

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

Saturday, September 5, 2015

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

The holiday weekend began with a sparse group of golfers ready to play on the tenth tee, as we dropped back third position with only one group behind us. Ray was just in the left rough, Matt in the fairway and Pete and Phil in the trees from the tee box. Ray hit a good shot to the green, leaving himself about twenty feet, but it was bettered by Matt's approach that stopped less than two feet from the cup. His birdie sealed the first hole and won one skin. Nobody hit the eleventh green but Ray hit a terrific flop shot from the high right side, stopping his ball one foot from the cup to make the only par and win a skin. Putrid play from everyone on the easy twelfth hole, but Pete stuck with the flow and his bogey actually won the hole and a skin. Phil and Matt were wide to the right on thirteen and neither could recover, leaving the contest to Pete and Ray, who both hit the fairway. Pete's approach shot stopped in the right fringe, Ray's in the left fringe, and both had putters in their hands. Pete chipped onto the damp green but was still four feet short, and the same surface water helped Ray roll his putt slowly toward the hole. Ray's tap-in was for par, but Pete matched with a good effort to also make par and halve the hole. The blue tee was up on the fourteenth hole, and Ray, Pete and Matt all chose to play safe and hit good tee shots to the top of the hill. The three also hit good second shots to inside one hundred yards, but only Ray was able to make the green in regulation. Pete hit a good chip and had a shot at par, but Matt followed by chipping his uphill shot into the cup for a birdie, and when Ray slid his birdie putt past the lip of the cup, Matt won two skins to take the lead for the day. Phil and Ray both hit beautiful tee shots on fifteen, Phil to fifteen feet and Ray inside of ten feet. Both players came close on their birdie putts but settled for matching pars, carrying one skin up the hill. Pete hit the only good drive on sixteen and seemed sure to win the hole after his approach landed on the front of the green. He made it interesting after leaving his first putt well short, but he confidently followed with a better stroke to make four and win the hole and two skins, tying him for the lead. Four good tee shots on seventeen, Phil a bit left but the other three in good position. Phil played a smart shot onto the middle of the fairway and followed with an iron to the back of the green. Pete and Matt came up short of the green, Ray was on the right. Ray hit a good flop shot, leaving himself six feet. Matt hit a better shot to four feet. Phil and Ray could not save their pars, but Matt made a good putt to earn his four and another skin. Pete was left and short on eighteen but hit a great second shot that went to the back of the green. Ray and Matt were next to each other in the fairway, Ray following with a good approach to twelve feet and Matt a bit better at six feet. Pete and Ray missed their birdie putts and both settled for par, but Matt slid his birdie putt to the right and also made four, halving the hole. That left Matt with four skins and the win for the day, followed by Pete with three skins and Ray with one.

Sunday, September 6, 2015

Sunday, September 6										
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	FINAL
Ray	x	x	x	-	x	x	3	-	-	3
Pete	x	x	x	-	x	x	-	-	-	-
Phil	x	x	x	-	x	x	-	1	-	1
Matt	x	x	x	4	x	x	-	-	1	5

Sunday was not any busier than Saturday, with a bit of a chill in the early morning air, car thermometers registering temperatures in the high fifties for the early morning. Pete started off to the left, Ray past the tree on the right, Matt short and in the fairway and Phil off to the right. Jack decided to park his cart right behind Matt for his approach shot and chattered his way through the swing, but Matt recovered after a bad approach with a good chip and par-saving putt. Ray hit a good approach, took two putts to make his par and the hole was tied. The eleventh hole was not well played, nobody on the green....Ray was in the brush on the right, Pete well short and Phil and Matt in the greenside bunkers surrounding the green. Bogeys from Phil and Pete tied the hole to carry two skins to the twelfth. Pete was wide to the left on twelve, Matt in the trees on the right, Phil in the rough and Ray down the path. Matt pulled his shot from the trees to the left of the green but hit a good chip and saved his par, enough to tie the hole after Ray missed his birdie putt. Pete was just left of the road on thirteen, Phil hit a bomb of a drive down the fairway, Ray well down the fairway and Matt just into the right rough. Only Matt found the green in two, but the others had chances to save their pars. Pete and Phil hit good chips but narrowly missed their putts, so Matt had three footer after a long uphill first putt, and when he snuck it in, he earned four skins. Tees were up again on fourteen, and Ray and Matt chose to hit driver. They succeeded in finding the fairway, as did Phil with a more conventional iron from the tee. Phil hit his second to the left side and followed with a good iron that ran through the green. Ray and Matt hit good shots and both stopped on the upslope of the hill approaching the green. All three players ended up with pars and the hole was tied. Pete and Phil were on the fifteenth green with good tee shots, both with possible birdies. They both missed their putts and settled for three, again halving a hole, this time carrying two skins up the hill. Phil and Matt were out of bounds on sixteen, and after Pete popped his hybrid approach shot, it looked like a sure victory for Ray. Ray hit his approach shot to the center of the green and two putts later, he won the hole and three skins to jump to second place. Phil was long on the Memorial, but Ray was even longer, Pete and Matt not quite as good. Pete hit his third shot onto the green but it did not stop and went over, Matt chipped long from the right side and also made bogey, Ray putted from the fringe and missed a birdie and was followed by Phil, who took two putts to make his net par. When Ray could not make his second putt from three feet, Phil won the hole and one skin. Matt found all kinds of trouble on eighteen, going left off the tee and hitting branches and landing among the trees on his second. Pete and Phil also found trouble to the left, but Ray hit another bomb from the tee and was sitting pretty in the fairway. But Pete learned from Ray's prior days on eighteen and hit a gorgeous approach shot over and around the big tree, stopping past the hole on the green. Ray hit his approach onto the green as well. Pete and Ray both missed their birdie putts and made par, matched by Matt's one putt, so the hole was tied and no skins awarded. That gave Matt the daily win with Ray in second and Phil in third.

Monday, September 7, 2015

Monday, September 7										
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	FINAL
Ray	1	-	X	-	X	X	X	-	X	1
Pete	-	1	X	-	X	X	X	4	X	5
Phil	-	-	X	-	X	X	X	-	X	-
Matt	-	-	X	2	X	X	X	-	X	2

Labor Day Monday was the warmest day of the holiday weekend although a chill still was felt in the early morning hours. To preserve their spot in front of slower players, the group hit their first tee shots as Ray was strolling toward the tenth tee from the cashier window. But the on-time arrival did not deter Ray one bit, as he striped his first swing down the middle and left himself a short wedge to the green. Pete and Phil had some trouble and could not recover, while Matt bounced sideways off the large tree but landed his wedge right into the bunker. Although Ray missed his short birdie putt, his two putt par was enough to win the hole and the first skin. Phil was short, Ray was left with an iron and Matt was in the right bunker while Pete hit the best shot, landing to the right of the hole and leaving himself a downhill birdie putt. He put a good stroke on the tricky putt, rolling it into the hole for a two and a skin. Ray and Matt were long in the fairway on twelve, Phil shorter but with a good second shot. A good chip and par saving putt tied the others and pushed a skin to thirteen. Pete was short off the tee, recovered well but settled for a good five. Ray and Matt were long in the fairway, but Ray pulled his second onto the greenside hill while Matt hit his hybrid a bit past the hole and beneath. He curled in a good birdie putt for three to win two skins and take the lead. Tees were again up on fourteen but nobody made it down the hill. Phil hit two good shots and his third ran through the green to the back side. Pete and Ray hit their approach shots onto the green, but nobody could convert and the hole was halved with pars. The fifteenth was not well played, the green surrounded with four different tee shots. Nobody was able to get up and down for par, so bogeys tied the hole and three skins were carried up the hill. Pete was to the left side but only one hundred fifty out on sixteen, Ray and Matt a bit longer in the fairway. Phil was shorter but followed with a good second and a marvelous chip to one foot to make his par. Matt and Pete went left on their approaches but Ray hit a terrific shot himself, stopping inside ten feet. Unfortunately his birdie putt was on the edge, so he settled for par and a tie. Pete was on the left edge of the fairway on seventeen, Ray and Matt in the center. Pete pushed his second to the right, as did Matt, while Ray hit another good approach to fifteen feet. Pete followed with a great chip that ran four feet past the hole, Matt's chip was a foot short of greatness but he had a downhill putt to save his par. Ray could not capitalize, though, stroking his first putt well past the cup, and when he missed the comeback attempt, the door was open for Pete to score. And he took advantage of the opportunity by stroking in his par saving putt to win the hole and four skins, clinching the win for the day. All four players hit good tee shots on eighteen in the fairway, followed by four good second shots that all found the green in regulation. Nobody could make birdie, though, so pars halve the hole and left one skin on the course.

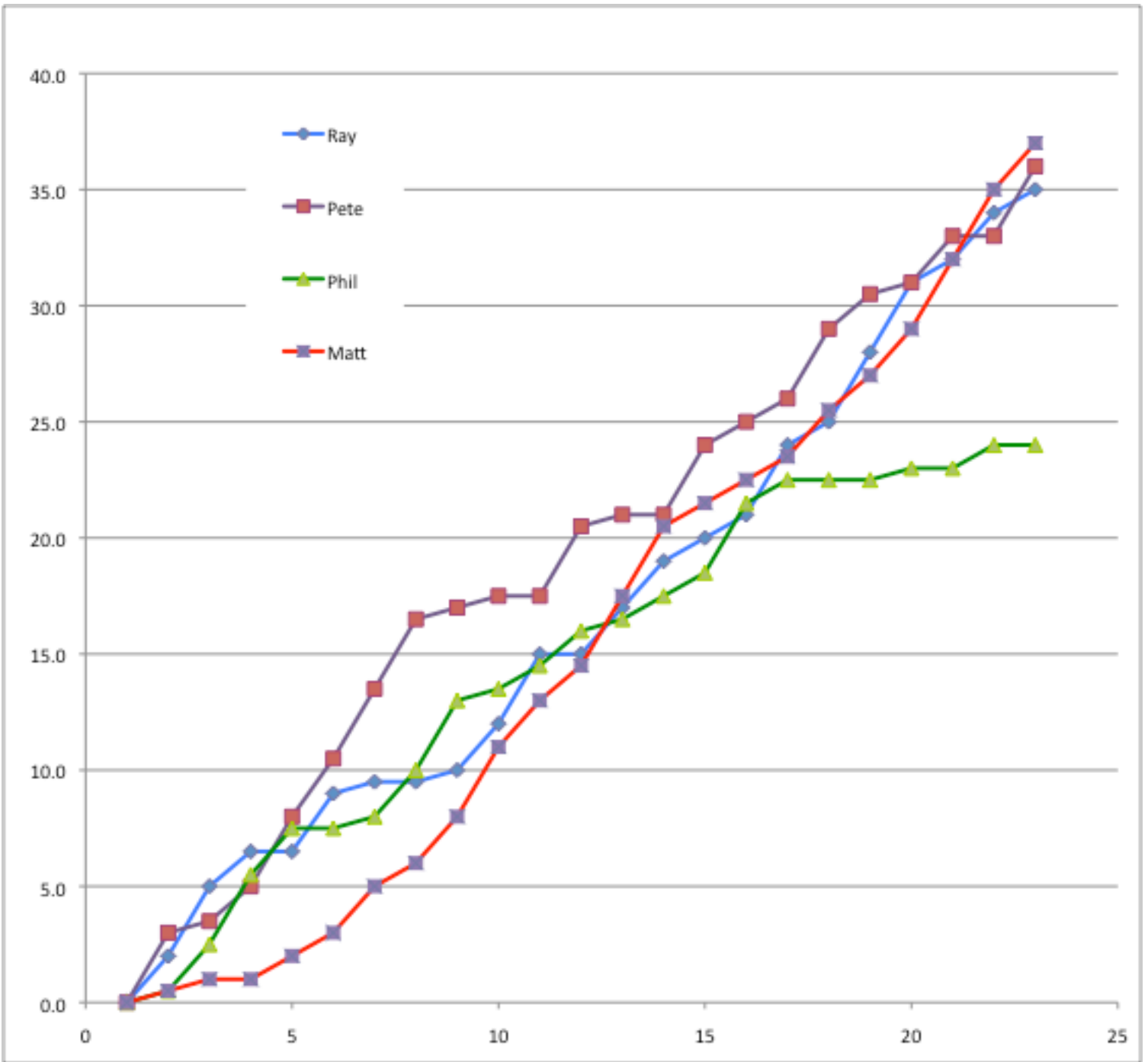
	Ray	Pete	Phil	Matt
	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
4/26	2.0	3.0	0.5	0.5
5/9	5.0	3.5	2.5	1.0
5/23	6.5	5.0	5.5	1.0
5/24	6.5	8.0	7.5	2.0
5/25	9.0	10.5	7.5	3.0
5/30	9.5	13.5	8.0	5.0
5/31	9.5	16.5	10.0	6.0
6/6	10.0	17.0	13.0	8.0
6/7	12.0	17.5	13.5	11.0
6/20	15.0	17.5	14.5	13.0
7/3	15.0	20.5	16.0	14.5
7/5	17.0	21.0	16.5	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
8/29	28.0	30.5	22.5	27.0
8/30	31.0	31.0	23.0	29.0
9/5	32.0	33.0	23.0	32.0
9/6	34.0	33.0	24.0	35.0
9/7	35.0	36.0	24.0	37.0

Skins Won- Hole by Hole

	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
Ray	2	7	5	7	11	2	8	1	4	47
Pete	3	10	5	5	2	2	18	10	2	57
Phil		1			12	2		9	1	25
Matt	5		5	11	2	1	13	5	6	48

Skins Holes Won- Hole by Hole

	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
Ray	2	4	2	4	5	2	4	1	3	27
Pete	3	7	3	2	1	1	5	3	1	26
Phil		1			4	1		5	1	12
Matt	5		3	4	1	1	6	4	5	29



Average Skins Earned by Winning the Hole

	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Ray	1.00	1.75	2.50	1.75	2.20	1.00	2.00	1.00	1.33
Pete	1.00	1.43	1.67	2.50	2.00	2.00	3.60	3.33	2.00
Phil		1.00			3.00	2.00		1.80	1.00
Matt	1.00		1.67	2.75	2.00	1.00	2.17	1.25	1.20