

2007 GRIFFITH HARRIS EARLY-BIRD BACK-NINE CHAMPIONSHIP

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

The players were all set for the second match of the weekend on Sunday morning, with Phil and Ray teaming up against Pete and Matt. Things started well as all four players found the fairway with their tee shots on the tenth hole, and Phil hitting the best wedge to the green, leaving himself about a six foot putt for birdie while Pete and Matt each had very long putts. Matt putted first, and narrowly missed a birdie as his putt ran 5 feet past the hole, and Pete followed with a close try for birdie and left himself about three feet coming back. Even though Phil was not able to convert his birdie, his team won the hole when neither Matt nor Pete made their second putt and both bogeyed the hole. On the eleventh, Matt was in about the same place as Saturday, short of the green with a red flag, but this time he was able to chip close and make par to win the hole and halve the match. Ray won the twelfth hole for his team as he hit a wedge stiff to the pin and converted for birdie. The thirteenth hole was halved with pars. Pete won the fourteenth hole to tie the match again as he hit three excellent shots leaving himself about twelve feet for birdie. Needing two putts to win this hole (as he was reminded by Ray before he putt), Pete left his first putt dangerously short of the hole but was able to calmly and confidently make the remaining three footer. Matt was way wide to the right side on fifteen (so what else is new?) but Pete made par to match Ray and the match moved up the hill all square. Pars halved the peg board sixteenth. On seventeen, Pete hit a beautiful five wood from 200 yards that rolled off the back of the green, while Ray landed in the left side bunker in two. Ray blasted out to a few feet and when Pete ran his first putt well past the hole and did not make the comebacker, Ray calmly sank his putt to put his team one up with one to play. Both Phil and Ray drove down the middle of the fairway on the eighteenth, putting pressure on Matt and Pete to come up with a birdie to have a chance of winning the hole and halving the match. When neither could get close enough for birdie, pars halved the hole and gave the match to Phil and Ray.

Shot of the Day: Without any great shots to choose from (or at least none that I can remember without the help of my trusty voice recorder, I am not awarding any prize for Sunday's play. I would have given the award to myself for the (second) shot from the trees on 17 if I had been able to make the putt for par.

	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
09/08/07	0	1	1	0
09/09/07	1	0	1	0
TOTAL	10	10	4	8