from the far right, and Pete and Matt were in great position when both found the green in regulation and had birdie putts. Both players missed long birdie putts, leaving the door open for Phil and eventually Ray, who hit a very confident seven foot putt to save his par, halve the hole and close out the match for his team....one up. Pete's first defeat of the young season.

Daily Results	Ray	Pete	Phil	Matt
04/12/13	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
04/13/13	0.0	2.0	2.0	0.0
04/14/13	2.5	2.5	0.5	0.5
04/21/13	0.0	3.0	0.0	3.0
04/28/13	1.0	3.0	0.0	2.0
05/11/13	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
05/18/13	2.0	2.0	0.0	0.0
05/27/13	2.0	0.0	2.0	0.0
TOTAL	🟢 8.5	🟢 13.5	🟢 5.5	🟢 6.5

