

# The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual *Otis Invitational*



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Hosted By  
Thornapple Creek Golf Club  
Heritage Glen 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 2015 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 8:00 AM on Friday, 8:00 AM on Saturday and 7:30 AM on Sunday. These are all shotguns, so you **NEED TO BE THERE EARLY!** Please make sure you get to the courses by 7:30 AM on Friday and Saturday and 7:00 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 for all individual and scramble rounds. (Blue tees for #3 at Thornapple only)

We will have a group dinner on Saturday at Gallagher's in Kalamazoo at 9 pm (or whenever we can all get there.) We hope everyone will participate. The dinner price is included in your entrance fee, and includes appetizers, group dinner menu, and tip. There is a bar but you will be on your own tab for drinks this year.

You can call Zim at 630-373-3404 or Mike at 715-220-1610 if you get lost.



## 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 round, all 5 rounds)	\$40
Low Net 1 <sup>st</sup> place (one person, each stroke play round)	\$100
Low Net 2 <sup>nd</sup> place (one person, each stroke play round)	\$90
Low Net 3 <sup>rd</sup> place (one person, each stroke play round)	\$80
Low Net 4 <sup>th</sup> place (one person, each stroke play round)	\$70
Low Net 5 <sup>th</sup> place (one person, each stroke play round)	\$60
Low Net 6 <sup>th</sup> place (one person, each stroke play round)	\$50
Low Net 7 <sup>th</sup> place (one person, each stroke play round)	\$40
Low Net 8 <sup>th</sup> place (one person, each stroke play round)	\$30
Low Net 9 <sup>th</sup> place (one person, each stroke play round)	\$20
Low Net 10 <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
Scramble Team 6 <sup>th</sup> place (each person, each scramble round)	\$10
Hole-In-One Pool (Will go up every year until we pay it out)	\$3700

The golf fees for all 5 rounds will be \$185 per person (includes green fees and riding cart, and lunch on Friday and Saturday!) Betting / door prize / Saturday dinner money is \$175 for the entire weekend.

Total cost per person: \$360 (not including the hotel room.)

Birdie pool is optional. 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.





## 2015 Otis Invitational

### **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 #6 and #14, and to the top 10 finishers. White tees. (Except Blue Tee on #3) This is a SHOTGUN start. Be at course by 7:30 am. Tee off at 8:00 am. Lunch is \*not\* included after the morning round.

**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 #18, longest putt made on #5 and #18, and to the top 6 teams. White tees. (Except Blue Tee on #3) Everyone will start on #1 and finish on #18.

**Saturday 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 10 finishers. White tees. This is a SHOTGUN start. Be at course by 7:30 am. Tee off at 8:00 am. Lunch \*is\* included after the morning round.

**Saturday PM** - *Handicapped 4 man scramble play at Heritage.* 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 6 teams. White Tees. Everyone will start on #1 and finish on #18.

**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 #4 & #18, and to the top 6 teams. Green Tees. This is a SHOTGUN start. Be at course by 7:00 am. Tee off at 7:30 am. Lunch is NOT included on Sunday.

# Official Otis Logistics

Tournament Date: Weekend of Friday, June 26, 2015

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

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

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

Motel Accommodations: **Hampton Inn & Suites**  
(5059 S. 9<sup>th</sup> St. Exit 72 from I-94, go north, 269-372-1010)  
Rooms are \$139 per night double occupancy.  
Each room will have 2 double beds or one King.  
Block of rooms reserved under the Otis Golf Outing

Saturday Night Dinner: We will have the entire group eat together at Gallagher's in Kalamazoo on Saturday night. Your dinner is included in the entry fee. Dinner with many options will be provided with beer and wine available for purchase. 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 \$185 for the entire weekend. This includes 90 holes of golf, (\$360 Total per person) and a riding cart. Betting, Prize and Dinner money is \$175 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 optional. You will pay \$1 for every birdie made by others, and receive \$1 from everyone else for each birdie you make.

**Please send all entry fee checks to:  
Rob Westover, 9262 Brown Court, Minocqua, WI 54548.**

Tee Times: Begin at 8:00 on Friday, 8:00 on Saturday, and 7:30 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





# 2015 Otis Invitational

## Official Otis Rules

Unless otherwise stated by the rules committee (Zim, Big Rob and Musky 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 7:30 on Fri/Sat and 7:00 Sun!

### MOVING THE BALL:

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

### 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:

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.  
#18 at Heritage Off the tee, drop on the other side of the bridge.

### SCORECARDS:

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

### SCRAMBLES:

Drives: Minimum of 2 drives must be used from each player within 18 holes.

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 previous putt!!)

Finish: Weather permitting, wait at least 30 feet behind the 18<sup>th</sup> green for the following groups.

## Friday Morning Individual Score

(Shotgun start – everyone needs to tee off at 8:00 AM!)

(Be There At 7:30!)

Name	Otis Score
Bill Krueger	81
Kai Bobkowski	93
Scott Kossman	99
Lance Murphy	101
Matt Kock	78
Joe Booth	95
Mike Reda	94
John Iannantuoni	105
Russ Taruscio	79
Bill Fry	80
Lou Zimmerman	88
Greg Wilson	89
Cole Holloway	80
Bill Holloway	95
Terry Bulger	94
Tom Bulger	121
Scott Holmes	90
Dan Tomaszewski	94
Rob Westover	113
Xavier Gould-Marks	124
John Hayes	103
John Wucki	104
Larry Ryan	105
Al Gasteier	110
Mike Redenbaugh	86
Joe Paver	86
Doug Newton	88
Ron Paver	106
Bill Wahl	89
Brian Ziegelbauer	90
Bryan Rehfeldt	93
Mark Lutz	99
Greg Taylor	84
Jordan Zimberoff	97
Tom Stockings	99
Brian Fricke	127
Jason Zimberoff	92
Mark Fankhanel	93
Todd Krumwiede	94
Robert Planica	106
Dave Compton	92
Daryl Krumwiede	92
Phil Joschko	101
Steve Rehfeldt	106



## Friday Afternoon Scramble

Approximate 1st Tee Time: 1:30 PM

Name	Score	HCP	Team HCP
Matt Kock	78	-1	
Brian Ziegelbauer	90	2	
Dave Compton	92	2	
Brian Fricke	127	7	10
Russ Taruscio	79	-1	
Dan Tomaszewski	94	3	
Mark Lutz	99	4	
Robert Planica	106	6	12
Cole Holloway	80	0	
Jason Zimmeroff	92	2	
Jordan Zimmeroff	97	4	
Al Gasteier	110	6	12
Bill Fry	80	0	
Bryan Rehfeldt	93	2	
John Wucki	104	5	
Steve Rehfeldt	106	6	13
Bill Krueger	81	0	
Scott Holmes	90	2	
Joe Booth	95	3	
Rob Westover	113	6	11
Greg Taylor	84	0	
Kai Bobkowski	93	2	
John Hayes	103	5	
Xavier Gould-Marks	124	7	14
Mike Redenbaugh	86	1	
Greg Wilson	89	1	
Scott Kossman	99	4	
Tom Bulger	121	7	13
Joe Paver	86	1	
Mark Fankhanel	93	2	
Phil Joschko	101	5	
Ron Paver	106	6	14
Doug Newton	88	1	
Mike Reda	94	3	
Tom Stockings	99	4	
Lance Murphy	101	5	13
Lou Zimmerman	88	1	
Terry Bulger	94	3	
Bill Holloway	95	3	
John Iannantuoni	105	6	13
Bill Wahl	89	1	
Daryl Krumwiede	92	2	
Todd Krumwiede	94	3	
Larry Ryan	105	6	12

## Saturday Morning Individual Score

(Shotgun Start – Everyone needs to tee Off At 8:00!)

Be There At 7:30!

Name	Otis Score
Matt Kock	78
Russ Taruscio	79
Bill Krueger	81
Mike Redenbaugh	86
Cole Holloway	80
Joe Paver	86
Joe Booth	95
Scott Kossman	99
Doug Newton	88
Brian Ziegelbauer	90
Dan Tomaszewski	94
Jordan Zimmeroff	97
Bill Fry	80
Bill Wahl	89
Dave Compton	92
Bryan Rehfeldt	93
Jason Zimmeroff	92
Greg Wilson	89
Rob Westover	113
Tom Bulger	121
Greg Taylor	84
Tom Stockings	99
Lance Murphy	101
Larry Ryan	105
Bill Holloway	95
Phil Joschko	101
Steve Rehfeldt	106
Al Gasteier	110
Lou Zimmerman	88
Scott Holmes	90
Mark Lutz	99
Brian Fricke	127
Terry Bulger	94
Todd Krumwiede	94
Ron Paver	106
Xavier Gould-Marks	124
Daryl Krumwiede	92
John Hayes	103
John Iannantuoni	105
Robert Planica	106
Kai Bobkowski	93
Mark Fankhanel	93
Mike Reda	94
John Wucki	104

## Saturday Afternoon Scramble

Approximate 1st Tee Time: 1:30 PM

Name	Score	HCP	Team HCP
Matt Kock	78	-1	
Dan Tomaszewski	94	3	
Tom Stockings	99	4	
Xavier Gould-Marks	124	7	13
Russ Taruscio	79	-1	
Bryan Rehfeldt	93	2	
John Iannantuoni	105	6	
Larry Ryan	105	6	13
Cole Holloway	80	0	
Daryl Krumwiede	92	2	
Mike Reda	94	3	
Tom Bulger	121	7	12
Bill Fry	80	0	
Brian Ziegelbauer	90	2	
Lance Murphy	101	5	
Ron Paver	106	6	13
Bill Krueger	81	0	
Jason Zimmeroff	92	2	
Scott Kossman	99	4	
John Wucki	104	5	11
Greg Taylor	84	0	
Bill Holloway	95	3	
Todd Krumwiede	94	3	
Robert Planica	106	6	12
Mike Redenbaugh	86	1	
Terry Bulger	94	3	
Phil Joschko	101	5	
Rob Westover	113	6	15
Joe Paver	86	1	
Scott Holmes	90	2	
Mark Fankhanel	93	2	
Jordan Zimmeroff	97	4	9
Doug Newton	88	1	
Kai Bobkowski	93	2	
Joe Booth	95	3	
Brian Fricke	127	7	13
Lou Zimmerman	88	1	
Dave Compton	92	2	
Mark Lutz	99	4	
Al Gasteier	110	6	13
Bill Wahl	89	1	
Greg Wilson	89	1	
John Hayes	103	5	
Steve Rehfeldt	106	6	13

# Sunday Morning Scramble

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

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

Name	Score	HCP	Team HCP
Brian Fricke	127	7	
Xavier Gould-Marks	124	7	
Tom Bulger	121	7	
Rob Westover	113	6	
Al Gasteier	110	6	
Robert Planica	106	6	
Ron Paver	106	6	
Steve Rehfeldt	106	6	
Larry Ryan	105	6	
John Iannantuoni	105	6	
John Wucki	104	5	

## Player Bios

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

Score	Name	Mug Shot	Otis Nickname	Information
78	Matt Kock		"Out of Round"	Look who has moved to the top of the rankings! It's the big (hitting) Kock. Matt averaged 77.5 last year in his individual rounds, and if memory serves, earned himself some scramble winnings as well. Matt has fit in with his fellow Otis competitors finding time to make a few beers disappear. If you hear some country music emanating from a golf cart and approach shots seeking the pin on a nearby hole, you can be sure Matt is not too far out of round.
79	Russ Taruscio		"Retired Russ"	After a year off, Russ returns to the Otis. As can be seen from his nickname, Russ has a good deal of time to work on his golf game. Accordingly, he has moved up the leader board all the way to #2. Even though Russ is indeed retired, he hasn't lost a youthful approach to the game and will surely find time to enjoy the other entertaining aspects of Kalamazoo on the course and off!
80	Cole Holloway		"Ace"	This is Cole's first year at the Otis, joining his dad Bill who has played before. Cole brings a very good game to the Otis and will help bring down the scores and ratchet up the competition in the scrambles. Also, if he inherited any of his dad's skills at finding / creating a good time, Cole should fit in just fine with the rest of the Otis brethren. Welcome to the Otis, Cole!
80	Bill Fry		"Mr. Logic"	Bill returns to the Otis after a 10 year layoff. He was also listed at 80 in his previous appearance but did not come extremely close to shooting his score back then. Rumor is that he has continued to work at his game and brings an 8 handicap back to Kalamazoo with him. So – using a little bit of logic – we are sticking with 80! Welcome back and good luck!
81	Bill Krueger		"Billy Baroo"	With Adam missing the Otis this year, Baroo is one of the few remaining players to compete in every single Otis. Billy's exploits are well known, but even with his reputation for revelry preceding him, his scores have remained remarkably steady over the years, solidifying him as a strong A player in the scrambles and keeping him in the running for low gross each year. There is one other thing Billy seems to win each year: heaviest golf bag. I bet you can Gu(in)ess why...
84	Greg Taylor		"The Waiter"	Last year's Otis saw Greg card back to back 83's. While most of us would be satisfied with these numbers, Greg would probably tell you he could have shaved a few more strokes each day. If you are lucky enough to get Greg as your group's A player, fear not three wayward tee shots by the B-D players. Greg will most likely step up and rip one right down the center and around 300 yards. The waiter always brings the best on the menu!

86	<b>Mike Redenbaugh</b>		"Page 2"	Mike is one of the main Otis organizers, and consistent occupant of the first page of the bios. But wait! It seems he has recently been demoted to the top of page two! Mike could easily blame advancing age or other time conflicts for his recent golf performances at the Otis – but rumor has it he has been working out the kinks a little more than usual this spring. Will he return to the low gross hunt again this year? Stay tuned...
86	<b>Joe Paver</b>		"The Designated Driver"	As the youngest Otis participant, it seems appropriate to do this bio in a language he will understand...  U wil rly ☺ a round w/ Joe! He is a sneaky good plyr, and w/ a yr of course knowledge shud be even better! #joepaverwins #otis #playa  If that doesn't make sense, consider yourself out of the loop of modern teen communication...
88	<b>Doug Newton</b>		"Let's Have One More"	Doug is a walking, talking miracle of energy. Always ready for another round, on course or at the bar, Doug has become an essential Otis participant. He is also the standard bearer of the Canadian contingent which seems to grow each year. Even with his penchant for indulgence, he is usually near the top of the board and an impressive scramble partner. If you find yourself paired up with Doug, bring your big boy pants and get ready for a hell-of-a good time!
88	<b>Lou Zimmerman</b>		"Lou Purdue"	Lou beat his predicted score both individual rounds last year, singlehandedly putting up the best performance by a Boilermaker, in uniform or out. Lou's love for (betting) sports is well known, and maybe this year he will put a little wager on the side on his own game, as lower numbers seem to be the norm for this now regular Otis participant.
89	<b>Bill Wahl</b>		"The Set-Up Man"	If, over the course of the weekend, you find yourself in need of smile, just turn to Bill. The Set-Up Man can always be found with a cheerful disposition and having a good time. Maybe this is due to his ability to crank up his game and carry a team for a while, or possibly it's from the encouragement of his buddy Baroo. Bill also bested his predicted score both days last year, so to test that cheerful smile the Otis committee lowered his score just a bit. Smoke 'em if ya got 'em Bill!
89	<b>Greg Wilson</b>		"GW-3"	Having Bill Wahl and Greg Wilson next to each other in the Bios may be a fluke of the scores, but seems appropriate none the less. Greg is also a wonderfully uplifting Otis playing partner, always cheering on his fellow golfers and seeing the best in a bad situation or shot. We are very pleased to have Greg back after a short hiatus, and are fairly confident that he will quickly remember his Otis skills on and off the course! Welcome back Greg...
90	<b>Brian Ziegelbauer</b>		"Chief"	Chief, who is a first time Otis participant, doesn't hold anything back when it comes to his golf swing or his drinks so he should fit in quite nicely with the group. He is also a Packer fan, which according to Out of Round means that he is also very wise. We will see what the rest of us think about that... Welcome and good luck!










90	<b>Scott Holmes</b>		"The President of Canada"	How do you say President in Canadian? There is probably a joke there somewhere, but we will let that one go... Speaking of letting it go, Scott is not shy on the course or off! Like his fellow Canadian contingent teammates, Scott is not shy around the bar or the local scene. On the course last year the Committee had Scott's predicted score at a 90, and both days he shot... 90. Scott may be a bit predictable, but that's a good thing seeing how much fun he usually seems to find each year!
92	<b>Dave Compton</b>		"City of"	After moving up and down the leader board for some time, Dave seems to have found a slightly more solid spot in the low 90's at the Otis. As another one of the few to make every Otis, there is ample evidence that Dave can occasionally shoot very low, or blow up from round to round. There is also ample evidence to prove that a round with Dave is sure to be enjoyable and provide some memorable moments.
92	<b>Darryl Krumwiede</b>		"Brother Darryl"	For many years Darryl was at or near his predicted score, but since his son Todd has joined the Otis ranks, Darryl just seems to improve each year! So that begs the question, does Todd bring out the best in his dad, or is it just a coincidence? Regardless of the reasons for his rise, we can be sure that Darryl will provide a steady influence and reliable scramble partner to his teams.
92	<b>Jason Zimmeroff</b>		"Zim"	Last October 31'st, Zim bought a house / property (adjacent to his own house) with the intention of remodeling it and renting it out, so if anyone needs a four bedroom, newly remodeled space let Zim know! (Just be sure to ask him about the rumors that it used to be a pet crematorium and illegal pet cemetery. Buying a pet cemetery on Halloween? Well done Zim!) Oh, and since he has (with the help of RP, Little Zim, and a few others) been remodeling nearly every day since then, don't expect too much out of his game as he has barely seen a course since last year's Otis.
93	<b>Kai Bobkowski</b>		"Kai Bob"	Kai is another Otis regular who is a bit erratic on the course, shooting low and high scores on consecutive days. His big hitting keeps him in most rounds, but his game around the greens needs to match his prowess off the tee! One thing we can be sure of is his ability to create a good time for everyone involved. Kai and Baroo will gladly lead the charge to the bar (or overstuffed golf bag) from the early morning light, even on get away days!
93	<b>Bryan Rehfeldt</b>		"The Professor"	The Professor returned to form last year, even with his fingers recovering from some nasty injuries, by carding two scores in the low 90's. With a full year of recuperation and relaxation, can we predict some numbers in the 80's? Well, probably not, but if you have the pleasure of golfing with Bryan you can be sure he will keep his scramble team in the running and have a great time along the way!
93	<b>Mark Fankhanel</b>		"Mr. Sunscreen"	Mark also bested his number last year, and seems to be returning to form. Once again we will miss his son Troy at this year's festivities, but that just means Mark can get back to his hard partying ways! Well, that may be a bit of stretch, but we know for sure that Mark is always a great cart partner, scramble player, and one tough competitor each year.

94	<b>Dan Tomaszewski</b>		"Danny Boy"	X's friend Dan is new to the Otis this year. He is said to be lots of fun to hang out with, and quite the world traveler. He may be dangerous as he lives in nearby Grand Rapids and might have some secret local knowledge. But judging by the mug shot he sent in, we guess the danger will be confined to the 19 <sup>th</sup> hole. Welcome and good luck!
94	<b>Mike Reda</b>		"Choke"	Mike is back on top of the world this year with his beloved Blackhawks once again gallivanting across the globe doing unspeakable things to the Stanley Cup. Last year, just like his Hawks, Choke got off to a slow start, but put it together at the end of the competition improving his individual score by six shots on the Saturday round. Will he be too far "in his cups" this year coming off of the Stanley Cup partying, or will he continue to show marked improvement? Hopefully we won't have to go to too many overtimes to find out!
94	<b>Terry Bulger</b>		"Lefty"	Otis regular Terry bested his son Tom last year on both individual rounds. In fact, he beat him by a wide margin. We know Fathers' Day was just last Sunday, but shouldn't a Dad let his son have a shot at competing? Isn't it bad form to drub your offspring in competitive endeavors? Well, after some very short further consideration, we say go to town, kick his butt and take his money while you're at it!
94	<b>Todd Krumwiede</b>		"TK Money"	Speaking of Dad's kicking their son's butt... Todd was on the upswing two years ago, but by the Saturday round last year his revelry seems to have gotten the better of his game as he blew up eleven strokes! Todd's drinking prowess is now well known to all Otis participants. It will be interesting to see this year if Todd has found a way to balance his shot drinking with his shot making... and maybe even compete with his dad again!
95	<b>Joe Booth</b>		"Jo Mamma"	Joe's scores seemed to have ballooned last year, even though he did not have the added complications of recovering from a trip on the Minocqua drunk bus! Hopefully for Joe he can return to his old form and find some lower numbers this year. If not, he can always join in the never-ending Blackhawks title celebration his buddy Choke will be enjoying.
95	<b>Bill Holloway</b>		"Old N Slow"	Bill comes back to the Otis this year bringing his son Cole to the festivities! As mentioned above, Cole is quite the golfer and should give the A players a run for their money. Bill is not an A player, however, but is still good enough to be quite a help on a scramble team. And even if Bill's game is up to Cole's standards, we are all pretty sure Bill could show him a thing or two about having a great time!
97	<b>Jordan Zimmeroff</b>		"Little Zim"	Little Zim seems to like being busy in the spring, maybe that's because it's the only season he isn't coaching something at the high school. This year he welcomed the birth of his son Connor on April 28 <sup>th</sup> , bought a new house, and finished his move last Thursday. Oh, and don't forget he was also helping Zim with his remodeling project from time to time. Well, we all know he can occasionally make a bad decision or two! And with a newborn in the hose the last two months, don't be surprised if you see him catching a few "z's" in the golf cart in the morning rounds.

99	<b>Scott Kossman</b>		"Scottie Woo"	Scott returns this year after missing last year's outing with two broken wrists (feel free to insert your own joke here.) Scott had actually been showing some signs of improvement in previous years. Even if his healing wrists impede his game, we should still expect to see Scottie Woo returning to form as on-course bartender; serving up tasty Margaritas to everyone he meets! Welcome back Scottie Woo!
99	<b>Tom Stockings</b>		"Made In England"	Every good movie needs a character with an English accent (or at least something close to that). Never wanting to miss out on a trend, the Otis committee is pleased to announce Mr. Stockings will once again be in the field this year! If you need to woo a cart girl or local serving lass, be sure bring along Tom as his voice is sure to help you keep them interested! Notice we haven't mentioned Tom's golf yet... that's probably for the best. Cheers!
99	<b>Mark Lutz</b>		"Lutzy"	After some time off for good behavior, Mark is actually been sentenced to rejoin the Otis hooligans this year in Kalamazoo. Mark is a semi-regular participant and always brings a great attitude a fun time on the course. Has his game improved in his absence? Well, let's hope so, for his wallet's sake! Mark has been known to donate a golf ball or two the local resale market (though he is certainly not alone in this habit!)
101	<b>Phil Joschko</b>		"Mr. Mermaid"	Phil struggled on the courses last year, which is somewhat surprising knowing how many times he has been in Kalamazoo for the golf. That is why he comes every year, right? Well, we can at least be sure of a few things: Phil will contribute to his scramble teams in a meaningful way, and also make some very meaningful connections with a few of the Kalamazoo third shifters each night.
101	<b>Lance Murphy</b>		"Murph"	Murph, Kai, and Billy Baroo are all in the competition each year for the heaviest golf bag. As each of them ages over the years, we were curious to see how long they could each carry their oversized loads of "essential golfing equipment." I'll put my money on Murph, as he has been known to follow a night of drinking and poker with a nice morning run! While that level of personal fitness may be alien to most of us, we know for sure that golfing with Murph is always a great time.
103	<b>John Hayes</b>		"The Anchor Man"	Were you a little late in getting an Otis hotel room? If the answer to that is a nervous yes, than maybe you should give John a call. His family has a beautiful summer home not too far from the courses, and we're fairly sure you could make a deal for some sleeping space! Not only is John a gracious host, he is also a sneaky good scramble player, contributing numerous important shots to his group year after year.
104	<b>John Wucki</b>		"Chewy"	John had a rough go of it last year. His scores were not really in shouting distance of his predicted numbers. Not that we have ever heard John raise his voice at anything! Always a great partner on the golf course, be sure to keep an eye on John as his now increased score puts him back in the running for low net! If not, just buy him a good beer and enjoy some great company!

105	John Iannantuoni		"Johnny Credit"	John returns to the Otis this year after some time away. With his absence it is hard to know if his game is shaping up or falling apart. Whichever way his shots are heading, be sure to strike up a conversation with John as his stories are always a hoot. Oh, and if you need a loan...
105	Larry Ryan		"The Ringleader"	Larry did not live up to his billing last year as a man who hits his predicted score. He was 8 under on Friday, and 7 over it on Sat.! Hopefully his game has settled down as this long time Otis participant and leader of the Ryan Ringers looks to put up some much better numbers for all of the weekend's events. If not, we always know where we can find him consoling himself after the rounds.
106	Steve Rehfeldt		"Radar"	Steve's participation in a golf league at home doesn't really seem to be helping his game at the Otis. His move to more modern equipment a few years ago definitely helped, but since then his improvements have slowed. Is his nickname still applicable, or do we need to find a new moniker for Steve? Well, he's a lawyer, a grandpa, a Boilermaker, and rarely gets caught goofing off... hmmm, not much for nickname there... Well, let's see if we can find him a new one this year!
106	Ron Paver		"Uncle Si"	Ron has spent much of his spring helping Zim to remodel the recent home purchase mentioned above. Lending his expertise has certainly sped up the project and allowed Zim to have a house that is sure to please whoever rents it. Ron is retired, so all of the work was Pro Bono for Zim. Sounds like Zim really needs to buy RP some more beer... Notice we have been avoiding discussing Ron's golf game... let's just say that he can smooth out a wall a lot more adeptly than a golf shot.
106	Robert Planica		"Paparazzi"	Paparazzi has captured many of our best moments over the last decade, so if you need to apply for a new job or have your background checked anytime soon, try to stay out of his camera sights (and you should probably clean up the Otis photo page while you're at it)... Rob is a great guy to play a round of golf with, always positive and a top D level player each year. His golf was showing signs of life in the individual rounds as well, until last year that is... Hopefully ran can find time to get a few greens in his sights, along with all of our shenanigans.
110	Al Gasteier		"The Woodsman"	Al recently sold his home of 37 years to move in a nice, comfortable retirement ranch in the far suburbs... He found a buyer almost immediately, and now Little Zim is the happy owner of Al's old house. As far as we can tell, both parties are very pleased with the transaction! In addition to this shift in his life, Al is rumored once again to be improving on the golf course... but we have heard that in the bios a few times in the past. Hopefully Al can find the magic again this year in Kalamazoo and win some low net dollars!



113	<b>Rob Westover</b>		“Big Rob”	Big Rob is our only Big Rob this year, as Rob Rains has decided to take a year off from the festivities. Now while they were exactly twins, the dual Big Rob’s in one golf cart was always a pleasant sight. Will Big Rob find the magic stroke this year, cut down on the lefty slice, and earn some Mermaid dollars, or will the evening festivities continue to outshine those on the course for this Otis founding member??? Time, and the number of emptied Captain bottles will probably tell the tale
121	<b>Tom Bulger</b>		“The Bulge”	Tom was very consistent last year, but that’s not to say he was very good... Tom struggled a bit on the unforgiving Kalamazoo courses, but maybe with a year of local knowledge now under his belt he can shoot up the leader board and capture some low net money. If not, at least he can try and cut the gap between his scores and those of his dad. Or maybe he will just have to rely on the other entertainments in Southwest Michigan.
124	<b>Xavier Gould-Marks</b>		“X”	Xavier returns to the Otis this year, and fences around Michigan are on high alert. X is not the last letter in the alphabet but he is nearly pulling up the rear here. X is a pretty big guy who can hit the ball a long way; unfortunately, the direction is a bit of a mystery. This, however, does not seem to interfere with his pursuit of a good time. Expect X to mark many spots on the course, and probably across Kalamazoo too...
127	<b>Brian Fricke</b>		“E Player”	Brian returns to the Otis after a year off from a broken leg. Some of us were puzzled on why he decided not to play as it was determined that the injury would have had no effect on his game. Now, upon his return, it was suggested that we create a new category for him – and a new nickname has been born! Hopefully his time off has given him a chance to work on golf. If not – good luck and welcome back!
<b>DNPCD</b>	<b>Ken Redenbaugh</b>		“Pa Baugh”	Emeritus Lapski / Otis participant Ken Redenbaugh does not regularly compete in the full event any more, but he has been known to drop by and hit a few shots over the course of the weekend (especially when we are in Minocqua). Even if Ken does not make the trip to Kalamazoo this year, we know he will be keeping tabs on the events and wishes he could join in the fun.
<b>DNPCD</b>	<b>Bump Waghorne</b>		“Sweet Swingin’ ”	Sweet Swinging Willy T. Wags, Otis founder, beer drinker, and, unfortunately, now mostly immobile golfing great of yore has a permanent place in our hearts and the bios. We all miss Bump’s contributions to the events and hope he is feeling well. Maybe the gods of back pain will be kind and allow him to join us again some day.
<b>In Memory</b>	<b>Steve Powell</b>		“Okie” “Snoring Steve” “Jed”	A two time Otis player – last in 2013 – A longtime friend of many in the Otis, Steve sadly passed away June 11 <sup>th</sup> 2015. He will be greatly missed for his fun loving approach to life. We are hoping that he is looking down on us, and enjoying the finest scotch he has ever tasted.

# 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 of Terry's 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.

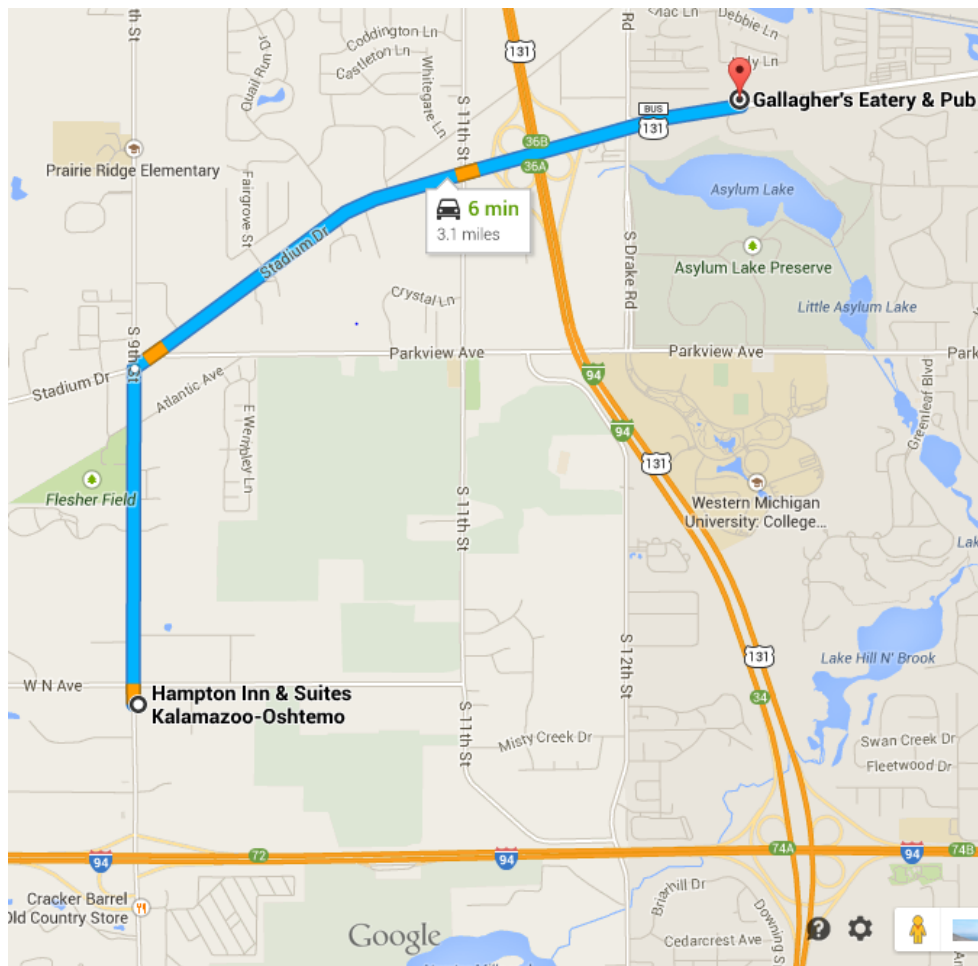
We immediately got together and came up with the idea for the Otis Invitational - a group that would be made up of all of our friends and family. Although we did bring many of the long-time Lapski guys with us, we hope that we left all of the bickering and BS with the old group. We even replaced the 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 our old school home of Kalamazoo with 48 of our own players, and three great golf courses, including Thornapple where it all started! We wouldn't have it any other way. Thanks to everybody who has participated these seventeen 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

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 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 Heritage Glen from Hampton Inn

Take 9<sup>th</sup> St. north to Stadium Av. Turn Left.

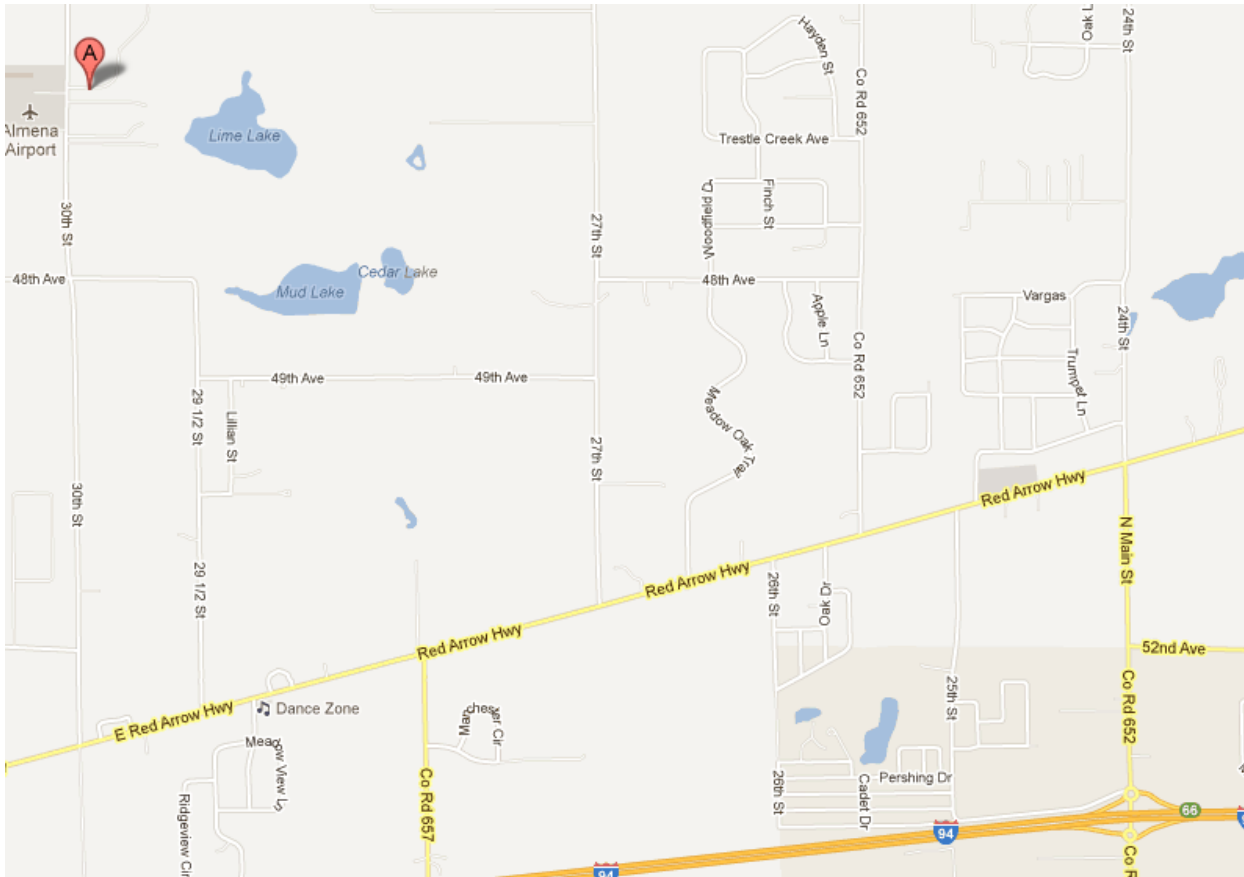
Follow Stadium Drive west out of town.

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 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)



## 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**



## 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**





## 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, unmanufactured 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**



Finally, many of us remember the Andy Griffith Show...

And we believe we know why Mayberry was so peaceful and quiet....nobody was married.

Here are the single people that come to mind: Andy, Aunt Bea, Barney, Floyd, Howard, Goober, Gomer, Sam, Ernest T. Bass, the Darling Boys, Helen, Thelma Lou, Clara...

In fact, the only one married was Otis and he stayed drunk.