

2007 GRIFFITH HARRIS EARLY-BIRD BACK-NINE CHAMPIONSHIP

June 6, 2007	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	FINAL
Pete-Ray	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	halved
Phil-Matt	1	1	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	halved

Better late than never...this week's newsletter is being written on Wednesday evening, but with the help of the recorded voice the accuracy of the recap should be reasonable, even if the immediacy is not. Saturday saw a return of the foursome after some missed days, with none of the other three particularly anxious to be paired with Matt after tales of his "S" woes were recounted. But Phil took it like a man and accepted his fate as his golf ball landed closest to the #8 Titleist. The first hole was won with a par as Matt's very tentative tee shot landed quite short but he was able to find the green and two putt for first blood. This boost of confidence was short lived, however, as Matt found the second tee with his tee shot on 11. Fortunately, Phil found a way to halve the hole and keep his team one up. In a great example of inconsistency, Matt followed his debacle on 11 with a drive into the fairway on 12 and put his wedge "inside the leather" as his gracious opponents gave him the birdie in a sympathy gesture....2 up. Three perfect drives on 13 found the fairway, and while Ray was longest he also found the fairway bunker. Pete was the only one able to come close to the green and his up-and-down from the fringe for par was enough to win the hole and bring his team back into the match. With Matt reverting back to his ugly form and Pete unable to find his long drive down the left side, it was left to Ray and Phil to battle it out on the par 5 14th hole. Phil was on in regulation and a routine two putt clinched his par, but Ray was up to the task as he pitched onto the green and made a saving putt to halve the hole. Ray was the only player able to find the green on 15, and even though he narrowly missed his birdie opportunity, par was enough to win the hole and even the match with three holes to play. The sixteenth was halved with pars as Ray came up just short of the green from the fairway bunker but was able to make par, as was Pete from the fringe, to match Matt's two putt par. Pete won the seventeenth hole with a great par when his approach shot was short of the green and his chip ended up 10 feet from the hole, but a clutch putt completed his four and gave his team the lead with one hole to play. But Matt hit his best drive of the day on 18 and followed with wedge to eight feet, and although he missed his birdie putt, par was sufficient to win the hold and halve the match.

Shot of the Day- After some anxious moments on the previous hole, Matt had a 100 yard approach shot on 12. With a total lack of confidence, he hit a perfect wedge right at the pin that stopped inside of two feet away for a birdie.

	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
06/02/07	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	3	3	0	4