

2007 GRIFFITH HARRIS EARLY-BIRD BACK-NINE CHAMPIONSHIP

Sept. 22, 2007	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	FINAL
Ray - Pete	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	
Phil - Matt	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	won

The players were back in action after a weekend off, but Ray claimed to be “golfed out” after his three day, three course, fifty four hole midweek extravaganza. Phil and Matt were pitted against Pete and Ray and the fun began. On the tenth tee, Ray pulled out a brand new square headed Callaway Fusion driver on loan from DeMane Golf, which he promptly launched right down the middle (so, how is that different from his old driver?), while his partner, Pete, found the left side bunker with his long drive. Ray hit a wedge to within ten feet, and Pete chipped out of the bunker to within five. They both made birdie for the overkill to win the first hole of the day. Bogeys tied the eleventh hole. Matt stung his back with his tee shot on 12 but ended up down the right side in the rough, and his wedge to the green left him feeling much better as it stopped only four feet from the hole. Even though he was not able to make the birdie putt, he did not leave it short and his par won the hole and evened the match. Ray hit his approach shot to the very back of the green on 13, while Matt was just short and in the rough. Ray hit what looked to be a wonderful putt but it never stopped sliding down the hill, leaving him a testy twelve footer for par, while Matt chipped to about eight feet and below the cup. Ray calmly stroked his par putt into the cup and won the hole when Matt lipped his putt. Matt was off the front edge of the green on 14 and ran his chip well past the hole to the back of the green, but he sank his return putt (fortunately the hole got in the way, or else he would have had another ten feet coming back) to win the hole and square the match once again. Ray, Phil and Matt all made two-putt pars on the fifteenth to keep the match even. The sixteenth hole was also halved, leaving the match even going to the seventeenth tee. All players found problems on the seventeenth, but Phil's recovery from a 50 yard tee shot to make bogey along with his partner's bogey won the hole and put them up one with one to go. Both Phil and Matt drove down the middle to right side of the fairway on 18, putting pressure on their opponents to have to make birdie to win the hole. Matt hit his approach shot to about 12 feet and Phil was even better, coming to rest just inside of ten feet. Ray could not convert a long birdie putt, so all Matt and Phil needed was a two-putt par from either. Matt went first and slid his birdie attempt about two feet past the hole, a comeback putt that would be pressure filled if needed to tie the hole. But Phil closed out the match by burying his birdie putt to win the hole and the match, 2 up.

Recovery of the Day: Not one shot, but a series of four shots, will be today's winner as the “recovery of the day.” As mentioned earlier, Phil hit his tee shot only 50 yards on the long par four seventeenth hole. But he followed that with a nice hybrid from thick rough and a too-good fairway wood that carried through the green, and then got up and down to beat Matt to the hole. Even though he made bogey, it was a great recovery and enough to win the crucial hole down the stretch.

	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
09/22/07	0	0	1	1
TOTAL	10	10	5	9