



The 12th Annual Otis Invitational



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Hosted By
Thornapple Creek Golf Club
Heritage Glen Golf Club
Lynx Golf Course

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Welcome Otis Participants!

This program will become your Otis bible, containing and pertaining to everything you could want to know about the tournament.

The most important rule, as always is to have a great time.

And in addition to the rules, this program contains prize money info, format, tee times, logistics, and of course, the now infamous Player Bios.

The logistics section includes directions, multiple maps, and for those of you who enjoy taking the back-roads, phone numbers for when you get lost.

Our final count for 2009 is at 44 players.

If you cannot play, let us know immediately, so we can fill your spot. Uneven scramble teams are no fun for anybody. Also, we have already committed to bring 44 people, and deposits have been paid. If we can't replace you, you may not get a refund.

Make sure you **reserve your room** at the Hampton Inn. Call them at 269-372-1010. Rooms are approx. \$119 per night double occupancy. Each room will have 2 double beds. To Reserve your room, call immediately and tell them you are with the Otis Golf Outing.

Tee times begin EARLIER this year: 7:30 AM on Friday, 7:40 AM on Saturday and 7:45 AM on Sunday. These are all shotguns, so you **NEED TO BE THERE EARLY!** Please make sure you get to the courses by 7:00 AM.

Soft spikes are required, so bring a replacement set of spikes if you still use the metal ones.

Tee Markers: We will play the white tees (except blue for #3 at Thornapple) for both individual rounds. At Thornapple, for the Friday scramble blues on #3 hole, white on all others. For Heritage Glen, white tees for all holes both rounds. At the Lynx, the white tees for the scramble on Sunday.

Group Dinner: We will have a group dinner on Saturday at the Hampton Inn in Kalamazoo. We hope everyone will participate. The dinner price is included in your entrance fee, and includes appetizers, dinner buffet, beer, wine, and tip.

Meeting Place: We will also be meeting in the bar at Gallagher's (formerly Chianti's) on Thursday (after 5:00 p.m.) if you are interested in meeting up with many of the participants before the tournament.

Special Notes: At the Saturday Dinner, we will discuss the location of next year's Otis (Minocqua or Kalamazoo.) We will also consider increasing the group size to 48 players, and requests for individuals taking mornings off next year.

The Prizes will be distributed as follows:

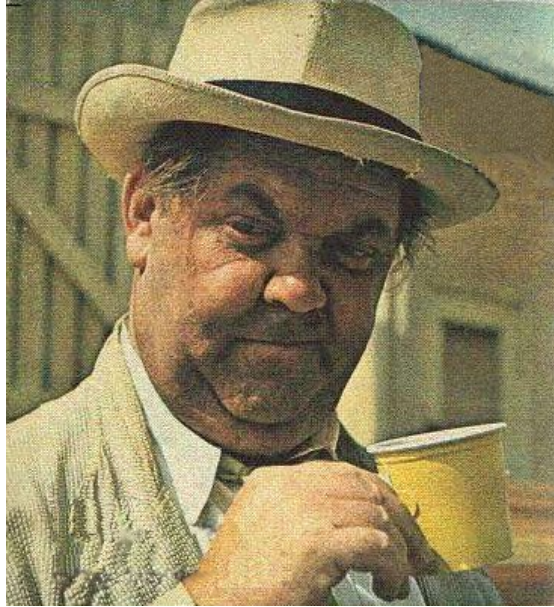
Closest To The Pin (4 holes per round, all 5 rounds)	\$40
Long Drive (1 hole per round, all 5 rounds)	\$40
Long Putt (2 holes per morning round)	\$40
Long Putt (2 holes per afternoon round)	\$40
Low Net 1 st place (one person, each stroke play round)	\$90
Low Net 2 nd place (one person, each stroke play round)	\$80
Low Net 3 rd place (one person, each stroke play round)	\$70
Low Net 4 th place (one person, each stroke play round)	\$60
Low Net 5 th place (one person, each stroke play round)	\$50
Low Net 6 th place (one person, each stroke play round)	\$40
Low Net 7 th place (one person, each stroke play round)	\$30
Low Net 8 th place (one person, each stroke play round)	\$20
Low Net 9 th place (one person, each stroke play round)	\$10
Scramble Team Winners (each person, each scramble round)	\$80
Scramble Team 2 nd place (each person, each scramble round)	\$60
Scramble Team 3 rd place (each person, each scramble round)	\$40
Scramble Team 4 th place (each person, each scramble round)	\$30
Scramble Team 5 th place (each person, each scramble round)	\$20
Scramble Team 6 th place (each person, each scramble round)	\$10
Hole-In-One Pool (Will go up every year until we pay it out)	\$800

The golf fees for all 5 rounds will be \$184 per person (includes green fees and riding cart, and lunch on Friday (Lunch is included on Friday only – not Saturday!)) Betting / prize / Saturday dinner money is \$181 for the entire weekend.

Total cost per person: \$365 (not including the hotel room.)

Birdie pool is now mandatory. You will pay \$1 for every birdie made by others, and receive \$1 from everyone else if you make a birdie. If someone scores an eagle, it will be counted as 2 birdies. A double eagle will count as 3 birdies. (Ya never know....) Hole-In-One Pool is total for the weekend. We will split it if more than one.





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Official Otis Format (please read carefully, as some things have changed!)

Friday AM - *Stroke play with your foursome at Thornapple.* Prizes are awarded for the 4 closest to the pin markers, long drive in the fairway on #9, longest putt made on #18, and to the top 9 finishers. White tees. (Except Blue Tee on #3) This is a SHOTGUN start. Be at course by 7:00 am. Tee off at 7:30 am.

Friday PM – *Handicapped 4 man scramble play at Thornapple.* Teams are determined by a high/low pairing based on your pre-tournament approved score. For example, each team would consist of players ranked in the A, B, C, and D tiers (to be determined ahead of time.) Prizes are awarded for the 4 closest to the pin markers, long drive in the fairway on #13, longest putt made on #14, and to the top 6 teams. White tees. (Except Blue Tee on #3) This is a SHOTGUN start (unfortunately).

Saturday AM - *Stroke play with your foursome at Heritage Glen..* Prizes are awarded for the 4 closest to the pin markers, long drive in the fairway on #8, longest putt made on #5, and to the top 9 stroke play finishers. White tees. This is a SHOTGUN start. Be at course by 7:00 am. Tee off at 7:40 am.

Saturday PM - *Handicapped 4 man scramble play at Heritage Glen.* Teams are determined by a drunken draw with an A, B, C and D player. Handicaps are computed based your pre approved average score. Prizes are awarded for the 4 closest to the pin markers, long drive in the fairway on #18, longest putt made on #18, and to the top 6 teams. White Tees. Everyone will start on #1 and finish on #18.

Sunday AM - *Handicapped 4 man scramble play at The Lynx.* Teams are determined by a drunken draft at Saturday night's dinner. Handicaps are computed based your pre approved average score. Prizes are awarded for the 4 closest to the pin markers, long drive in the fairway on #8, longest putt made on #12, and to the top 6 teams. White Tees. This is a SHOTGUN start. Be at course by 7:00 am. Tee off at 7:45 am.

Official Otis Logistics

Tournament Date: Weekend of Friday, June 26, 2009

Tournament Location: Thornapple Creek Country Club (Friday)
Kalamazoo, Michigan (269) 344-0040

Heritage Glen Golf Club (Saturday)
Paw Paw, Michigan (269) 657-2552

The Lynx Golf Course (Saturday)
Otsego, Michigan (269) 694-5969

Motel Accommodations: **Hampton Inn & Suites**
(5059 S. 9th St. Exit 72 from I-94, go north, 269-372-1010)
Rooms are \$119 per night double occupancy.
Each room will have 2 double beds.
Block of rooms reserved under the Otis Golf Outing

Saturday Night Dinner: We will have the entire group eat together at our hotel in Kalamazoo on Saturday night. Your dinner is included in the entry fee. Dinner buffet with many options will be provided with beer and wine included. For other meals, you are on your own. There are many good spots to eat around the area.

Tournament Format: 36 Holes on Friday and Saturday, 18 Holes on Sunday

Cost Breakdown: Greens Fees are \$184 for the entire weekend. This includes 90 holes of golf, (\$365 Total per person) and a riding cart. Betting, Prize and Dinner money is \$181 for the entire weekend. (for closest to the pin, low net, long drive, long putt, scramble winners, the dinner, and other goodies.)
Birdie pool is mandatory. You will pay \$1 for every birdie made by others, and receive \$1 from everyone else for each birdie you make. **Please send all checks to Rob Westover, 9613 Manitou Park Drive, Minocqua, WI 54548.**

Tee Times: Begin at 7:30 on Friday, 7:40 on Saturday, and 7:45 am on Sunday.

Player Handicaps: Your handicap will be determined by a mutually agreed upon average score. If you have not played with us before, you will need to agree on a score with someone who has. We will adjust your score up or down if we determine that you normally play a very easy or difficult course. We ask you to be honest. The competition will not be very much fun if there are a lot of "sandbaggers".

Other information call
Mike Redenbaugh 715-892-7078
Jason Zimberoff 630-373-3404
Bump Waghorne 630-660-8856
Rob Westover 715-892-7267



2009 Otis Invitational

Official Otis Rules

Unless otherwise stated by the rules committee (Jason, Bump, Mike and Rob), USGA rules apply. For disputes, ask Mike, unless he is involved, then Zim, then Rob, and please pray to god, it doesn't go to Bump, (as he can be had for a beer), and if you don't like the ruling, the beatings will continue until morale improves... Here are some clarifications and local rules that should help eliminate confusion.

SHOW UP!

We go through a lot of planning to set up the Otis each year, so if you cannot make it, please do everything possible to tell us early and we will try to find a replacement. Uneven scramble teams are not fun for anybody. If you play, you will be among the first to get invited back every year!

PLAY WHEN YOU ARE SCHEDULED!

It is difficult to set up the tee times so that people do not play with the same foursome every day, and still keep teams fairly even. If you cannot play in the first or last tee time Sunday morning, you are not Otis material and you should stay home! Even though your odds are good that you will play when you want, be prepared to stick it out until the last minute. Do not assume you can get home early on Sunday. Make your travel plans accordingly. You have been warned.

NO COMPLAINING about the conditions or rules!

NO GIMMIES IN THE SCRAMBLES!

KEEP PACE:

Please take no more than double par strokes per hole. If you hit the ball that many times and are still not in the hole, give it up and move on!

Please keep up with the group ahead of you. We need to get a lot of people through the course in time to tee off again in the afternoon, and we do not want dinner to be later than it has to be.

RAIN:

You are expected to play through all weather. We follow a modified Otis rule.(The original Otis rule is, if the bar is open, you must drink!), thus the modified rule is: if the course is open you must play. With this in mind, be prepared with an umbrella, rain suit, multiple towels, and spare gloves. As Bill Murray would say, "I don't think the hard stuff will come down for a while." Remember, we are coming a long way to play, so be prepared! Besides, everyone will face the same conditions.

SHIRTS & SHOES:

Soft Spike shoes are required. Most of us have converted by now, but it is still worth mentioning. Please wear shirts with a collar.

TEE TIMES

Arrive at least 30 minutes before the morning tee time. **BE THERE BY 7:30!**

MOVING THE BALL:

Fairway and Rough- You are allowed to move the ball no more than six inches

OUT OF BOUNDS:

All Courses - All holes - you are allowed to drop the ball where it went OB with a ONE stroke penalty.

If the ball is OB but playable, you still must drop it back in play and take the one stroke penalty!

LOST BALLS: (This year's honoree is Xavier Gould-Marks, who is to be married on October 24...) You may drop a ball in the area where you think the ball disappeared (you must get agreement from your partners on the spot), and then take a ONE stroke penalty.

WATER HAZARDS:

Standard - Drop where the ball crossed the margin of the hazard, one stroke penalty (i.e., on a par 3 if you hit your tee shot in the water, after your drop, you will be hitting your 3rd shot.)

Exceptions - #4 at Thornapple: Off the tee, drop on the other side of the marsh by the cart path
#5 at Thornapple: Off the tee, drop on the other side of the lake directly in front of the tee
#17 at Thornapple: Off the tee, drop in the official drop area (if marked), otherwise, drop just short and to the right of the green.
#11 at Heritage Off the tee, drop on the other side of the marsh.
#16 at Heritage Off the tee, drop on the other side of the lake.

SCORECARDS:

Must be signed by each member of the group and given to Zim after each round.

SCRAMBLES:

Drives: Minimum of 2 drives must be used from each player

Position - You must hit your shot within 1 club length of where the ball was marked. You can not change the playing surface (i.e., if you are in the rough or sand you must play the ball from the rough or sand). Also, you may not move the ball closer to the hole.

Putting: Once the ball is in the hole, that is your score (i.e., DON'T tap the ball in if someone else still has a chance to make the putt!!)

Finish: Weather permitting, wait at least 30 feet behind the green for the following groups.

Friday Morning Individual Score

(Shotgun start – everyone needs to tee off at 7:30 AM!)

(Be There At 7:00!)

Name	Otis Score
Ron Blink	78
Jonn Steffensen	88
Jordan Zimberoff	94
Scott Kossman	102
Tom Westerholm	90
Daryl Krumwiede	94
Todd Krumwiede	100
Dave Compton	98
Bill Krueger	82
Mike Reda	96
Joe Booth	98
John Ianantouini	102
Steve Ryan	94
Larry Ryan	96
Pat DiDomenico	94
Bryan Rehfeldt	94
Greg Wilson	88
Jason Zimberoff	94
Chris Lake	100
John Wucki	100
Mike Redenbaugh	88
Tom Doherty	92
Bill Wahl	92
Tim Monti	100
Mark Lutz	98
Terry Bulger	96
Phil Joschko	100
Kevin Van Alstyne	104
Mark Fankhanel	94
Lance Murphy	98
Brandon Mueller	100
Rob Westover	108
Adam Kommers	88
Rob Rains	88
Kai Bobkowski	92
Robert Planica	102
Jim Bartelt	88
Steve Rehfeldt	104
John Hayes	100
Al Gastier	104

Friday Afternoon Scramble

Name	HCP	Team	HCP
Mike Redenbaugh	88	1	
Mark Fankhanel	94	2	
Terry Bulger	96	3	
Ken Redenbaugh	110	5	11
Greg Wilson	88	1	
Tom Doherty	92	2	
Bump Waghorne	102	4	
Kevin Van Alstyne	104	4	11
Ron Blink	78	-1	
Pat DiDomenico	94	2	
Chris Lake	100	3	
Rob Westover	110	5	9
Jim Bartelt	88	1	
Jason Zimberoff	94	2	
Steve Ryan	94	2	
Xavier Gould-Marks	120	5	10
Adam Kommers	88	1	
Phil Joschko	100	3	
Tim Monti	100	3	
Scott Kossman	102	4	11
Rob Rains	88	1	
Jordan Zimberoff	94	2	
John Hayes	100	3	
Robert Planica	102	4	10
Jonn Steffensen	88	1	
Daryl Krumwiede	94	2	
Dave Compton	98	3	
Brandon Mueller	100	3	9
Bill Wahl	92	2	
Larry Ryan	96	3	
John Wucki	100	3	
Steve Rehfeldt	104	4	12
Tom Westerholm	90	1	
Mike Reda	96	3	
Joe Booth	98	3	
Al Gastier	104	4	11
Kai Bobkowski	92	2	
Bryan Rehfeldt	94	2	
Todd Krumwiede	100	3	
John Ianantouini	102	4	11
Bill Krueger	82	0	
Lance Murphy	98	3	
Mark Lutz	98	3	
Randy Comstock	115	5	11

Saturday Morning Individual Score

(Shotgun Start – Everyone needs to tee Off At 7:40!)
Be There At 7:00!

Name	Otis Score
Jim Bartelt	88
Terry Bulger	96
Brandon Mueller	100
John Wucki	100

Tom Westerholm	90
Bill Wahl	92
Lance Murphy	98
John Ianantouini	102

Bill Krueger	82
Greg Wilson	88
Dave Compton	98
Xavier Gould-Marks	120

Steve Ryan	94
Mike Reda	96
Robert Planica	102
Mark Fankhanel	94

Joe Booth	98
Daryl Krumwiede	94
Phil Joschko	100
Chris Lake	100

Jonn Steffensen	88
Steve Rehfeldt	104
John Hayes	100
Pat DiDomenico	94

Ron Blink	78
Todd Krumwiede	100
Adam Kommers	88
Jordan Zimberoff	94

Mike Redenbaugh	88
Larry Ryan	96
Mark Lutz	98
Scott Kossman	102

Rob Rains	88
Kai Bobkowski	92
Jason Zimberoff	94
Bryan Rehfeldt	94

Saturday Afternoon Scramble

Name	HCP	Team HCP	
Bill Krueger	82	0	
Joe Booth	98	3	
Robert Planica	102	4	
Scott Kossman	102	4	11
Ron Blink	78	-1	
Dave Compton	98	3	
Tim Monti	100	3	
Xavier Gould-Marks	120	5	10
Jim Bartelt	88	1	
Daryl Krumwiede	94	2	
Bryan Rehfeldt	94	2	
Ken Redenbaugh	110	5	10
Greg Wilson	88	1	
Mike Reda	96	3	
Todd Krumwiede	100	3	
Steve Rehfeldt	104	4	11
Rob Rains	88	1	
Tom Doherty	92	2	
Terry Bulger	96	3	
Randy Comstock	115	5	11
Mike Redenbaugh	88	1	
Phil Joschko	100	3	
Bump Waghorne	102	4	
Rob Westover	110	4	12
Adam Kommers	88	1	
Jason Zimberoff	94	2	
Al Gastier	104	4	
Kevin Van Alstyne	104	4	11
Bill Wahl	92	2	
Pat DiDomenico	94	2	
John Wucki	100	3	
Chris Lake	100	3	10
Tom Westerholm	90	1	
Jordan Zimberoff	94	2	
Larry Ryan	96	3	
John Hayes	100	3	9
Kai Bobkowski	92	2	
Steve Ryan	94	2	
Lance Murphy	98	3	
Brandon Mueller	100	3	10
Jonn Steffensen	88	1	
Mark Fankhanel	94	2	
Mark Lutz	98	3	
John Ianantouini	102	4	10

Sunday Morning Scramble

(Shotgun start - everyone needs to be there at 7:00!)

Teams to be drafted at dinner Saturday Night!

Name	HCP	Team	HCP
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Player Bios

This is the famous Otis Bio section. If you have a better nickname, tell Bump, Rob, Mike, or Zim and we will try to change it next time...

Score	Name	Mug Shot	Otis Nickname	Information
78	Ron Blink		"Fade"	Last year Ron shot at 71 on Friday morning. Then he sunk all the way to an 80 on Sat. He must have been beside himself. Or maybe that was just another member of "Team Buffet" lining up for Saturday dinner. Count on Ron to shoot low scores, win long drives and still out-drink just about everyone.
82	Bill Krueger		"Billy Baroo"	Billy, as predicted in last year's bio, returned to form and shot the second lowest scores of the weekend. Baroo is yet another Otis poster boy with his ability to golf, drink (heavily), and yell (loudly) his way around 36 holes without losing an ounce of energy. Playing with Billy is a blast, playing directly in front or behind him, well, that's an entirely different experience...
88	Mike Redenbaugh		"Musky Mike"	Mike returned to Kalamazoo with a vengeance last year, carding two impressive 84's in a leap back into the top four low gross. Will he now maintain his status as a top A player, or will his life in the long winters of the Great White North slowly take its toll on his game? If Mike has his approach shots working, look for low numbers, if not, well, we all know it must have been off the toe.
88	Greg Wilson		"The Wiz"	Greg is an Otis regular that missed last year. Over that last few years Greg has played, we have come to learn that if you need someone to drop a mid-iron right on a pin, Greg is the man to ask. He knows who is playing well that day and will be happy to point that person out. Seriously, Greg is often on his game and can help carry a team all the way to the top, or least to the beer cart.
88	Jim Bartelt		"GQ"	Jim has been a faithful employee to one of Chicago's historic local phone companies for a few decades now. He has also been seen on the local golf course pretty much year round and at least once a week. No wonder it takes two months to get a new line installed! Watch out for some low scores and long drives from this Otis returnee.
88	Rob Rains		"Big Rob II"	Rob arrived at last year's Otis a solid B player with a few flaws in his game, and promptly shot an 82, followed by an 85. After leaving with all of our cash, Rob has been elevated to the A level, and all of its associated pressure. Will he handle the new burden, or will his close association with Adam help push him back to the B(ar)'s?
88	John Steffensen		"The Candy Man"	John is an Otis enigma, sometimes showing up, sometimes not. Sometimes golfing well, sometimes not. Rest assured, with his great all around game, when he is on, he can carry a team, when he is off, well, he's more than happy to carry the beer cooler and float on in to the 18 th green.

88	Adam Kommers		"Rowdy Roddy Piper"	Adam's rowdiness seems to have ebbed somewhat in the last few Oti. Will he return to form this year, or have the rigors of Fatherhood combined with life in sunny San Diego taken the edge off the one time bad boy? Regardless, expect some low scores, some quiet humor, and (hopefully) the occasional outburst that earned him his nickname.
90	Tom Westerholm		"One For The Road"	Tom is one of the Ryan Ringers, but has been absent from the Otis recently. We talked him into coming back, and then remembered that he won a lot of money the last time we saw him. Has he kept his game up to those high standards since we last saw him? Welcome back, and good luck!
92	Kai Bobkowski		"Kai Bob"	After Friday morning last year Kai was cementing his status as a former great, but lo and behold, he found the old magic and fired off an 85 on Saturday. So was this a return to form for Kai, or just a brief blast from the past? If it's the former, look for Kai to load up on Otis winnings, if not, just look for him to get loaded.
92	Bill Wahl		"The Set Up Man"	Bill is another one of the Ryan Ringers, and another one of our "sometimes great, but usually not" A/B tweeners. He is pretty consistent with his irons, allowing his teammates to judge the shot by watching him first. Will he be able to survive this year as the lowest A player? We think so!
92	Tom Doherty		"OilTom"	Tom is returning after many years since his last Otis. You may remember him as the guy that... the one who... well... you may remember him. Welcome back, and good luck! Even though he did play in one previous Otis, we were not able to find a photo of him in our archives. So, the DMV near his home sent us this driver's license photo.
94	Darryl Krumwiede		"Brother Darryl"	Darryl is soft-spoken. Darryl keeps his emotions under control. Darryl is a very consistent golfer. Darryl rarely has been known to drink to excess at the Otis. All admirable traits to be sure, but these facts do beg the question: are we sure Todd is actually his son? Seriously, expect Darryl to be an excellent scramble partner and sneak into the low net on at least one morning.
94	Bryan Rehfeldt		"The Professor"	Bryan is one of the regular Otis participants that can straddle the A / B player line with his game. He is occasionally good, but can be known to struggle at times as well. Bryan also has a love for travel, whether it is to historic pubs in Ireland or camping with friends and family. If you do end up seeing him celebrating at the bar or tramping morosely through the woods after a wayward drive, be comforted that in either case he is well acquainted with the terrain.
94	Jason Zimmeroff		"Zim"	This year Jason returns to Kalamazoo as a proud papa for the second time, with his daughter Leah entering the world a mere 44 days ago (as of this Friday). That's right, he left his wife home with a two year old and a not quite two month old, now that is dedication to the Otis (and just plain dangerous!) We hope he shoots well this weekend and wins some much needed cash, because living in the dog house all summer can get pretty expensive!

94	Mark Fankhanel		"Mr. Sunscreen"	Mark is always smiling. Usually we are not sure if it is from his sunny disposition, his improving golf, or the IV of booze flowing from Murph's golf bag. Last year it was probably a little bit of each as he shot well one day and not so well the next. If you have the pleasure of playing with Mark you are sure to have a good time, whether it's the birdies or beers leading the charge.
94	Jordan Zimmeroff		"Little Zim"	Jordan is lucky that there is usually no video being shot at the Otis, because one of these days, when he kills a sea gull with one of his sky high drives, nobody from PETA will be able to see the film later. But Jordan always swings hard, and sometimes the ball even gets in the way. He is willing to get goofy if the team is hitting the beer, or willing to get serious if they find themselves in contention. Either way, he will have a good time!
94	Pat DiDomenico		"Dee-Doe"	Last year Pat finally put his money where his mouth was, and shot some low numbers. Will he return with high hopes, and even more bravado this year? Will he be able to live up to a large drop in his Otis score for the first time? Time will indeed tell, but at least he can count on Bump to provide some liquid motivation if his strength falters.
94	Steve Ryan		"The Putt"	The other half of the Ryan Ringers is back. Otis participants beware, these two back together make a formidable team. Well, at least at the bar. Will Steve's one-year break have the same effect it had on his brother Larry last year? Doubtful - look for some low scores and crafty scramble play as Steve usually cashes in on Sat. night.
96	Larry Ryan		"The Ringleader"	The Ryan's are whole again this year, with Steve returning from a rare Otis absence after Larry missed two years ago. Will both of their games return to form as well? We give Larry the leg up over Steve, but regardless of who comes out on top of their personal battle count on both Ryan's to be collecting cash on Sat. night
96	Mike Reda		"Choke"	For those of you who don't know Mike that well, he loves the Blackhawks and was nearly in seventh heaven this year with their impressive playoff run. Will his own golf follow their example – making a strong run but ultimately failing in Michigan, or will he overcome the dreaded Redwing state and sink every putt in the five hole? His nickname may be a telling clue...
96	Terry Bulger		"Lefty"	Terry is a Kalamazoo regular, going back to the Lapski days, so we were confident that he should have plenty of local knowledge to help him navigate the courses – until last year's scores proved otherwise. Maybe this year he will find that old Michigan magic, but if not, you can always count on Terry for a putt or two in a scramble, and a laugh or three at the bar.

98 Dave Compton		"Condo"	Dave's scores had been steadily improving over the last few years. Had... Will this team buffet member step back up to the plate and devour the field, or is he once again returning to the back of the line? Even if he doesn't win low net, Dave is usually comfortable with seconds.
98 Joe Booth		"Jo Mamma"	Joe is now the owner of an Amish furniture shop. He left early for Kalamazoo last week and - at the time of the writing of this program - we hear that he and his buggy have already made it to Michigan City. Hopefully all will be well and he will pull into Kalamazoo about the time we tee off on Friday.
98 Lance Murphy		"Murph"	Lance played well last year, and bested his score each day. That is fairly amazing considering that there are routinely more stow-away's in his bag than clubs. When he and Baroo get together, watch for the trail of dead soldiers as they maneuver the course. Even though Lance is an accomplished distance runner, if we were forced to walk a scramble with that load in his bag, he wouldn't make it through nine.
98 Mark Lutz		"Buckeye"	When Mark walks up to the first tee you expect to see a big, booming drive to majestically rise up and out to the middle of the fairway – then you see his swing and those thoughts tend to fade away (actually slice away). However, last year Mark did best his score both days, so are better times ahead for the Ohio native? Remember, we are in Michigan.
100 Todd Krumwiede		"TK Money"	We think Todd may have learned a thing a two from his first Otis, as his sophomore campaign saw improved numbers on the course and less stumbling off of it. Will he continue to follow his father's lead and realize that moderation is often the best path, or will we see a return to the antics of Todd's rookie season – we can only hope.
100 Chris Lake		"Flipper"	Chris is a sophomore Otis participant this year, and if his first year's performance is indicative of future Otis endeavors, he will soon be a regular favorite cart partner. Just ask him how he got his nickname. Now, as for his golf, well, we can cut him some slack for his first year numbers. Look for Flipper to turn the tables this year and net some lower totals with his increasing Otis experience.
100 John Wucki		"Chewy"	John is competing at the Otis this year without his normal travel companion Jeff Lake, but he does have his son-in-law Chris to keep him company in Jeff's absence. Maybe John will improve over last year's numbers without Jeff's unsteady influence keeping him off his game. That is unless, of course, Chris snores louder than his dad and keeps John even blearier eyed on the first tee.

100 Phil Joschko		"Mr. Mermaid"	So how do we write Phil's bio without mentioning Mermaids...oops too late... Speaking of late, if you happen to be a night owl like Phil and enjoy the scenery of the outskirts of Kalamazoo, ask him for a tour, I'm sure he can show you a thing or two. Be sure to remind him there is some golf going on in the morning.
100 John Hayes		"The Anchor Man"	John's game was both great and not so great last year, earning some low net money on Friday and a return to familiar numbers on Sat. Will John find some consistency this year, or will it be another episode of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hayes? Either way you can count on John to have fun with his ongoing golfing experiment.
100 Tim Monti		"Coach"	We are lucky to have Tim with us this year. He nearly missed the Otis due to an unfortunate baseball injury in the area of his eyes - so at least this year he has an excuse for those wayward drives. It is great to have Tim back, and even better that he is quickly recovering. Team Buffet is just not the same without him!
100 Brandan Mueller		"Rip Van Winkle"	Brandan has been conspicuously absent from the last few Oti. Something about a wedding and keeping his job... Well, now that he has returned a married man we can be sure he will be in bed each night right after dinner, resting for the next morning's golf, assured that he has outgrown his youthful ways. Right...
102 Robert Planica		"Paparazzi"	Rob "the shutterbug" Planica is now on an Otis regular with this his third appearance. Rob is easy to find, just look for the zoom lens where his nose should be. Actually, many of the great pictures on the website are courtesy of Rob and we thank him for his generous additions. Now if we could just him to hand over the camera to one of his playing partners to get a picture of himself hitting a great shot – well, never mind.
102 Bump Waghorne		"Sweet Swingin' "	This year Bump has hung up his softball spikes in an effort to be a good dad and help his girls in their sporting endeavors - commendable to be sure. As an added side benefit, he won't throw out his back before the Friday rounds this year! We expect that to happen on the second tee... Hopefully his slightly less worn out body will keep him in the game a little longer this year, and if not, at least he still has Capt. Morgan (and the cart girl Morgan) to ease his aches and pains.
102 Scott Kossman		"Scottie Woo"	After last year's rounds, we think Scott is secretly practicing a little more than he lets on. Were his low scores the start of a climb up the Otis leader board, or, like his Illini, was it just a momentary flash of greatness followed by a return to mediocrity? We must lean towards the latter. Regardless, a round with Scott will surely take you on a fun filled trip to Margaritaville – so don't forget your limes!
102 John Iannantouni		"Johnny Credit"	John is another Otis semi-regular returning this year. We hope he has been working on his game, especially for the groups playing on adjoining fairways. John is another great story teller, so if the golf does go south, be sure to get him talking – which usually is not too much of a struggle. Welcome back!

104 Steve Rehfeldt		"Radar"	Radar did it again last year, shooting two identical scores. How good were they? Well, they certainly were identical... Count on Steve to be in the fairway, near the green, and sink a few putts. Also count on a few extra shots in there somewhere, and we don't mean at the bar.
104 Kevin Van Alstyne		"Chunks"	Kevin's nickname references his unfortunate gastrointestinal distress from his first Otis, but after last year's golfing, it may now have a double entendre. Hopefully this year he can put up some great scores and have a much more pleasant moniker bestowed over the course of the weekend.
104 Al Gasteier		"The Mole"	The good doctor returns to the Otis with a newly healed back. Unfortunately, we're not sure we can say the same about his swing. Al has been known to take some cross country motorcycle trips that have generated some pretty good stories. If you are lucky enough to play a round with Al, be sure to dig up a few of these tales.
110 Ken Redenbaugh		"Pa Baugh"	With nearly two decades of local experience, Ken is one of the most knowledgeable Otis / Kalamazoo golfers. Therefore, playing a scramble round with Ken is always an enlightening, enjoyable, and usually a long experience. Be sure to pay attention, you may learn a thing or two, but also bring an extra cooler for this round to keep the stories going and the drink flowing!
110 Rob Westover		"Big Rob"	We thought we may have overdone the Captain Morgan jokes on Rob's bio last year, but he once again stepped up and proved us right. Now we must ask, has his migration to permanent residence in the north woods influenced his drinking preference enough to switch Captain Hook from the tropical demon rum to the beer selection at the congenial Leinie Lodge? Berry Weiss Westover? Doubtful...
115 Randy Comstock		"Burgertime"	We wanted to remind all the Otis participants of Randy's generosity last year, sitting out the morning rounds to make even teams. As a thank you, we are going to place a video of Randy's 320 yard tee shot of the 18 th tee as the new header of the Otis website – as soon as he hits one. A round of golf with Randy may cause you to doubt Newtonian physics, or at least seriously consider a career change to orthopedic surgery, but at least it is always a good time!
120 Xavier Gould-Marks		"X"	While his golf game is not the greatest, X looks at the Otis as a warm up for golf season, and as a warm up for his liver for his much more serious party season (stampede in July, his first bachelor party in August, his second in Sept, and Oktoberfest in Munich). X thinks that since his wedding this fall is his 2nd, he needs two bachelor parties, one for each marriage. God save him, if this one doesn't work out and he goes for number 3. We are glad the Otis is here to help X kick off his seasons in style.

Otis Invitational History

Long ago there was a group of guys who played golf on Sunday Mornings at Arrowhead golf course in Wheaton. One of them was Terry Bulger, who worked for a bank in Chicago. One day (sometime in the late '80's) Terry asked two of his golfing partners - Ken Redenbaugh and his son Mike - if they would like to join him in a golf outing run by some of the guys he worked with at the bank.

These two co-workers had organized a golf outing in Kalamazoo Michigan at Thornapple Creek golf course, and played 90 holes there in three days. The group made up of mostly bank employees and their friends was called the Lapski - after its co-organizers named Gonski and Lapitina.

Back then, Thornapple was a course unlike any that they had seen: rolling terrain, a great layout with lots of trouble, and unbelievably fast greens. It was truly a golf paradise.

Terry, Mike and Ken played in the Lapski for a number of years - occasionally adding a few other neighbors and friends to the group. Eventually, Mike asked his friend Jason Zimberoff to join the group.

By this time, the Lapski group had grown to about 40 men, but the quality of the greens at Thornapple started to fall off from the glory days. So, they had also added another course to the schedule on Saturdays, called Heritage Glen. The Friday and Sunday rounds were still played at Thornapple though.

The Lapski golfers were also more serious about the winning and scoring, and it sometimes led to a lot of under-the-breath muttering about sandbaggers and people not following the rules. It did sometimes take away from what we thought the spirit of the trip should be.

With the addition of Jason Zimberoff also came many of his friends and family members. After a couple of years, Mike and Jason were bringing at least 12 guys to Michigan with them to play in the Lapski - and a great time was had by all...

Until one dark day at the beginning of 1998, Mike got the phone call that changed history forever. The Lapski group wanted to go back to inviting more of the bank employees and more of their friends, and we were asked to only bring 4 players that coming summer.

That was all we needed to hear. How could we choose who could and couldn't go? Would we hang our heads and agree to this? NO!

The group of Mike Redenbaugh, Jason Zimberoff, Bump Waghorne, and Rob Westover, all former Lapski players, decided to create a new outing based on the self-described "Oti" (pronounced oat-eye) club of over-served drinking buddies... named, of course, after everyone's favorite town drunk - Otis Campbell of Mayberry.

We immediately got together and came up with the idea for the Otis Invitational: a group that would be made up of all of our friends and family. Although we did bring many of the long-time Lapski guys with us, we hope that we left all of the bickering and BS with the old group. We even replaced the Sunday individual scoring round with a scramble to make it more fun - along with a few other minor changes that we all wanted to make.

This year, we again return to Kalamazoo with 44 of our own players (tied for an Otis record), and three great golf courses! We wouldn't have it any other way. Thanks to everybody who has participated these twelve years and here's to many more!

Directions to the Hampton Inn from Chicago

- Take the tri-state toll way south towards Indiana.
- Follow 294 south to 80-94 east.
- Stay on I-94 all the way into Michigan and to Kalamazoo.
- Exit I-94 at 9th Street (Exit 72 North).
- Follow 9th Street north to the hotel.



Hampton Inn (Kalamazoo-Oshtemo)

5059 S. 9th St.
KALAMAZOO, MI 49009

Tel: 1-269-372-1010
Fax: 1-269-372-1475

Gallagher's (Formerly Chianti's)

Gallagher's is on Stadium Drive, about 2.5 miles north and east of the hotel.

4210 Stadium Drive
Kalamazoo, MI 49008
(269) 372-7177

Directions to Thornapple Creek from Hampton Inn

Follow 9th St north to Stadium Av. Turn Right.
Follow Stadium Ave east to Drake Rd.
Turn Left on Drake and drive a few miles north to Ravine Rd.
Turn left on Ravine Rd. And follow it to "F" Ave.
Turn left on "F" Ave and follow to Thornapple, on the left side of the road.



Thornapple Creek Golf Club

6415 W. F Ave
Kalamazoo, MI 49009

1-269-344-0040
www.thornapplecreek.com

Directions to Heritage Glen from Hampton Inn

Take 9th St. north to Stadium Av. Turn Left.

Follow Stadium Drive west out of town.

Stadium will become "Red Arrow Highway".

Follow Red Arrow Hwy west to 30th Street.

(Be patient, it is a few miles)

Turn right on 30th St. and follow to Heritage, about 1 or 2 miles down on right.



Heritage Glen Golf Club

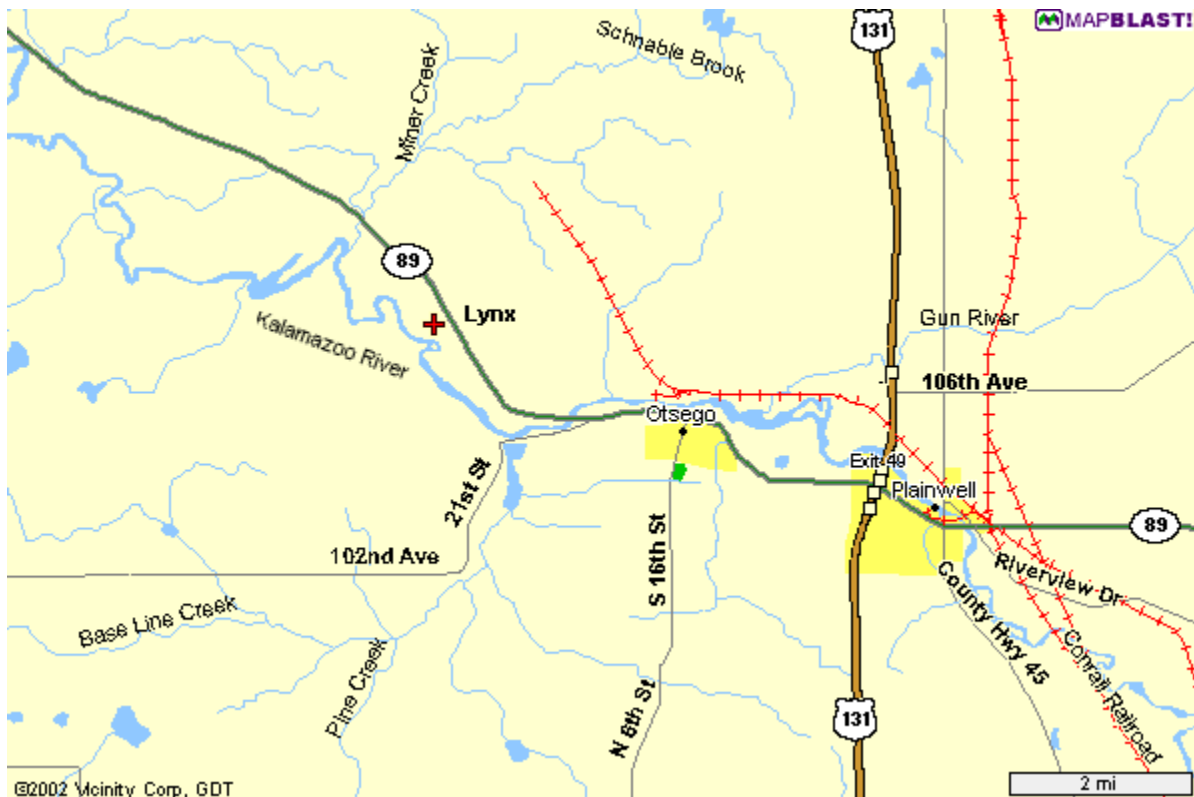
29795 Heritage Lane

Paw Paw, MI 49079

1-269-657-2552

Directions to The Lynx Golf Course from Hampton Inn

Take 9th st. North to Staduim, then turn right.
Take Staduim to US 131 and get on going north.
Follow US 131 north out of town to
Michigan State Road 89 (M89) west.
Follow M89 west through the small town of Otsego
and veer right still following M89.
The golf course will be on your left,
1 or 2 miles outside of town.



Lynx Golf Course
900 Lincoln Road (M89)
Otsego, Michigan 49078

1-269-694-5969
www.lynxgolfcourse.com



Thornapple Creek Golf Club

6415 West "F" Ave.
Kalamazoo, MI 49009
(269) 344-0040

Rated one of the most challenging courses by the Golf Association of Michigan. Enjoy a rare combination of undisturbed natural beauty and finely manicured bent grass, a treat for any golfer. The Creek's 13th hole, a 618 yard par 5, was ranked as the best par 5 in the state, and was also named to the Detroit Free Press' "Dream 18".



After your round enjoy the rustic log cabin clubhouse. Complete food and beverage service and large seating capacity make it the ideal setting for heckling your fellow Otis participants as they putt out on the 18th hole.

Blue Tees: Course Rating 72.3, Slope 133, 6595 yards
White Tees: Course Rating 70.0, Slope 127, 6122 yards



Heritage Glen Golf Club

29795 Heritage Lane
Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269) 657-2552

A challenging, public 18-hole, par 72 layout built on 235 acres of beautiful, rolling land in southwestern Michigan's wine region. Opened in 1994, it is located five miles northeast of Paw Paw.



(The Adam Kommers Memorial Bridge)

On this beautifully maintained course, golfers enjoy three different settings on the front nine alone - pines, hardwoods, and a bit of the links effect. The bent grass greens, fairways, and tees are superbly manicured. Golfers need to make their mark on the front, because they won't be able to let up at all on the back nine!

The 6th hole is 625 yards from the back tees. It's a narrow, double dogleg test that requires your best shot making ability.

Blue Tees: Course Rating 72.1, Slope 137, 6630 yards
White Tees: Course Rating 69.2, Slope 131, 6049 yards



Lynx Golf Course

900 Lincoln Road (M89)
Otsego, Michigan 49078
(269) 694-5969

The clubhouse sits 135 feet above the river and the course meanders up and down the rolling hills that the property encompasses. The 8th hole is a par 5 with the green elevated 95 feet above the tee.
The par 4 10th hole offers 85 feet of drop from the tee to the fairway!

Many other holes offer elevation changes and breath taking scenic views that will remind the golfer of their favorite Northern Michigan course.

Each hole is isolated by itself and gives the golfer the opportunity to enjoy the peace and solitude of the great outdoors. Most of the course is surrounded by river bottom land owned by the State of Michigan.
Thus, the course will always provide the peaceful solitude of a golf course in the woods.
At the Lynx, our golf holes are lined by a river and trees, not houses!



Blue Tees: Course Rating 71.2, Slope 137, 6471 yards
White Tees: Course Rating 69.1, Slope 134, 6012 yards