

2010 GRIFFITH HARRIS EARLY-BIRD BACK-NINE CHAMPIONSHIP

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

May began with a warm and beautiful day, and the tee time was moved to 6:45 without prior notice. Matt was feeling ill during the night but needed the day with the guys, Pete had a cortisone shot earlier in the week but braved the pain, and the matches were back on. Pete and Ray were teamed against Matt and Phil in a traditional match play format. Jack challenged the foursome to put three balls in the fairway on ten, but the group failed badly as none of the tee shots found the short grass, and only Pete was close when he rolled just into the left side rough. Ray and Matt were under the trees on the left, and while Matt hit the better punch shot toward the green, it was Ray that saved par from the greenside bunker and win the hole. Phil was short of the trap on the eleventh hole but chipped onto the green and saved par, enough to win the hole and square the match. Ray, Matt and Pete all had pars on the twelfth hole after both Ray and Matt narrowly missed birdie opportunities. Phil and Matt were in trouble right from the thirteenth tee and never recovered, so although Pete could only make bogey, it was enough to win the hole and regain the lead. Matt got a good bounce off the trees on the left side of the fourteenth hole and made the most of it by getting pin high on his third shot, then up and down for par to win the hole and even the match. Ray, Pete and Phil all made par on the fifteenth hole to tie. Matt and Pete both had eight irons to the green on sixteen, but it was Phil that stole the show when he recovered from a near out-of-bounds from the tee by chipping in for par. That tied the hole when both Pete and Matt missed their birdies. Ray and Matt were just on the fringe of seventeen in three, but it was Phil that chipped from behind the trap to gimme distance to win the hole. Both Matt and Pete were 120 yards away and in the fairway on eighteen, but both missed their approach shots badly and it was Ray that parred the hole from about 130 to rescue his team, win the hole and halve the match on the last hole.

SHOT OF THE DAY: Phil had some very nice chip shots throughout the round, but the one that he holed from just off the sixteenth green to save par, especially after almost being out of the hole earlier, earns today's honors.

	Ray Bakshi	Pete Christiansen	Phil Kemp	Matt Boardman
04/11/10	1	1	1	1
05/01/10	1	1	1	1
TOTAL	2	2	2	2