

2007 GRIFFITH HARRIS EARLY-BIRD BACK-NINE CHAMPIONSHIP

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

Sunday found Phil and Matt pitted against Ray and Pete, and few would have expected the match that was to unfold based on Saturday's dismal efforts. Ray hit his first tee shot right down the middle, while Pete and Matt landed on the left side of the hole near the bunker but with good angles to the green. Ray made a routine two-putt par, but Matt then sunk his fifteen foot birdie putt and put the pressure on Pete to match the birdie just to halve the hole....and Pete made his ten footer to do just that. Ray was the only player to hit the green on the eleventh, and a long two putt for par was enough to win the hole and put his team one up. Ray and Matt matched each other on twelve, both driving down the fairway and hitting wedges to the green, and when neither player was able to convert a birdie putt the hole was halved with pars. The thirteenth hole was Pete and Matt's turn to trade shots. Matt drove down the fairway, only to find Pete farther down the fairway.....Matt hit seven iron onto the green that left 15 feet for birdie, only to have Pete hit seven iron inside Matt's ball on the green, leaving himself only two feet for birdie....Matt made his sidehill putt to put pressure on Pete, who rose to the occasion and sunk his putt to halve the hole. On the fourteenth, Matt hit five wood off the tee and eight iron to leave himself 100 yards to the front located pin, from where he hit his wedge to about three feet and sank the birdie putt to win the hole for his team and even the match. Matt was the only player to find the green on the par three fifteenth, and a long two-putt par won the hole and put his team in the lead. On the sixteenth hole, both Ray and Pete were safely on the green in regulation while Matt was in the newly formed right bunker needing to get up and down to have any chance of halving the hole. He blasted out to about 25 feet but was able to sink his long putt and tie the hole when neither Pete nor Ray was able to make birdie. Ray hit a beautiful hybrid from the fairway on seventeen to about ten feet from the cup, but Matt was able to flop a shot from the right side near the cart signs and make his downhill ten footer to halve the hole going into 18. Needing to win the hole to halve the match, Ray hit his tee shot perfectly down the middle on 18 and then calmly lofted his second shot to about 10 feet. Matt hit his tee shot under the overhanging trees on the right side and was only able to run a five iron to the front fringe, needing to get up and down to match Ray. Leaving his chip shot almost twenty feet from the cup, it was still in the realm of possibility for Matt to make the putt considering the day he was having on the greens....but it was not to be, as he ran his putt past the edge of the hole and made bogey, leaving the teams tied for the day. At the risk of being accused of self-promotion, it is noted that Matt took only 13 putts for the round and finished with a one-under par 34. And he well knew, and reflected on this all day, what difference a simple par on 18 would have made.

Hole of the Day- The thirteenth hole is certainly one of the more difficult holes on the back side, with a green that is hard to hit and even tougher to putt. Birdies are a rare occurrence on the hole, but to have two birdies on this hole on the same day is a feat worthy of mention. Pete matched Matt shot for shot, putt for putt, as they both birdied the hole to gain today's honors.

Shot of the Day- While not full swings, putts count as a stroke all the same...and Matt was able to hole a few long ones during the round.

Quote of the Day- The first thought for today's quote was the "take that...no take that" repartee between Pete and Matt on 10 as they matched birdies and then again on 13 when they matched birdies again. But noteworthy as those were, it was Phil who deserved recognition when, commenting on his team's success on Sunday, noted, "I am just here to clap."

	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
07/14/07	1	0	0	1
07/15/07	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	6	7	1	6