

## 2007 GRIFFITH HARRIS EARLY-BIRD BACK-NINE CHAMPIONSHIP

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

The group was back in action early Sunday, with Pete and Phil pairing together against Ray and Matt. Three players hit the fairway with their drives on the tenth, never bowing to the unyielding pressure put on the group by Jack, the starter, who demanded drives "down the middle." Pete and Matt hit their approach shots to about ten feet, but only Pete was able to convert the birdie putt, putting his team one up right away. Pete then hit his hybrid to the back fringe of the eleventh green and had a certain par, but Ray got up and down from the right side bunker to halve the hole. Phil had a long approach shot from the rough on 12 and hit a beautiful shot to the front of the green, while the other three each had 100 yards to the pin. Phil's par was not good enough as Ray shot a dart right at the flag stick and converted his first birdie putt of the day for a win to even the match. Ray hit a long hybrid to the green on the thirteenth while Pete came up short in the long grass. Pete chipped beautifully onto the green and made a par-saving putt to halve the hole and keep the match square. The fourteenth hole was halve with pars as Ray, Pete and Matt all missed birdie putts, with Matt leaving his short even after his partner had secured a tie with his par. All four players made par on the fifteenth, Pete with a nice sandie, and the match was even going up the long hill (with no starter or cart in sight). Phil and Pete both found trouble on the sixteenth, and when both Matt and Ray were on the green in regulation, routine two putts for par won the hole and put their team one up. Pete hit a beautiful drawing shot to the back of the seventeenth green while Ray was wide to the right and Matt found the short left bunker, but Matt's sand shot landed half way to the hole and came to rest about two feet from the cup. Pete made his par, but Matt sank his putt (perhaps the first hole he reached all day) to tie Pete and keep his team one up with one to go. All four players were in the fairway or short rough on the eighteenth, but the pressure was on Pete and Phil to make birdie as they needed to win the hole. Instead, Ray threw a high dart right at the flag, coming to rest about five feet from the hole. His birdie putt won the hole and clinched the match, and finished a beautiful even par round of 35.

**Shot of the Day:** With no clear favorite, I give myself the shot of the day for the bunker shot on the seventeenth hole that came to rest about two feet from the cup, saving par and halving the hole.

	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
07/21/07	1	0	0	1
07/22/07	0	1	1	0
08/05/07	1	1	0	0
08/12/07	1	0	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>