

2007 GRIFFITH HARRIS EARLY-BIRD BACK-NINE CHAMPIONSHIP

July 8, 2007	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	FINAL
Pete-Ray	-	1	-	2	3	2	-	1	2	won
Phil-Matt	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

The four balls were tossed on the tenth tee, and it took a very close look to determine which of three balls were closest to each other. On careful inspection, Phil and Matt were teamed together to oppose Pete and Ray. The tenth hole was halved with pars by all four players, as Ray chipped from the fringe to concession distance and none of the other three players was able to make his birdie putt. Pete's tee shot on 11 left him a very long chip shot, which he lobbed to about three feet for an apparent par, giving Ray the confidence to firmly stroke his downhill birdie putt from the right edge and have it hit the hole squarely to keep his par three birdie streak alive and put the pressure on Matt, who had about 10 feet to halve the hole, a putt he narrowly missed on the high side. The twelfth hole was halved with pars, as Pete made a very long two putt from the very back of the green and Pete was able to get up and down from the soggy front side of the green that abruptly stopped his approach shot. Ray hit a beautiful fairway wood to the front edge of the thirteenth and his two putt par was enough to win the hole and put his team up two. Pete won the par five fourteenth with a routine two putt par, which was good enough after both Matt and Phil found hazards on the hole that cost them a shot each. Pete found the bunker short of the green on 15, blasted out past the pin but made his fifteen foot comeback putt for par and put the pressure on Matt and Phil, who each had birdie putts. But the team was finally able to win a hole and get back in the match when Matt sank his 12 footer for birdie. Phil and Pete made regulation pars on the sixteenth hole to halve the hole. Both Matt and Ray were in the fairway on seventeenth, and Matt hit his hybrid approach shot through the green to the back rough, from where he ran an eight iron chip to inches for par and the win, putting his team just one down with one to play. Phil and Matt knew they needed birdie on eighteen to have a chance to win the hole and tie the match, and Ray put the pressure on when he hit a high approach shot to about 10 feet. Matt probably hit the wrong club and left himself on the front of the green with the pin on the back, and followed that miscalculation by putting his ball to the wrong side of the cup. Ray calmly made two putts for par and the victory.

Shot of the Day- With a few very well played shots to choose from, today's award goes to Ray for his putt on 11....winning the first hole for his team and keeping his par three birdie streak alive.

	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
06/16/07	1	1	0	0
07/04/07	0	0	0	0
07/08/07	1	1	0	0
TOTAL	5	7	1	5