2007 GRIFFITH HARRIS EARLY-BIRD BACK-NINE CHAMPIONSHIP

November 4, 2007	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	FINAL
Phil - Ray	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	
Pete - Matt	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	won

With apologies in advance for any errors caused by my forgetting my voice recorder.....

Sunday dawned bright and sunny, and with an extra hour of sleep because of the end of Daylight Savings, the boys were raring to go by 7:30. The ceremonial toss of the balls put Phil and Ray together against Pete and Matt, and after the group waiting the required four minutes as dictated by Jack, the day began well. In fact, the tenth hole was halved with birdies as Ray sank a long putt for his three (giving him back-to-back birdies considering his birdie to close out Saturday on the ninth hole) only to be matched by Pete's birdie conversion. The eleventh looked to be going toward Matt and Pete after Matt's tee shot left him only about 10 feet and the closest anyone else rested was Ray, about 40 feet above the hole. But Ray calmly stroked his long putt just past the cup, narrowly missing his third straight birdie, but had a gimme for par which halved the hole when Matt was unable to make his putt. The twelfth hole was halved again, but this time bogeys were the best that any player could accomplish. The match stayed even on thirteen as both Phil and Matt made two-putt pars to halve the hole. The fourteenth tee had the blue markers down below and all the players attempted to get down the hill. Matt hit what appeared to be the perfect tee shot, coming to rest parallel to the 150 yard marker and making the green very reachable in two, but his seven iron never got off the ground and barely got through the hazard, and par scores were sufficient to halve the hole and keep the match even. First blood was drawn on the fifteenth hole as Phil and Ray won the hole with par, while it should be noted that Matt was able to bounce his teen shot off the cart path not once or twice, but three times. There was a temporary green on sixteen and both Matt and Pete made par to win the hole and square the match. Pete and Matt went ahead on seventeen as Matt was on the green in regulation and made two putts to par the hole and put his team ahead for the first time. Pete and Matt needed to hold the lead on eighteen, which is just what they did. Pete drove very far right of the trees and his second shot clipped a branch, leaving him about 100 yards to the green. From there, he narrowly missed the green but sank a putt from the fringe for par to halve the hole and win the match, and Matt subsequently sank a 30 foot birdie putt to actually win the hole. Two up.

Shot of the Day- A choice of two shots for today, both from the same player. Matt's tee shot on the fourteenth hole was perfect, rolling down the hill and coming to rest 150 yards from the green. But his tee shot on the next hole was even more unusual, hitting the cart path three times in succession, and this wins the prize for the day.....because while he might replicate his drive down the hill given the right circumstances, it is highly unlikely that he can hit the cart path three times on the same shot again.

	Ray	Pete	Phil	Matt
	Bakshi	Christiansen	Kemp	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
09/23/07	1	1	0	0
10/06/07	1	0	0	1
10/13/07	0	0	0	0
10/21/07	1	1	0	0
11/04/07	0	1	0	1
TOTAL	13	13	5	11