

2015 GRIFFITH HARRIS EARLY-BIRD BACK-NINE CHAMPIONSHIP

Friday, Jul 3, 2015

Friday, July 3											
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	FINAL	
Ray				1	x		x			1	
Pete	1	1			x	2	x			4	
Phil					x		x	2		2	
Matt			1		x		x		1	2	

The holiday weekend dawned sunny and bright, with the usual early three waiting for Ray's entrance...and a grand entrance it was, as Ray strode to the tenth tee sporting a pair of unique (to say the least) four-color shorts with yellow, blue, red and green. And he backed up his fashion statement with a crisp drive down the middle, matching Pete and Matt from the tee. All three hit good approach shots to inside fifteen feet and good putts....Ray nipped the corner and twisted outside the hole, Matt slid just by the low side, and Pete ran his just to the hole and had it fall in the side of the cup for a birdie and the first skin. Three good shots on eleven as well....Matt just missing his birdie putt from above the hole, Ray missing going uphill and Pete again dropping a birdie putt, this time uphill and around the corner for his second skin. Three drives in the fairway on twelve as well, but the approach shots were not as good as the prior holes. Only Ray found the green, leaving himself a twelve-foot putt. But he uncharacteristically stubbed his first putt and could not save par, gifting the hole and skin to Matt who two putted from the long fringe. Ray and Matt were in the fairway on the thirteenth but neither could find the green with approach shots. Both hit good chips, but they went above the hole for treacherous downhill par-saving putts. Matt came close, Ray made his by banging it confidently, and he won the hole and a skin. Good tee shots from everyone on fourteen, and Pete and Matt followed with good shots toward the water and eighty five yard approach shots that both stopped below the hole, about fifteen feet away. Pete putted first and stroked it beautifully, dropping his third birdie in five holes...but Matt matched with a good putt of his own for birdie to carry the skin. It would not make a difference, though, as Pete was the only one who get up and down on the fifteenth after nobody found the green into a strong wind. Going up the hill, Pete had four skins and at least a share of the day's top spot. A series of misplays highlighted the sixteenth hole with Pete out of bounds, Ray in the bunker and Matt just outside the bunker. No pars, no blood, no skin and the seventeenth would be worth two. Just like Phil would want it. He teed off with a fairway metal and smartly found the fairway, shorter than the other two but with a handicap stroke to work with. Pete was short of the green in two, as way Ray, while Matt was wide to the right. So everyone chipped on with their third shots and had chances, but in the end, it was Phil's swift six footer for a five, net four, that won the hole and two skins. The eighteenth hold found Pete and Matt in the fairway, but neither approach shot landed on the green. From the front, Pete could not get up and down...but Matt made a good flop shop from the left side and sank four footer for his par and the last skin. Pete, with three birdies to win three separate holes, earned four skins and the victory for the day. Matt tied Phil with the skin on the last hole, so they split second and third.

Skins Holes Won- Hole by Hole

	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
Ray	1	3	1	4	2	1	2		1	15
Pete	1	5	2	2	1	1	2	2	1	17
Phil					2	1		4	1	8
Matt	3		2	1		1	3	2	2	14

Skins Won- Hole by Hole

	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
Ray	1	6	2	7	3	1	3		1	24
Pete	1	7	4	5	2	2	4	6	2	33
Phil					6	2		8	1	17
Matt	3		2	1		1	6	3	2	18

	Ray	Pete	Phil	Matt
	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
4/26	2.0	3.0	0.5	0.5
5/9	5.0	3.5	2.5	1.0
5/23	6.5	5.0	5.5	1.0
5/24	6.5	8.0	7.5	2.0
5/25	9.0	10.5	7.5	3.0
5/30	9.5	13.5	8.0	5.0
5/31	9.5	16.5	10.0	6.0
6/6	10.0	17.0	13.0	8.0
6/7	12.0	17.5	13.5	11.0
6/20	15.0	17.5	14.5	13.0
7/3	15.0	20.5	16.0	14.5

