

# ***The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Otis Invitational***



**June 24, 25, 26 - 2011**

Hosted By  
**Heritage Glen Golf Club  
Thornapple Creek Golf Club  
Angels Crossing Golf Club**

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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 2011 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.

**Tee times** begin at 7:30 AM on Friday, 7:30 AM on Saturday and 8:00 AM on Sunday. These are all shotguns, so you **NEED TO BE THERE EARLY!** Please make sure you get to the course by 7:00 AM (7:30 on Sunday).

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 Heritage, we will play the white tees for the scramble on Friday. At Thornapple, for the Saturday scramble we will play blues on #3, and white on all others. We will play green tees for the scramble at Angels Crossing on Sunday.

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. Since we have a large group, there will be a buffet with steak chicken.

We will also be meeting in the bar at Gallagher's (formerly Chianti's) on Thursday (after 6:00 p.m.) if you are interested in meeting up with many of the participants before the tournament.

## 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 <sup>st</sup> place (one person, each stroke play round)	\$80
Low Net 2 <sup>nd</sup> place (one person, each stroke play round)	\$70
Low Net 3 <sup>rd</sup> place (one person, each stroke play round)	\$60
Low Net 4 <sup>th</sup> place (one person, each stroke play round)	\$50
Low Net 5 <sup>th</sup> place (one person, each stroke play round)	\$40
Low Net 6 <sup>th</sup> place (one person, each stroke play round)	\$30
Low Net 7 <sup>th</sup> place (one person, each stroke play round)	\$20
Low Net 8 <sup>th</sup> place (one person, each stroke play round)	\$10
Scramble Team Winners (each person, each scramble round)	\$60
Scramble Team 2 <sup>nd</sup> place (each person, each scramble round)	\$50
Scramble Team 3 <sup>rd</sup> place (each person, each scramble round)	\$40
Scramble Team 4 <sup>th</sup> place (each person, each scramble round)	\$30
Scramble Team 5 <sup>th</sup> place (each person, each scramble round)	\$20
Hole-In-One Pool (Will go up every year until we pay it out)	\$1720

The golf fees for all 5 rounds will be \$208 per person (includes green fees and riding cart, and lunch on Saturday) Betting / prize / Saturday dinner money is \$167 for the entire weekend.

Total cost per person: \$375 (not including the hotel room)

Birdie pool is 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

**Friday AM** - *Stroke play with your foursome at Heritage.* Prizes are awarded for the 4 closest to the pin markers, long drive in the fairway on #8, longest putt made on #6 & #14, and to the top 8 finishers. White tees. (Lunch is not included at Heritage)

**Friday PM** – *Handicapped 4 man scramble play at Heritage.* 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 #18, longest putt made on #9 & #18, and to the top 5 teams. White tees.

**Saturday 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 #7 & #14, and to the top 8 stroke play finishers. White tees. (Except Blue Tee on #3) (Lunch is included at Thornapple)

**Saturday PM** - *Handicapped 4 man scramble play at Thornapple.* 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 9 & 18, and to the top 5 teams. White Tees. (Except Blue Tee on #3)

**Sunday AM** - *Handicapped 4 man scramble play at Angels Crossing.* 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 #18, longest putt made on 9 & 18, and to the top 5 teams. Green Tees. D players will draft this year!

# Official Otis Logistics

Tournament Date: Weekend of Friday, June 24, 2011

Tournament Location: Heritage Glen Golf Club (Friday)  
Paw Paw, Michigan (269) 657-2552

Thornapple Creek Country Club (Saturday)  
Kalamazoo, Michigan (269) 344-0040

Angels Crossing Golf Club (Sunday)  
Vicksburg, Michigan (269) 649-2700

Hotel Accommodations: **Hampton Inn & Suites Kalamazoo-Oshtemo**  
(5059 S. 9<sup>th</sup> St. Exit 72 from I-94, go north, (269) 372-1010)  
Block of rooms reserved under the Otis Golf Outing

**Kalamazoo Fairfield Inn West**  
6420 Cracker barrel Drive – Exit 72 from I-94 go straight across 9<sup>th</sup> St.  
(269) 353-6400  
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 \$208 for the entire weekend. This includes 90 holes of golf, (\$375 Total per person) and a riding cart. Betting, Prize and Dinner money is \$167 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, 7:30 on Saturday, and 8:00 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 715-220-1610  
Jason Zimberoff 630-373-3404  
Rob Westover 715-220-5636



# 2011 Otis Invitational

## Official Otis Rules

Unless otherwise stated by the rules committee (Jason, Rob and Mike), USGA rules apply. 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

No complaining about the conditions or rules! And especially – no complaining about the birdie pool!

### NO GIMMIES IN THE SCRAMBLES!

### PLAYOFFS

For the scrambles will only take place if time allows, and the golf course is agreeable to it. We may go back to the first hole, or have a putting contest to decide – if time allows. We may also just split the prize money among the winning teams.

### KEEP PACE:

Please take no more than double par on each hole. If you get to double par 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 7:00 on FRI/SAT and 7:30 on SUN!

### 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 Billy Krueger, who is awaiting the birth of his second child...) 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 between the lake and the red tees.

#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.

### 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	80
Bryan Rehfeldt	92
Xavier Gould-Marks	120
Rob Westover	112
Mike Redenbaugh	86
Chris Schoenfeld	88
Tim Monti	98
Steve Rehfeldt	103
Bill Krueger	81
Mike Reda	95
Jordan Zimberoff	100
John Wucki	103
Jim Bartelt	84
Joe Booth	92
John Hayes	104
Robert Planica	103
Fred Watson	84
Jeff Lake	98
Brain Fricke	108
Maciek Milewski	110
Scott Holmes	85
Patrick Mackey	94
Phil Joschko	99
Al Gasteier	107
Greg Taylor	85
Jason Zimberoff	94
Todd Krumwiede	99
Daryl Krumwiede	95
Russ Taruscio	80
Pat DiDomenico	89
Doug Newton	89
Dave Compton	93
Greg Wilson	86
Kai Bobkowski	89
Shawn Forth	98
Scott Kossman	100
Adam Kommers	89
Rob Rains	90
Brad Walbruck	97
Terry Bulger	93
Nick Gilbertson	89
Tom Stockings	95
Mark Fankhanel	96
Lance Murphy	100



## Friday Afternoon Scramble

Name	Score	HCP	Team HCP
Ron Blink	80	-1	
Phil Joschko	99	4	
Joe Booth	92	2	
Maciek Milewski	110	5	10
Russ Taruscio	80	-1	
Terry Bulger	93	2	
Jordan Zimberoff	100	4	
Al Gasteier	107	5	10
Nick Gilbertson	89	1	
Rob Rains	90	1	
Tim Monti	98	4	
Rob Westover	112	5	11
Mike Redenbaugh	86	0	
Doug Newton	89	1	
Brad Walbruck	97	4	
Scott Kossman	100	4	9
Jim Bartelt	84	0	
Jason Zimberoff	94	3	
Shawn Forth	98	4	
Jeff Lake	98	4	11
Scott Holmes	85	0	
Mike Reda	95	3	
Pat DiDomenico	89	1	
John Hayes	104	5	9
Greg Taylor	85	0	
Dave Compton	93	2	
Mark Fankhanel	96	3	
John Wucki	103	5	10
Fred Watson	84	0	
Bryan Rehfeldt	92	2	
Daryl Krumwiede	95	3	
Robert Planica	105	5	10
Greg Wilson	86	0	
Patrick Mackey	94	3	
Tom Stockings	95	3	
Brain Fricke	108	5	11
Chris Schoenfeld	88	0	
Adam Kommers	89	1	
Lance Murphy	100	4	
Xavier Gould-Marks	120	5	10
Bill Krueger	81	-1	
Kai Bobkowski	89	1	
Todd Krumwiede	99	4	
Steve Rehfeldt	103	5	9

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Ron Blink	80	-1	
Jordan Zimberoff	100	4	
Todd Krumwiede	99	4	
Robert Planica	105	5	<b>12</b>
Russ Taruscio	80	-1	
Tom Stockings	95	3	
Brad Walbruck	97	4	
Brain Fricke	108	5	<b>11</b>
Bill Krueger	81	-1	
Scott Kossman	100	4	
Lance Murphy	100	4	
John Hayes	104	5	<b>12</b>
Mike Redenbaugh	86	0	
Terry Bulger	93	2	
Phil Joschko	99	4	
Rob Westover	112	5	<b>11</b>
Fred Watson	84	0	
Joe Booth	92	2	
Mike Reda	95	3	
Al Gasteier	107	5	<b>10</b>
Scott Holmes	85	0	
Rob Rains	90	1	
Mark Fankhanel	96	3	
John Wucki	103	5	<b>9</b>
Greg Taylor	85	0	
Pat DiDomenico	89	1	
Tim Monti	98	4	
Xavier Gould-Marks	120	5	<b>10</b>
Jim Bartelt	84	0	
Bryan Rehfeldt	92	2	
Dave Compton	93	2	
Maciek Milewski	110	5	<b>9</b>
Greg Wilson	86	0	
Adam Kommers	89	1	
Jason Zimberoff	94	3	
Steve Rehfeldt	103	5	<b>9</b>
Chris Schoenfeld	88	1	
Kai Bobkowski	89	1	
Patrick Mackey	94	3	
Shawn Forth	98	4	<b>9</b>
Nick Gilbertson	89	1	
Doug Newton	89	1	
Daryl Krumwiede	95	3	
Jeff Lake	98	4	<b>9</b>

# Sunday Morning Scramble

(Shotgun start – everyone needs to be there at 7:30!)

Teams to be drafted by D players at dinner Saturday Night!







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Lance Murphy	100	4	
Jordan Zimberoff	100	4	
Steve Rehfeldt	103	5	
John Wucki	103	5	
John Hayes	104	5	
Robert Planica	105	5	
Al Gasteier	107	5	
Brian Fricke	108	5	
Maciek Milewski	110	5	
Rob Westover	112	5	
Xavier Gould-Marks	120	5	






## 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
80	Ron Blink		"Fade"	Over the past few years, the notion of an "Otis Poster Boy" has been bantered about. Requirements: big drinker, loves golf, big drinker, fun to golf with, big drinker, connoisseur of fine foods and cigars, big drinker, tells great stories at the 19t hole, big drinker, quick witted with a cart girl / mermaid, big drinker, and occasionally win some cash with great golf... While there are many candidates in our midst this year, Ron usually stands above the rest, in height... and... as you can guess from his place at the top of this list, usually on the course as well. Big drives, low scores, and plenty of Youtube moments await Ron and his playing partners this year!
80	Russ Taruscio		"Retired Russ"	Since leaving BP, Russ' golf game has improved, albeit slightly, from a 10 to an 8 handicap. The small change is because he is logging only a few more rounds a year now. (He was getting in 80 rounds-plus a year when he "worked" for BP.) Welcome to the Otis, and good luck!
81	Bill Krueger		"Billy Baroo"	"Better Late than Never Baroo" Last year we celebrated the birth of Billy's first child in his bio. He liked the praise so much he decided to try it again and is expecting child #2 this fall...This usually merits the awarding of the annual Otis "Lost Balls" award, but with Bill we figured this happened about two decades ago. Even with the added duties of fatherhood, Baroo found time to keep his game sharp last year and posted some winning numbers. Will the ever increasing pressures of a growing family weigh on him heavily this go round, or will he, as usual, serenade us all as he verbally wills himself to low numbers? Its blowing in the wind...
84	Jim Bartelt		"GQ" or "Father of the Bride"	If Jim seems to be thinking of things other than golf this year, we can hardly blame him. Next weekend he is marrying off his oldest daughter. With the expenses that usually accompany such events for the FOB, don't be surprised if you see Jim trying to make a little extra with some side bets. If he does golf well enough to cash on Saturday night, let's hope that walk down the aisle will be a little less stressful than the one he is attending to next Saturday. Congratulations and best of luck this weekend on the course – and if you cannot cash in Kalamazoo, rest assured you can always win it back from your new son-in-law!
84	Fred Watson		"Mr. Consistent"	Playing a round of golf with Fred is soothing... unless you are competing against him. His placid demeanor, good stories, quality jokes, and very consistent shot making help Fred steady his game and scramble groups. Need a shot to a green from a bad drive? Fred is your man. Need a putt from outside 20 feet to save par? Fred will deliver. Need a drive when your "B" player just sliced one into the forest? Fred to the rescue... Have we put enough pressure on him? We hope so! Even with our little jab here, we expect to see Fred calmly cashing in on Saturday in numerous categories.

85	Scott Holmes		"The President of Canada"	Making the long distance trek from Calgary Alberta, Scottie joins us after helping to start his own company this year. He used to be involved in crude oil, but his new company is called "Petrolama". We are not really sure what he does up there during the cold winters, but it sounds like Llamas are involved, and we are not going to ask too many questions. Welcome to Kalamazoo, and good luck!
85	Greg Taylor		"The Waiter"	Greg, as a sophomore participant has some low numbers to post this year if he wishes to stay near the top of the Otis score sheet. He came to the Otis last year, after a somewhat extended wait, with high praise from his sponsor, TK Money. His scores were respectable – 88ish, but he needs to show some improvement to back up Todd's boasts. Also, a new nickname may be in order, so keep your eyes peeled to see if he earns a new moniker this year. As one of the younger Otis participants, and since he can usually be found near the aforementioned TK, we are confident that some shenanigans will be afoot.
86	Mike Redenbaugh		"Musky Mike"	Mike was trying to emulate Tiger woods this year but as usual, got it backwards. Tiger won the US and then had knee surgery. Mike had his knee surgery on the Tuesday before the Otis. He shot well on the home turf last year, carding some very low numbers on his way to the 19 <sup>th</sup> hole. Will the short flight to Kalamazoo take away the home field advantage? Not likely since he has been playing these courses since he was in high school! Will his knee bother him? Beer works as an anesthetic too. This Otis founder is surging back up the leader board and hopes to continue the climb this year...he wouldn't "trade" it for anything...
86	Greg Wilson		"The Wiz"	There are rumors swirling that if you want to go for the ride of your life in a golf cart, Greg has surpassed Adam as the man to see... Greg was able to <b>drive</b> his way to low numbers, not going <b>off</b> his game, nor failing to miss <b>a</b> critical putt, crossing the <b>bridge</b> to victory. Greg is earning his way to poster boy status with his high level of golf, imbibing, and joviality on and off the course. Let's hope that this year he is able to keep everything "on the path" as he maneuvers through southwest Michigan!
88	Chris Schoenfeld		"Topher"	Long time Otis participant Chris returns this year after a sort hiatus. Will he bring his "A" game back with him, or will his scores continue to slowly climb towards the middle of the pack? If Topher is on his game, look for long drives, great approach shots, and steady putting (ok, at least the first two). If not, Chris is sure to find some enjoyment in other Otis activities, or at least making fun of Kai. We welcome back this somewhat regular A player and hope he returns to form this year!
89	Kai Bobkowski		"Kai Bob"	Kai continued his elevator style scoring streak last year, (good year, bad year, repeat...) moving back up the leader board with some low scores. So, if the pattern continues, we should expect some heavy drinking, a little cigar smoke, and much higher scores this year from Kai. Can he put a Kai-bosh on the back and forth numbers, or will he be fated to keep up the pattern and sink back to mediocrity this Otis? With drinking buddy Topher back this year, odds on are Kai staying true to form!
89	Pat DiDomenico		"Dee-Dee"	The Otis bio page has run out of superlatives for Pat's meteoric rise up the leader board. Continued impressive scores, well below his predicted score, have yet again moved him closer to the top. It just goes to show that hours of hard work, practice, and good coaching can help just about anyone improve their golf-game. Although we know that with Pat it was the HGH that really turned the tide! P.E.D use aside, watch for Pat to continue his stellar play and take home wads of cash on Saturday dinner (we all know how expensive HGH can be!).







89	<b>Nick Gilbertson</b>		"The Natural"	Neighbor Nick is one of Mike's Minocqua buddies. It didn't take him long to fit in as he is now holds the record for the shortest wait to appear on the cover of this program. He is competing in his second Otis this year and for first time venturing away from the home courses. Living up to his billing, he carded some great scores last year and lowered his predicted score for this go-round. Will the lack of home course knowledge be a hindrance? If so, we can rest assured that he will live up to the other part of last year's bio and the local breweries will appreciate his business.
89	<b>Adam Kommers</b>		"Rowdy Roddy Piper"	The form fitting white pants are all the rage on the PGA tour these past few years, and Adam has been known to closely follow the tour fashions in Otis past. He broke out a pair of tighty-whities last year. Will he add the black hat and other trendy apparel fads this year? Keep your cameras ready. As for Adam's golf, well, he has been slowly descending this list toward mediocrity the last few years and needs to find his swing to reclaim past glory. Or... he could regain other past glories (see the nick name) and try and one-up Wilson with some trick golf carting...again, keep your cameras ready.
89	<b>Doug Newton</b>		"Let's Have One More"	Yet another second year participant, Doug was billed as an Otis Poster Boy in waiting. He more than lived up to this billing; drinking Minocqua into submission, shooting some great scores, and having a blast all along the way. On the course, in the bar, or anywhere else, Doug is ready to have some fun and slake his thirst, so if you have the pleasure of playing a round with him, welcome him back and have a round ready to go!
90	<b>Rob Rains</b>		"Big Rob II"	Team Buffet Member Rob was one of the great Otis golfing stories (as opposed to most of the great Otis stories that revolve around the bar) three years ago, moving from the bottom of the heap to near "A" player status. His game was impressive, with big drives, pin point approach shots, and steady putting shaving dozens of strokes off his game. Alas, the last two years have not been kind to BR II, with his scores sinking back towards the abyss of mediocrity. So, was his break out year a fluke, or will he prove to us that the sophomore slump is over and he can step up to the plate of "A" player status? Chew on that...
92	<b>Joe Booth</b>		"Jo Mamma"	For two years now Joe has been posting scores well below his predicted numbers. Normally we would shout, "Sandbagger!" but we all had the pleasure of golfing with Joe for the numerous Oti prior to his improvement and know this not to be the case. So to what do we attribute his sudden surge? Practice? Lessons? Better beer management? Staying as far away from Reda as possible??? Well, the powers that be have finally lowered his number to a level that will challenge his newly improved game and hopefully spread the winnings around. Good luck this year Joe!
92	<b>Bryan Rehfeldt</b>		"The Professor"	Bryan is nearing retirement. After 30 plus years of teaching, playing in numerous bands, and other music / education/ technology related employment, he is ready to really step up his time on the course. Since he usually plays about 150 rounds a year already, we think this means he will just pitch a tent at the local links and permanently live on the first tee. Bryan returned to top form last year and posted some impressive numbers, winning some cash and pacing his scramble teams along the way. Can we expect similar lessons from the professor this year? Sit up straight and pay attention!

93	<b>Terry Bulger</b>		"Lefty"	The magic lasted for Terry last year and he managed to card decent numbers all weekend. Will our return to Kalamazoo, where Terry has been playing for decades in both the Otis and the Lapski, help him keep up the good work, or will even older habits return and keep Terry's numbers at inconsistent levels? Regardless of the scores, look for Lefty to have a great time on the course, pace his scramble teams, and share a good story and drink or two along the way.
93	<b>Dave Compton</b>		"Condo"	It is starting to look like Dave's poor scoring of a few years back was the fluke, and decent play is more the norm. Big drives are the rule for this Team Buffet member – if he can keep 'em straight, and sneaky scoring at times will keep him in the running for low net and scramble prizes as well. Watch for Dave to play well in stretches, not so well in others, but regardless of the scores he will have fun along way pacing the drinking and frivolity. If current trends hold, Dave's game is on the rise and this Otis regular should be an asset for any scramble team this weekend.
94	<b>Pat Mackey</b>		"Late Night"	Pat returned to form last year, drinking his way through another Otis and shooting near his number for some decent scores. As his nickname may hint at, if you are seeking further entertainment after the sun goes down and the courses are officially closed, follow along with Pat. We predict a few convivial evenings (early mornings) of good old fashioned storytelling, port sniffting, and all around chumminess... For the non-PG version, just hang around with Pat and find out...
94	<b>Jason Zimberoff</b>		"Zim"	Zim's strategy of pre-Otis preparation is getting more and more complex each year. It was rumored that this year he actually got the clubs out of the attic on Wednesday, instead of the usual Thursday morning just before throwing them in the trunk on his way to Kalamazoo. Needless to say, the joys of parenting have kept Zim off the course most of the last four years (except for his Otis participation). Knowing this, his ability to find a swing and actually card some decent numbers each of the last few years is all the more impressive. Add to that his duties as official Otis records keeper, historian, CIO, and general gad-about, it is amazing he can even remember which way to hit the ball off the first tee each year. Here's hoping he once again finds the magic back swing (wait for it...) and finds his name on a few awards this year.
95	<b>Darryl Krumwiede</b>		"Brother Darryl"	Todd's influences seem to be having an effect on his dad's scores. The past few Otis score boards have Darryl moving in the wrong direction as his BAC moves a little bit higher. Darryl will have to take the lead of the Krumwiede clan this year and push his scores back to their former low levels. If not, look for him to continue to find a new level of fun laughing with (and possibly at) his son Todd over the course of the weekend. Keep your eyes out for Darryl, especially if you are up against him form a closest to the pin or long putt, he usually finds a few winning envelopes by the end of the weekend.
95	<b>Mike Reda</b>		"Choke"	Playing off the high of the Blackhawk's run last year, Choke filled himself with that Stanley Cup energy and... played just okay... oh well, so much for momentum. With the local hockey club making an early exit this year, did Mike have more time to work on his game and set himself up for some winning scores this year, or will he, like his favorite team, have to give in to outside pressures and reign it back in from former glories? With his playing partner Joe moving farther up the list here, Mike has some work to do to catch back up; good luck this year Mike!



95	<b>Tom Stockings</b>		"Made In England"	Tom keeps himself busy building retreats for the FIB's in Wisconsin, but when he is not swinging a hammer, he can most likely be found tipping back a can of Heineken or two. Or three. He is also the oddest combination you will meet at the Otis – he is a native Brit and a White Sox fan. Just goes to show that nobody over there really understands baseball. This is his first trip to Kalamazoo, so welcome and good luck!
96	<b>Mark Fankhanel</b>		"Mr. Sunscreen"	Mark changed hats last year, moving from his usual closest to the pin awards to the longest drive on Friday. Was there a gust of wind, a well-placed sprinkler head, or did Mark actually just stripe one down the middle? Well, other than that one magnificent strike of the ball, the rest of the weekend was a bit of a wash for Mark. He carded scores right on his number and failed to win any other individual cash prizes. Will he once again find the accuracy of his short game, or will he continue to try and boom them with the big boys – either way Mark is always a blast to play with and should more than hold his own in all the other Otis activities!
97	<b>Brad Walbruck</b>		"The Instigator"	Brad earned his new nickname last year by stoking the Otis fire, as he produced a bottle of Jagermeister that was soon emptied by his playing partners. Much of the buffoonery that followed was a direct result of that one small act. As for his golf game, all we can say is that Brad is an avid skier and likes his winter sports. And it shows during the summer. Welcome to Kalamazoo and good luck!
98	<b>Shawn Forth</b>		"Tank Car"	Shawn is known for two things... His vast knowledge of the inner workings of the railroad industry, and his depth of skill at golf. Actually, he is really only known for one thing. We will let you decide which it is. Shawn played pretty well last year, and sees his score drop slightly. Will he be able to keep it going in the Kalamazoo hills? Or will the greens at Thornapple derail him once and for all? Welcome to Kalamazoo, and good luck!
98	<b>Jeff Lake</b>		"Mr. Demo Day"	The Lake family cannot seem to get their schedules aligned. Every year it seems either dad Jeff or son Chris has other obligations that keep them from being able to golf together at the Otis. Now that may seem to be a sad tale, but trust us, both of them in the same room may cause a ripple in space time from too many bad jokes in close proximity. While Chris will be missed, it is great to have Jeff back to add his unique sense of wit and wisdom (and collection of brand new drivers) to the Otis this year. Welcome back, and good luck!
98	<b>Tim Monti</b>		"Coach"	The man of a million nick names: Pooh Bear, Team Buffet, Coach, and we think there are a few more... is also the man of a million golf swings. Tim can play well in stretches, but overall has some holes in his baseball style swing. Tim always has a smile on his face, which makes us wonder what he's thinking, especially considering his golf scores. Playing a round of golf with Tim is always a pleasure, whether it's from good stories, good beer, chasing a cart girl, or just laughing with and at him. Hit one over the fence this year Coach!

99	<b>Phil Joschko</b>		"Mr. Mermaid"	Phil had, for the past few years, been moving on up the leader board with some impressive improvements in his game. Last year in Minocqua, perhaps because he was a fish out of water, he returned to his old poor golfing ways, carding scores reminiscent of the years long past. Will a return to his local spawning grounds help him regain his form and win a fin or two, or will he continue his "tail"-spin with the local distractions taking their toll? Oh, and if you need driving directions around Kalamazoo at night, Phil will be sure to give the quickest route to wherever you need to go – as long as it's off Ravine Rd...
99	<b>Todd Krumwiede</b>		"TK Money"	Todd has become an Otis regular, with numerous years under his belt. He is the son of an Otis long-timer, and now has even invited friends of his own to compete in the competition. All of this should add up to TK Money actually earning some cash, but alas, this has yet to materialize. Will he finally take his years of experience to heart and find a way to card some winners, or will the fun be left to other Otis pursuits, of which Todd is also well versed...If you see a cart careening around a hole on the back nine of a scramble, odds are that Todd isn't too far from the wheel.
100	<b>Scott Kossman</b>		"Scottie Woo"	Scott is an Otis original and has yet to miss a single year. This dedication would seem to come from his ability to shoot some great golf, take home lots of cash, and generally dominate the field... Let's try that again... this dedication must come from his ability to mix a mean early morning margarita, win the annual Otis fashion plate award, and have a great time no matter with whom he plays...that's better. Will this be lucky year 14 for Scotty Woo? Here's hoping!
100	<b>Lance Murphy</b>		"Murph"	Billy Baroo's running mate (on the course) usually has a golf bag that weighs about 200 lbs. Why may you ask? Too many clubs, no, too many accessories, nope, too many tees and balls, not that either 240 oz. of cool refreshment – yup. Now we know why Lance runs a couple of miles every morning, he has to burn off all of those carbs he took in the previous day! Lance struggled in Minocqua last year; here's hoping he can find the right swing this year in the haze of 8AM Guinness draughts.
100	<b>Jordan Zimmeroff</b>		"Little Zim"	With the Otis "Chunk of Wood" out of his house this off season, was Jordan able to shake of the demons of past bad rounds or will his memory of former Kalamazoo golfing misdeeds be too strong to overcome? Little Zim has some proving to do on the course this year if he wants to end his multi-year Otis tailspin. With his teaching career back on track and things generally looking up, hopefully he can find the inner peace needed to maintain his cool and shoot some lower numbers. Jordan also unexpectedly took up hunting earlier this month while in upstate NY, although his weapon of choice (his now mangled Mercury Mariner) leaves us to question his methods. If a deer crosses the fairway and you see Jordan chasing after it with a club waving high and a maniacal grin, just let him go...
103	<b>Steve Rehfeldt</b>		"Radar"	Father's day came at just the right time this year for Steve, as his stock of golf balls was replenished by his adoring (and wise) children. With dozens of weapons at his disposal, Radar should be well stocked for his assault on the Kalamazoo forests. So we have to ask, is three dozen enough to get him through the weekend? If he plays up to his nickname, and keeps the ball centered on the fairway, it should be more than enough – if not, well, there are always his birthday and the holidays to restock the supply!

103	John Wucki		"Chewy"	John was off his game a little last year as he was rehabbing from a shoulder injury that occurred while he was doing a home improvement project for one of his kids. We thought retirement was supposed to cut down on work related injuries... With a year of good health under his belt, we are expecting John return to lower numbers this year and regain some of his winning ways. Also, with his home course golfing buddy Jeff Lake back this year, he has the added benefit of someone else telling the bad jokes...
104	John Hayes		"The Anchor Man"	On the years the Otis is played in Michigan, John is able to turn it into a nice long vacation as he has a vacation home not far from Kalamazoo. We would think this would allow him to relax, get settled, and shoot some impressive scores. Well, we should stop thinking that...John was off his game last year in Minocqua, and was all over the place the last two years in Kalamazoo too. Maybe this year he can find the form that has nabbed him more than his fair share of closest to the pin awards in years past, but if not, he has the solace of knowing he is just an hour from relaxing on his porch and forgetting all of his golfing woes!
105	Robert Planica		"Paparazzi"	Rob may be a little small in stature, but he sure make up for it by being all over the course, both with his camera and his golf game...Paparazzi is bringing a guest this year, and this may cut down on his ability to take his usual 2000 photos, but we doubt it. Make sure to smile and say cheese for Rob when you have the chance, and buy the man a drink for all his hard work!
107	Al Gasteier		"The Mole"	Last fall Al was dealing with some injury issues and hopefully they are all behind him now as the Otis is upon us. The "Head mole" has some low golf scores in his past, and hopefully they are not just that...past. We do know that if you need a good scramble partner and Al is on his game, he can help lead a team to some low numbers. Buy Al a few beers and ask him about some of his good motorcycle stories, they are sure to entertain. And if you want to know what it means to be a "Head Mole" just ask one of his bowling team members, they'll be sure to tell some tales!
108	Brian Fricke		"Lippy Larry"	Mild mannered Brian Fricke will blend in to the crowd and be friendly to everyone he meets. And then as the day grows long, and a few beverages are consumed, his alter ego "Lippy Larry" will emerge. Just add alcohol and see the amazing transformation for yourself! And as interesting as that may be, his golf game is even more interesting. We must give him lots of credit for sticking with it because most people who hit the ball like he does eventually find a new hobby!
110	Maciek Milewski		"Mr. Tyskie"	Maciek is a newcomer to the Otis and we have to thank him for agreeing to play on short notice this year. It may be hard to tell from his name, but he is Polish, and is said to be well versed in the skills that will make him a valuable Otis participant. He is also a friend of Bump and Robert Planica, but we won't hold that against him. Let's all welcome him to Kalamazoo and wish him good luck!

112 Rob Westover



“Big Rob”

Rob’s golf game is often a bit bipolar, with many highs and lows. He can shoot in the low 90’s or the high 110’s with only one night of sleep in between – and possibly a handle or two of Captain Morgan. Will Rob find a more stable number near the lower end of the range, or will the trip to Michigan country keep him on the roller coaster of scores? As the Otis money man, it is probably wise to stay on Rob’s good side and buy him a drink or two... Even if you don’t have the chance on the course, Rob is sure to be by the bar for most of the evening regaling his mates with tales of golfing (or Mermaid) glories past.

120 Xavier Gould-Marks



“X”

Xavier returns to the Otis after a hiatus that saw the birth of his first child last year. The latest news also tells us that he now has another one on the way! That is good because at least this one will not be born during the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of June. With practice, comes better timing. Please extend your heartfelt sympathies to this Vancouver Canucks fan too, and although he claims that he was not in town for the post game riots – we are suspicious. Welcome back and good luck!

DNPCD Ken Redenbaugh



“Pa Baugh”

Ken has decided to take a break from the grueling 3 day Otis schedule this year, but he will be in attendance to enjoy the festivities, and perhaps hit a shot or two. As an original Lapski participant and founding member of the Otis Experience in 1998, we will all be glad to see him and try to get him to tell some embarrassing stories about Mike.

DNPCD Bump Waghorne



“Sweet Swingin’ ”

Bump is also taking a break this year, and due to some rather involved back surgery, he will not be in attendance this year. But his presence will be felt in every Captain and Coke, and we are hoping that his recovery will finally allow him to rejoin the group for years to come. Please give him a call at some point to fill him in on the buffoon report!

## In Memory of... Steve Ryan



As many of you know, we lost one of our Otis brothers last August at age 56, and we wanted to take up a bit of space to remember him. Steve was one of the original Otis participants, and played in 11 of the 13 previous tournaments. His clutch putting in the scrambles and huge grin will never be forgotten.

He was a father of 3 and grandfather of 1, and brother to fellow Otis member Larry and their two sisters.

**We will miss you Steve!**

# 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, and three great golf courses! We wouldn't have it any other way. Thanks to everybody who has participated these fourteen 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 9<sup>th</sup> Street (Exit 72 North).
- Follow 9<sup>th</sup> 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 Heritage Glen from Hampton Inn

Take 9<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> Street.

(Be patient, it is a few miles)

Turn right on 30<sup>th</sup> 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 Thornapple Creek from Hampton Inn

Follow 9<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.thornapplecreek.com)



## Directions to Angels Crossing from Hampton Inn

Take 9<sup>th</sup> Street south to I-94 and get on going East.

Follow 94 East to US 131 and exit going South.

Take US-131 south to Schoolcraft.

At the 2nd stoplight, (S. of McDonald's) go EAST on Eliza St. (which becomes W Ave.)

Go 4.5 miles to the Kalamazoo Golf Courses entrance on the south side of W Avenue.



### Angels Crossing Golf Club

3600 East W Avenue  
Vicksburg, MI 49097

Phone: 269-649-2700  
[www.golfangelscrossing.com](http://www.golfangelscrossing.com)



## 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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**



## 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> hole.

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



## Angels Crossing

3600 East W Avenue  
Vicksburg, MI 49097

Phone: 269-649-2700

Sited on over 700 acres along the eastern edge of Michigan's only prairie, the golf holes traverse the varied topography through the meadows and wood stands that rise above Portage Creek, Barton Lake and the wetlands, which border fifteen of the holes of the golf course. The eighteen-hole course is a solitary pleasure with only five home sites, all located on the south side of its fifteenth hole.

Each W. Bruce Matthews III designed hole is spacious with plenty of room in the field of play in an honest, un-manufactured manner. Five sets of tees ranging from 4800-7100 yards test the physical and mental skills of all types of golfers. Classic in inspiration, the routing seamlessly flows through the property, blending power, accuracy and finesse. Bold, steep, grass faced bunkers with depths of three to twelve feet provide not only challenge but also offer dramatic views, texture and scale to the course. The bunkers, although large and deep, are not visible as you look back on the hole, in MacKenzie fashion.



**Black Tees: Course Rating 72.3, Slope 127, 6749 yards**  
**Green Tees: Course Rating 69.5, Slope 118, 6232 yards**