

2007 GRIFFITH HARRIS EARLY-BIRD BACK-NINE CHAMPIONSHIP

June 9, 2007	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	FINAL
Phil-Ray	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Pete-Matt	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	1	won

With apologies in advance because I left my voice recorder in the car (and did not take Phil up on his offer to sprint to the parking lot to retrieve the device just as the group was called to the 10th tee by Sonny, here is the recap for Saturday, June 9. Matt was not at all confident coming off the practice range as his recent problems were persisting, but Pete graciously accepted his fate as Phil tossed the balls and found his closest to Ray. The tenth hole was halved with four pars, although they came about in very dissimilar fashion. Matt was in the left side trees (fortunately for the folks waiting to tee off behind the group) and was only able to chip to the far side of the fairway, but he got up and down successfully. Ray could not find his tee shot and abused the 5 minute rule, but when he finally located his errant tee shot on the 17th fairway he was able to fly a wedge toward the green and save par. Phil was in great shape off the tee but ran his approach shot off the green and had to get up and down to make his par. Pete played the hole conventionally, getting on the green in regulation although it was not as close as he would have hoped, and a routine two putt for par matched everyone's score. Ray and Pete hit beautiful tee shots on 11, each having about 10 foot birdie putts, while Matt put himself well off the left side of the green, from where he chipped to a conceding putt. When neither Pete nor Ray was able to convert their birdie putts, the hole was halved. Twelve was also halved with pars as Ray chipped beautifully to save his while Matt two putted from the front edge. The match stayed even through thirteen as Pete and Ray matched each other and halved the hole. First blood was drawn on the fourteenth hole when Matt hit a beautiful chip shot from the uphill slope in front of the green and made a short par putt to win the hole. Ray missed the green on fifteen but hit another great chip to concession range and put the pressure on Pete and Matt to make one of their six foot par putts. Pete stepped up first and drained his to halve the hole. Sixteen was also halved as Pete saved his team as Matt was out of the hole after his tee shot, and Ray hit yet another great short shot, this time from the new bunker on the right side of the green. He must have thought he was at Winged Foot with so much sand underneath his ball, and he used it to his advantage, stopping his wedge on a dime for a conceded par. Phil and Ray drew even on seventeen when Ray hit a beautiful fairway metal to the front of the green and neither Pete nor Matt could match. So the match came to the eighteenth tee all even, and Pete and Matt put the pressure on their opponents right off the tee as they both hit long and straight drives. When neither Phil nor Ray was able to convert for par, it left Pete to two putt from about twelve feet to close out the match, one up.

Shot of the Day- Feeling like he was at Winged Foot with luxurious bunkers filled with inches of pure white sand, Ray came out of the newly created right bunker on the sixteenth hole to within a foot of the cup to save par and halve the important hole.

Quote of the Day- Reflecting on his great shot on sixteen, Ray observed, "There is probably more sand in that one bunker than there is on the rest of the entire back nine."

	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
06/09/07	0	1	0	1
TOTAL	3	4	0	5