

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

**Saturday, August 8, 2015**

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	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>FINAL</b>
Ray	x	x	3	x	2	x	x	x	x	5
Pete	x	x	-	x	-	x	x	x	x	-
Phil	x	x	-	x	-	x	x	x	x	-
Matt	x	x	-	x	-	x	x	x	x	-

A bit chilly at dawn on Saturday morning, causing Ray to revert to his “proper” golf attire of trousers, supplying him the confidence to ultimately sweep the day’s contest. With few people planning to play the back nine, Ray got off to a good start with a long tee shot that narrowly missed the large tree before drawing back to the fairway. Pete appeared to be in trouble on the left side but hit a beautiful bump and run onto the green, leaving himself a birdie opportunity. Ray was a bit long with his flop shot, and neither he nor Pete could make their three, leaving pars to halve the first hole. Phil hit a nice tee shot to the back left of the eleventh green, Pete was in the left bunker and Matt was very wide right after hitting the cart path. Pete was just on the green from the sand, Matt hit a flop shot that trickled off the downhill side, leaving both long putts to save par. Pete went first, curling a twenty five foot putt into the cup, to be matched by Matt’s uphill putt from the fringe to halve. Good tee shots on twelve were followed by lackluster approach shots by three, Pete missing to the right, Matt scuffing his and Phil finding the green but leaving long birdie putts. Ray, though, hit a high shot ten feet to the left of the hole and scored three skins after sinking his birdie putt. Ray hit a beautiful drive on thirteen, but was outdriven by Pete, who took full advantage of a bounce off the cart path to wind up long down the fairway. Matt bounced his tee shot off a tree and was fortunate to bounce back although he ended up in the rough just over the road. He followed with a good fairway metal and approach shot ten feet to the side of the hole. Ray found the green, but was above the hole, and was faced with a four foot comeback to save his par. Both Ray and Matt made their putts, though, so the hole was halved. The tee box was back and up the hill on fourteen, presenting a good challenge for everyone. Three players ended up misplaying shots along the way, but Ray was solid throughout, reaching the green in regulation. He would only need a two-putt par to win the hole and skins, but he emphatically stamped his domination with a birdie to clinch the daily contest with a total of five skins. Matt was over the fifteenth green but the other three found the short grass from the tee box, and after nobody could make a birdie, pars halved the hole and carried a skin up the hill. From this point onward, I neglected to record the specifics of the final three holes. But Phil and Ray tied the sixteenth with bogeys after Ray had an opportunity to make par from about seven feet. Phil recovered on seventeen and made a five for a net par, but that was not enough as Ray matched the score by ramming in his putt, running it around the hole and dropping it for the tie. The battle for second place came to eighteen, and Matt almost won the skins but left his long birdie putt short of the cup, matched when Phil also took two putts for par. Ray won the day and three skins, with the others splitting the rest of the points, earning one apiece.

## Sunday, August 9, 2015

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	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	FINAL
Ray	-	x	x	x	x	x	-	1	-	1
Pete	-	x	x	x	x	x	6	-	-	6
Phil	-	x	x	x	x	x	-	-	-	-
Matt	1	x	x	x	x	x	-	-	1	2

Sunday's weather was a repeat of Saturday, beautiful with a bit of a chill at tee time. Defending their second spot on the tee box from a group that was ready to jump the line, the men teed off at the appointed hour for another skins game. Pete started just on the left edge while Ray and Matt were about the same distance and longer in the fairway. Pete ran his approach through the green and made par after a good first putt, matched by Ray who ran his birdie putt three feet past the hole. That left an opening for Matt, who had ten feet to negotiate and stroked his first putt of the day in the center of the cup for the first skin. He followed the birdie with a lost ball on eleven, taking himself out of the hole. Pete found the left bunker and could not recover, leaving the hole to Phil and Ray, both on the green but with very long putts. Both players made good strokes and came up within close proximity of the hole, converting their second putts for halving pars. Ray found the trees on twelve while Phil was short, but Pete and Matt were long down the fairway. Pete ended up on the right fringe behind some uncut grass that would undoubtedly make his putt from the fringe take a hope. He did well to come close and save his par, and had to sit back to see if Matt could make a second birdie, this from eight feet. Matt hit a good putt but skimmed the cup on the low side, making par to tie and carry two skins to the thirteenth. Phil and Matt could not save par on thirteen, but Ray hit a good second toward the green as did Pete from the fairway. Each had a tricky putt in that they had to negotiate the slippery hill, both had their first putts roll past the cup to four feet, but both met the challenge by making the comebacker to halve the hole with fours. Tees were back again on fourteen and all the players found some trouble at different points, so uninspired bogey sixes tied this hole and made the next skin the winning hole of the day. Ray was on the front part of the green after Phil and Matt missed the green, but Pete was the best after his tee shot stopped four or five feet away and pin high. Ray hit a long birdie putt to close range and tapped in, then Pete uncharacteristically pulled his short putt and settled for par himself. Phil was short on sixteen, Pete and Matt were out to the right while Ray was long and in the middle of the fairway. Pete hit a great shot from under the large tree, stopping his ball six feet from the cup for an excellent birdie opportunity. Although he missed this putt, his par was sufficient to win the hole and six skins, clinching victory. Pete and Matt were down the right side on seventeen while Ray was on the left. Nobody really followed Ray's approach, thinking it was straight but short, but after walking toward the green it was discovered that Ray had toasted his second shot and was about pin high. He went one better than Saturday, sinking his birdie on the most difficult hole on the back side, winning a skin and playing the hole one under par for the weekend. Phil went far left on eighteen while Pete and Ray were toward the left and blocked out by the overhanging tree, forcing them to aim right. Pete ended up pin high but the flag was cut to the far left side of the green, Ray ran over the green and had to chip. Matt was on the right, and with a better angle he was able to find the green, about fifteen feet from the cup. After Phil commented about bookend birdies on ten and eighteen, Matt rolled his putt dead center to validate the point and earn another skin and second place for the day.

	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
8/2	21.0	25.0	21.5	22.5
8/8	24.0	26.0	22.5	23.5
8/9	25.0	29.0	22.5	25.5

### # Skins Holes Won- Hole by Hole

	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
Ray	1	3	2	4	3	2	2	1	3	21
Pete	2	5	2	2	1	1	4	2	1	20
Phil					4	1		4	1	10
Matt	4		3	2		1	5	3	3	21

### # Skins Won- Hole by Hole

	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
Ray	1	6	5	7	5	2	3	1	4	34
Pete	2	7	4	5	2	2	16	6	2	46
Phil					12	2		8	1	23
Matt	4		5	5		1	11	4	3	33

