

## 2007 GRIFFITH HARRIS EARLY-BIRD BACK-NINE CHAMPIONSHIP

May 20, 2007	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	FINAL
Phil-Pete	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Ray-Matt	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	won

With apologies in advance, I forgot to bring my voice recorder to Sunday's match, so details may be sketchy if not totally inaccurate....enjoy the essence of the day. The drama and rhetoric were down significantly from Saturday's competitive challenge, even though the toss of golf balls on the tenth tee resulted in the same pairings. Perhaps it was the second straight day of rain that caused the lessening of verbal jabs and retorts. Regardless, Sunday's match was close throughout as all the players had moments of brilliance combined with stretches of frustration. The tenth hole was halved with pars, as Pete was the closest to the pin but was unable to convert his birdie putt from just inside 10 feet. Pete found the front of the green on 11, while Ray was on the very back edge, and they matched putts to halve the hole. The twelfth hole was also halved as neither team could gain an advantage. But that changed dramatically, as both Phil and Pete found significant trouble on the long par 4 thirteenth and Ray and Matt needed to only stay in play to win the hole and go 1 up. Things looked even worse for Pete and Phil on the par 5 fourteenth, as Pete mishit his drive short and right, leaving him a very tight fairway wood to have any chance of getting to the green in three. But Pete hit the "shot of the day" and left himself in position to get to the green in regulation, something his team needed as both Ray and Matt were able to make par and halve the hole. Neither Ray nor Pete nor Phil was able to convert birdie putts on 15, so the hole was halved as well. Phil's comment that his team was running out of holes as the players left the green was a bit premature, but proved to be accurate. The sixteenth hole was halved with pars, with Ray and Pete each two putting, and the seventeenth was halved as well, although with bogeys. Matt narrowly missed a long putt from the fringe, but his team did not lose the hole as Pete's putting woes continued and he was only able to tie. Needing a win on 18, Phil crushed his new Calloway down the fairway while Pete found the right side bunker. But Ray and Matt were up to the challenge, as each drove into the fairway and hit the green with their approach shots. When neither Pete nor Phil was able to make a birdie, a difficult task at best, the hole was halved and the victory went to Ray and Matt for the second day in a row.

**Shot of the Day-** After almost losing his tee shot into the lateral hazard on the right side of the 14<sup>th</sup> hole, Pete found himself in the rough and needing a very long fairway wood to pass through a narrow opening down the fairway to even have a chance to make the green in regulation. Pete was up to the task, as he hit the ball perfectly, coming to rest well inside range to reach the green. On a day of uneven play from everyone this wins the "shot of the day".

**Quote of the Day-** Walking off the 15<sup>th</sup> green and only one down, Phil told his teammate that they were running out of holes....or to paraphrase the great one, "It is getting late early."

	Ray Bakshi	Pete Christiansen	Phil Kemp	Matt Boardman
04/21/07	0	0	0	0
04/22/07	0	0	0	0
04/28/07	1	1	0	0
05/05/07	0	1	0	1
05/06/07	0	1	0	1
05/19/07	1	0	0	1
05/20/07	1	0	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>