

2007 GRIFFITH HARRIS EARLY-BIRD BACK-NINE CHAMPIONSHIP

June 10, 2007	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	FINAL
Pete-Phil	1	2	2	3	2	3	3			won
Ray-Matt	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			

Matt was fully prepared to leave the course before the round even began after his desultory performance on the range, but Ray was able to talk him out of it. Ray had a 67% mathematical chance of not being paired with the troubled golfer and was counting on a favorable bounce of the balls on the tee to support his successful persuasion, but such was not the case as his red Calloway landed closest to Matt's #8 and Ray was destined to shoulder the entire team burden for the day, thereby earning him the nickname, "Atlas". Pete seized the moment and the momentum, not allowing his opponents into the match from the beginning as he drove down the left side of the tenth fairway and lobbed a short wedge to within three feet, converting the birdie putt to best Ray's par and giving his team a one-up lead. Pete kept that momentum going on the eleventh hole as he was the only player able to be on the par three green in regulation and his two routine putts for par were enough to win the hole and get his team to two up on just two holes. Ray halted that momentum, at least temporarily, as he matched Pete shot for shot on twelve....drives well down the fairway, wedges to the green and two putts for par. Only Pete was able to find the fairway on the thirteenth and his par won the hole and put his team three up. Matt finally showed up for his team on the fourteenth hole when he put together three solid shots that left him just off the green and on the upward slope, from where he lobbed a chip to five feet and made his putt for par and the win, leaving his team down two and hoping to turn the tide. But this was not to be, as Phil hit a very smooth six iron on the par three fifteenth, keeping his ball low and running it to within a few feet, from where he converted the birdie putt which put his team back up by three with only three to go. Pete got a little lucky on the sixteenth, hitting his drive wide to the right side and dangerously close to the white out-of-bounds stakes but just inside. He capitalized on his good fortune by cutting a three iron low and onto the green, a fortuitous shot considering Ray's shot from the fairway bunker that clipped the lip but rode onto the green. Both men two putted for par, and the match was over early, with Phil and Pete winning 3 and 2. The boys will be off for the next two weekends with trips, tournaments and medical absences....set to reconvene on June 30.

Shot of the Day- Smooth was the adjective to describe Phil's tee shot on the par three fifteenth, as he kept swung effortlessly with his six iron and left himself a very short birdie putt.

	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
06/10/07	0	1	1	0
TOTAL	3	5	1	5