

2015 GRIFFITH HARRIS EARLY-BIRD BACK-NINE CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday, July 11, 2015

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

Saturday was a beautiful summer day, pleasant temperatures and sunshine for the weekend golf, everyone wearing a green shirt for the day's competition. Ray and Matt had good tee shots on the tenth, Matt hitting a wedge onto the green followed by Ray hitting Matt's ball with his own approach. Matt and Ray both made par to halve the hole and carry a skin to the eleventh. Matt had some luck on his tee shot, looking like it would go over the road when struck but fortunately found by Phil near the bunker after bouncing off a tree. Ray was on the right side, Pete on the left and both made their pars to halve another hole. Pete, Ray and Matt all had good tee shots and wedges to the twelfth green. Pete and Ray hit nice shots onto the green while Matt pulled his off the left side. But his putt came close and he tapped in for par, halving the hole with both Ray and Pete after both narrowly missed their birdie putts. Three skins would carry to the thirteenth, making it a valuable hole to win. The players hit their tee shots into a pretty strong wind, Matt with the best but still one hundred and seventy five yards out. Pete had a few yards more, Ray was in the rough and Phil followed his fairway metal from the tee with a good second shot to the right side of the fairway. Pete and Ray came up short, but Matt hit a very nice seven wood onto the green to about fifteen feet. His stroke was good and the ball found the cup for a birdie on a tough hole, giving his four skins and the lead. Phil did not hit a good tee shot on the fourteenth, looking like he would not take advantage of his extra stroke, while the other players hit good drives. But fortunes turned after Ray and Pete found trouble on their second shots and Matt hit his wedge off the hozel on his approach....all while Phil recovered with a good second and third shots, followed by a good shot to the green. He took two to get down, and his net par won the hole and a skin. Phil and Matt went right on fifteen, Pete went left and Ray was dead straight and on the green. Two putts later, Ray had a par and his first skin. Pete went right off the tee and could only make bogey, Phil recovered from a bad tee shot with a good second but could not make up the difference and settled for five, Ray was short on his second and also made five. That left the door open for Matt, on in regulation with a long first putt that stopped three feet under the cup, and his par saving putt won another skin and guaranteed him the daily win. Four good tee shots on seventeen but all three players were off the green, nobody salvaging par and bogeys tying the hole, sending everyone to the finishing hole worth two skins. Ray and Matt were on the left of eighteen, Phil and Pete to the right. Ray certainly hit the best approach when he flew over the tree and stopped eight feet from the cup. Pete and Matt put pressure on Ray, though, Matt making a thirty five foot putt from the far left and Pete with a good chip and par saving putt. Ray would need his birdie to win the hole and the two skins, and he stroked a beauty in the center of the cup for second place on the day.

Skins Holes Won- Hole by Hole

	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
Ray	1	3	1	4	2	2	2		3	18
Pete	1	5	2	2	1	1	2	2	1	17
Phil					3	1		4	1	9
Matt	3		3	2		1	5	3	2	19

Skins Won- Hole by Hole

	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
Ray	1	6	2	7	3	2	3		4	28
Pete	1	7	4	5	2	2	4	6	2	33
Phil					7	2		8	1	18
Matt	3		5	5		1	1	4	2	21

	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
7/5	17.0	21.0	16.5	17.5
7/11	19.0	21.0	17.5	20.5

