# 2013 GRIFFITH HARRIS <br> EARLY-BIRD BACK-NINE CHAMPIONSHIP 

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

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The weather was picture perfect for the Saturday match that would pit Phil and Pete against Ray and Matt for the first match in another round robin of match play format meetings. Ray came to the tee box at the appointed time but dressed in orange/coral "jeans" to prevent insect bites. Jack challenged the group, as usual, to see how many balls we could get from the tee to the tenth fairway, and we responded with a perfect score...all four. Ray and Matt hit the best approach shots, each having reasonable birdie opportunities, and even though they both narrowly missed their attempts for three, pars won the hole to take the early lead. That was quickly reversed on the eleventh with Pete, playing his favorite hole since his hole-in-one, making a solid two-putt par from the left rear to win the hole and square the match. But Ray and Matt regained the lead on twelve, both players hitting good approach shots...Matt left and above the hole about ten feet, Ray with a gorgeous 64 degree wedge that stopped just a few feet from the cup. After Pete made his par from the back collar, it would take a birdie to win this hole...and the team got not just one, but two birdies after both Matt and Ray made their putts. The swing kept changing direction on thirteen. Three balls were in the fairway but Pete found the fairway bunker from the tee. However he made up for the miscue with a wonderful hybrid out of the sand, stopping to the right and under the hole on the green. Phil played smartly and was below the hole in net two as well. Both had difficult putts to be sure, but both players made good strokes and tapped in for par to win the hole and even the match yet again. Phil had difficulty off the tee and had to recover to the top of the hill on fourteen, Pete missing his second shot to the same area while Ray went left toward the junk with his second. That left only Matt with a wedge to the green in regulation, and he made the most of it with a good shot twelve feet left of the cup and pin high. It looked like Ray would win the hole sooner, though, when he dropped his putt from off the green above the hole for a five since Pete had an arcing putt from more than twenty feet for his par. But Pete matched Ray's beauty with his own curling putt, dead center, for five. It turned to Matt, who stroked the birdie putt well, dropping into the cup for four and giving the team another lead...take this, take that, and take that...five holes with five winners, alternating teams. That theme was broken on fifteen, though, after Matt hit his hybrid onto the green from 143 yards to about six feet, followed by Ray's nice shot to ten feet. Phil could not save par from off the green but Pete made a two-putt par, requiring Ray and Matt to make birdie again to win. Although Ray left his ball just outside the cup, made rolled over the front edge for his third birdie of the match and the team took a two hole advantage up the hill. Trouble all around on sixteen, Phil out of bounds and Pete stuck behind the tree and requiring an unplayable lie penalty. Ray was in the left trees, and even though Matt was in the fairway he was very short off the tee and his approach slid to the right edge of the right side bunker. Ray came to the rescue for his team, making a good putt for bogey, which was matched by Pete recovering with a good finish for his bogey to tie the hole. Ray and Matt were left on seventeen, Phil long but stuck behind a tree and had to pitch diagonally to the fairway, leaving Pete the only player with a good approach after a long tee shot. Ray and Matt approached well from about 130 yards, both past the pin. Phil was in front in net two, Pete on the fringe with his second. Ray's par putt was just short, Matt's slid past the hole, Phil could not convert for his par and that left it to Pete from the left side of the cup. His first putt was uncharacteristically very short but he recovered with a lovely second putt uphill into the cup for his par to win the hole and keep his team in the match. So the match came to the eighteenth hole yet again and Pete led off with a long drive into the center of the fairway. But Ray and Matt both hit good drives into the fairway as well and it certainly looked like it would take a birdie from Pete to tie the match. Matt pulled his second shot to the rough left of the green but Ray hit a good approach onto the green and left himself about twenty feet from the cup. Pete hit a similar shot, just outside of Ray. Matt's chip was good, rolling to within a foot of the cup and par was conceded. That meant that Pete needed a long putt for birdie to keep the match open, and he rolled a good putt but it did not drop, making par to tie the hole. Ray also narrowly missed his birdie putt, but his tap in meant three pars on the final hole and Ray and Matt won a seesaw match, well played throughout the morning, one up.

| Daily Results | Ray | Pete | Phil | Matt |
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| 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 |
| 06/01/13 | 0.5 | 2.0 | 0.5 | 3.0 |
| 06/02/13 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| 06/08/13 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 06/22/13 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 2.0 | 0.0 |
| 07/07/13 | 0.0 | 2.0 | 1.0 | 3.0 |
| 07/13/13 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.0 |
| 07/14/13 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| 07/20/13 | 0.0 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 2.0 |
| 07/21/13 | 3.0 | 2.0 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| 07/27/13 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.0 |
| TOTAL | 22.0 | 25.5 | 11.5 | 21.0 |



| TEAM WON-LOST | $5{ }^{5}$ | $\mathrm{v}^{\text {cos }}$ | $\chi^{30}$ |
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| Ray-Pete | 3.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 |
| Ray-Phil | 2.0 | 2.5 | 0.0 |
| Ray-Matt | 2.0 | 1.0 | 2.5 |
| Pete-Phil | 1.0 | 2.0 | 2.5 |
| Pete-Matt | 2.5 | 2.0 | 0.0 |
| Phil-Matt | 0.0 | 3.0 | 1.0 |


| HEAD-TO- <br> HEAD <br> WON-LOST | $e^{*}$ | $2^{\text {® }}$ | $2^{*}$ | $\underbrace{*}$ | $0^{\text {cos }}$ |
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| Ray |  | 4-3.5-2.5 | 5-1-3.5 | 5-2.5-1 | 7-3.5-3.5 |
| Pete | 3.5-4-2.5 |  | 5.5-2-1 | 4-2-3.5 | 6.5-4-3.5 |
| Phil | 1-5-3.5 | 2-5.5-1 |  | 3-4.5-2.5 | 3-7.5-3.5 |
| Matt | 2.5-5-1 | 2-4-3.5 | 4.5-3-2.5 |  | 4.5-6-3.5 |


| HEAD-TOHEAD POINTS | $\overbrace{}^{*}$ | $Q^{\mathscr{E}}$ | $2^{3}$ |  | TOTAL POINTS |
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| Ray |  | 10.5 | 13.5 | $1{ }^{*}$ | 17.5 |
| Pete | 9.5 |  | 12 | $11.5{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | 16.5 |
| Phil | 5.5 | 5 |  | 8.5 | 9.5 |
| Matt | 6 | 7.5 | 11.5 | ? | 12.5 |


|  |  | SKINS <br> WON |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  | Ray | 5 |  |  |
|  |  | Pete | 13 |  |  |
|  | Phil | 2 |  |  |  |
|  | Matt | 11 |  |  |  |
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|  |  | SKINS <br> POINTS |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  | Ray | 4.5 |  |  |
|  |  | Pete | 9.0 |  |  |
|  | Phil | 2.0 |  |  |  |
|  | Matt | 8.5 |  |  |  |
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