

**2015 GRIFFITH HARRIS
EARLY-BIRD BACK-NINE
CHAMPIONSHIP**

Saturday, August 1, 2015

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	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	FINAL
Ray		x	x	x	x	x		x	x	-
Pete	1	x	x	x	x	x	6	x	x	7
Phil		x	x	x	x	x		x	x	-
Matt		x	x	x	x	x		x	x	-

Great to be back on the golf course after a long hiatus, ready to play and anticipating the resumption of a lively competition. And a great drive to begin the road back, long and stopping past the trap. Phil and Pete were on the left, Ray on the right, and everyone played good shots to the green. Pete and Matt were about fifteen feet away while Phil and Ray were both inside five feet. Pete putted first and nailed his birdie attempt, then stood back and watched the other three each miss by less than an inch, thus earning himself the first skin of the day. The pin was short and right on eleven and none of the group found the green, leading to bogeys all around and a carry forward of the skin. Pete and Ray were in the fairway on twelve, Phil to the left and Matt long down the right side. The first three all hit nice shots to the green while Matt came up short from the shortest distance. But everyone got down in two from their respective spots, four pars halved the hole and made the thirteenth worth three skins. Pete and Ray were side by side in the fairway on thirteen while Matt found the middle bunker. Pete ended up on the hill to the left of the green, an impossible up and down, and settled for bogey. Ray hit a nice shot but it went through the green, as did Matt's approach from the sand. Ray chipped to about three feet and had a slider left for par, while Matt chose to putt out of the long grass. Matt left himself a tap in, but Ray was up the challenge and made his difficult putt to also make four and tie the hole. Phil hit a good tee shot on fourteen, had some problems on his second but recovered nicely. Ray hit two good shots but missed on his third, while Pete came up just short on his third. Phil had a putt for a net par, downhill from ten feet, while Pete had the easier uphill putt from five for his five. Both made their putts, Phil rolling true to the center of the cup and Pete matching to halve the hole. Matt hit the best tee shot on fifteen, pin high and eight feet to the right of a yellow pin. Pete also found the green from the tee, but had about thirty feet through wet and uncut grass to contend with. He left his putt two feet short, opening the door for Matt who could take charge with a birdie. But Matt pulled his putt right off the club and left himself a two foot comeback putt as well. Both players made their pars, though, so another hole was halved, leaving the sixteenth hole worth six skins, and the next hole winner would clinch the daily prize. Pete rose to the occasion, hitting a good drive and better approach to six or seven feet, and by the time he got to putt all he needed was a conservative two putt par to win the hole. He left his first putt a bit short, but within range to be conceded, earning himself six skins and the win. Phil found the woods on seventeen, had to chip out and placed his next shot in the bunker to the left of the green. His bunker shot was good, though, and he had two putts for a net par. Matt meanwhile was right on his drive and left on his second, chipping to fifteen feet and needing to make the putt to tie Phil, which he promptly did, rolling a good putt dead center. That made the eighteenth worth two skins and second place if Ray, Phil or Matt could win the hole. Good tee shots from Ray and Matt were followed by a good approach from Ray and a chunked approach from Matt. But Matt followed the poor shot with a great chip that just missed the hole for birdie, stopping two feet past the pin. Ray missed his birdie, but he and Matt converted for par, so the hole was tied. That left Pete alone in first with three points for the day and the other three tied for second, earning each of them a single point.

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	2	5	2	2	1	1	3	2	1	19
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	2	7	4	5	2	2	10	6	2	40
Phil					7	2		8	1	18
Matt	3		5	5		1	11	4	2	31

	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
8/1	20.0	24.0	18.5	21.5

