



The 20th Annual *Otis Invitational*



June 23, 24, 25 - 2017

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

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20th Annual Otis Invitational

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 2017 is at 48 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 48 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 7:45 AM on Sunday. These are all shotguns, so you **NEED TO BE THERE EARLY!** Please make sure you get to the courses by 7:30 AM on Friday and Saturday and 7:15 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 (middle) 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 st place (one person, each stroke play round)	\$100
Low Net 2 nd place (one person, each stroke play round)	\$90
Low Net 3 rd place (one person, each stroke play round)	\$80
Low Net 4 th place (one person, each stroke play round)	\$70
Low Net 5 th place (one person, each stroke play round)	\$60
Low Net 6 th place (one person, each stroke play round)	\$50
Low Net 7 th place (one person, each stroke play round)	\$40
Low Net 8 th place (one person, each stroke play round)	\$30
Low Net 9 th place (one person, each stroke play round)	\$20
Low Net 10 th place (one person, each stroke play round)	\$10
Scramble Team Winners (each person, each scramble round)	\$60
Scramble Team 2 nd place (each person, each scramble round)	\$50
Scramble Team 3 rd place (each person, each scramble round)	\$40
Scramble Team 4 th place (each person, each scramble round)	\$30
Scramble Team 5 th place (each person, each scramble round)	\$20
Scramble Team 6 th place (each person, each scramble round)	\$10
Hole-In-One Pool (Will go up every year until we pay it out)	\$4,620

The golf fees for all 5 rounds will be \$164 per person (includes green fees and riding cart, and lunch on Friday and Saturday!) Betting / door prize / Saturday dinner money is \$181 for the entire weekend.

Total cost per person: \$345 (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.





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Official Otis Format

Friday AM - *Stroke play with your foursome at Lynx.* Prizes are awarded for the 4 closest to the pin markers, long drive in the fairway on #10, longest putt made on #5 and #16, 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.

Friday PM – *Handicapped 4 man scramble play at Lynx.* 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 #7 and #18, and to the top 6 teams. White tees. 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 Thormapple.* 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 6 teams. White Tees (Except Blue Tee on #3) . This is a SHOTGUN start. Be at course by 7:15 am. Tee off at 7:45 am. Lunch is NOT included on Sunday.

Official Otis Logistics

Tournament Date: Weekend of Friday, June 23, 2017

Tournament Location: Lynx Golf Club (Friday)
Otsego, Michigan (269) 694-5969

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

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

Motel Accommodations: **Hampton Inn & Suites**
(5059 S. 9th St. Exit 72 from I-94, go north, 269-372-1010)
Rooms are \$134 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 3 options (Steak, Chicken or Shrimp Pasta) 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 \$164 for the entire weekend. This includes 90 holes of golf, (\$345 Total per person) and a riding cart. Betting, Prize and Dinner money is \$181 for the entire weekend. (for closest to the pin, low net, long drive, long putt, scramble winners, the dinner, and other goodies.)
Birdie pool is 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 7:45 am on Sunday.

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

Other information call Mike Redenbaugh 715-220-1610
Jason Zimberoff 630-373-3404
Rob Westover 715-220-5636



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Official Otis Rules

Unless otherwise stated by the rules committee (Zim, 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!

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 7:15 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 18th 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
Mike Reda	91
Adam Kommers	92
Phil Joschko	97
Mike Redenbaugh	86
Greg Wilson	86
Mike Paradise	107
Ray Guzik	125
Kurt Veldhuizen	83
Brian Ziegelbauer	96
Lou Zimmerman	86
Terry Bulger	90
Kai Bobkowski	90
Brad Walbruck	93
Rob Westover	115
Larry Ryan	105
Dave Compton	91
Bill Fry	82
Derrick Thron	92
Daryl Krumwiede	94
John Wucki	103
Bryan Rehfeldt	93
Cole Holloway	81
Jason Zimmeroff	95
Joe Ryan	97
Todd Krumwiede	95
Pat Di Domenico	88
Jordan Zimmeroff	96
Xavier Gould-Marks	122
Perry Undseth	97
Troy Fankhanel	97
Rob Rains	97
Robert Neal	107
Scott Holmes	90
Mark Lutz	98
Scott Kossman	100
Lance Murphy	101
Joe Booth	90
John Hayes	102
Al Gasteier	109
Greg Taylor	81
Kevin Brewster	91
Doug Newton	86
Tim Mahan	97
Mark Fankhanel	92
Bill Holloway	95
Steve Rehfeldt	103
Robert Planica	102

Friday Afternoon Scramble

Approximate 1st Tee Time: 1:30 PM

Name	Score	HCP	Team HCP
Bill Krueger	81	0	
Daryl Krumwiede	94	3	
Jason Zimmeroff	95	3	
Ray Guzik	125	6	12
Cole Holloway	81	0	
Bill Holloway	95	3	
Phil Joschko	97	4	
John Wucki	103	5	12
Pat Di Domenico	88	1	
Adam Kommers	92	3	
Rob Rains	97	4	
Rob Westover	115	6	14
Greg Wilson	86	1	
Dave Compton	91	3	
Scott Kossman	100	4	
Lance Murphy	101	5	13
Bill Fry	82	0	
Brad Walbruck	93	3	
Brian Ziegelbauer	96	4	
Xavier Gould-Marks	122	6	13
Kurt Veldhuizen	83	1	
Derrick Thron	92	3	
Perry Undseth	97	4	
Mike Paradise	107	6	14
Mike Redenbaugh	86	1	
Kevin Brewster	91	3	
Mark Lutz	98	4	
Larry Ryan	105	6	14
Scott Holmes	90	2	
Mike Reda	91	3	
Joe Ryan	97	4	
John Hayes	102	5	14
Lou Zimmerman	86	1	
Tim Mahan	97	4	
Jordan Zimmeroff	96	4	
Robert Planica	102	5	14
Joe Booth	90	2	
Kai Bobkowski	90	2	
Bryan Rehfeldt	93	3	
Steve Rehfeldt	103	5	12
Greg Taylor	81	0	
Mark Fankhanel	92	3	
Troy Fankhanel	97	4	
Al Gasteier	109	6	13
Doug Newton	86	1	
Terry Bulger	90	2	
Todd Krumwiede	95	3	
Robert Neal	107	6	12

Saturday Morning Individual Score

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

Be There At 7:30!

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Bill Krueger	81
Kai Bobkowski	90
Brian Ziegelbauer	96
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Scott Holmes	90
Mike Reda	91
Lance Murphy	101
Rob Westover	115
Greg Wilson	86
Terry Bulger	90
Bryan Rehfeldt	93
Larry Ryan	105
Bill Fry	82
Adam Kommers	92
Jason Zimberoff	95
Robert Planica	102
Cole Holloway	81
Derrick Thron	92
Steve Rehfeldt	103
Joe Ryan	97
Pat Di Domenico	88
Dave Compton	91
Tim Mahan	97
John Wucki	103
Mike Redenbaugh	86
Doug Newton	86
Perry Undseth	97
Mark Lutz	98
Lou Zimmerman	86
Kevin Brewster	91
Scott Kossman	100
Mike Paradise	107
Joe Booth	90
Daryl Krumwiede	94
Mark Fankhanel	92
Xavier Gould-Marks	122
Greg Taylor	81
Rob Rains	97
John Hayes	102
Robert Neal	107
Jordan Zimberoff	96
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Saturday Afternoon Scramble

Approximate 1st Tee Time: 1:30 PM

Name	Score	HCP	Team HCP
Cole Holloway	81	0	
Brian Ziegelbauer	96	4	
Scott Kossman	100	4	
Larry Ryan	105	6	14
Bill Fry	82	0	
Bryan Rehfeldt	93	3	
Bill Holloway	95	3	
John Hayes	102	5	11
Joe Booth	90	2	
Mike Reda	91	3	
Tim Mahan	97	4	
Robert Neal	107	6	15
Greg Wilson	86	1	
Brad Walbruck	93	3	
Jason Zimberoff	95	3	
Mike Paradise	107	6	13
Bill Krueger	81	0	
Mark Fankhanel	92	3	
Perry Undseth	97	4	
Lance Murphy	101	5	12
Pat Di Domenico	88	1	
Derrick Thron	92	3	
Daryl Krumwiede	94	3	
Steve Rehfeldt	103	5	12
Scott Holmes	90	2	
Kai Bobkowski	90	2	
Rob Rains	97	4	
John Wucki	103	5	13
Greg Taylor	81	0	
Todd Krumwiede	95	3	
Joe Ryan	97	4	
Robert Planica	102	5	12
Lou Zimmerman	86	1	
Dave Compton	91	3	
Mark Lutz	98	4	
Ray Guzik	125	6	14
Mike Redenbaugh	86	1	
Terry Bulger	90	2	
Phil Joschko	97	4	
Rob Westover	115	6	13
Kurt Veldhuizen	83	1	
Kevin Brewster	91	3	
Troy Fankhanel	97	4	
Xavier Gould-Marks	122	6	14
Doug Newton	86	1	
Adam Kommers	92	3	
Jordan Zimberoff	96	4	
Al Gasteier	109	6	14

Sunday Morning Scramble

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

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


Name	Score	HCP	Team HCP
Scott Kossman	100	4	
Mark Lutz	98	4	
Troy Fankhanel	97	4	
Tim Mahan	97	4	
Rob Rains	97	4	
Phil Joschko	97	4	
Perry Undseth	97	4	
Joe Ryan	97	4	
Jordan Zimmeroff	96	4	
Brian Ziegelbauer	96	4	
Todd Krumwiede	95	3	
Jason Zimmeroff	95	3	







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
81	Bill Krueger		"Billy Baroo"	Billy may truly be a golfing enigma. The evidence: "A" player year in and out, top drinker (at least of Guinness) year in and out, card carrying PGA member, and the loudest guy on the course! Billy is one of last remaining Otis participants to make all 20 years! Congrats on that achievement Billy, and for both entertaining and beguiling us as the same time for two straight decades... truly, you are one of a kind.
81	Cole Holloway		"Ace"	Cole is a very steady player with low gross potential on his better days. He is also in his mid-20 and should be easier to corrupt than has proven true over the past few years. While his dad is here, we're fairly sure there is little Cole could do to outpace his dad's shenanigans from a few decades past (or so we've heard...) Can Cole beat his dad in golf and Otis nonsense? Feel free to contribute... What happens in Kalamazoo...
81	Greg Taylor		"The Waiter"	Greg returns this year after a year off for non-Otis related misbehavior. While he may not have been as philanthropic as his buddy Todd (read below) his absence was equally missed. The Waiter was missed not just for his tomfoolery, but also for his A player golf skills. We are very glad to have him back, even if he takes home a large chunk of our money again... If that seems to be the case Saturday night, make sure he buys you a beer or two!
82	Bill Fry		"Mr. Logic"	Bill is good friends with Greg Wilson, need we say more...well, maybe a little. Bill is also a former BP manager, who is now retired and spending tons of time at the golf course, which may mean we have over-handicapped him. So be warned, and be careful of your wallet when playing with Bill (much like with Wilson).
83	Kurt Veldhuizen		"Veldy" or "The Investor"	Kurt is back in the Otis for his 1st full year, after being a day one player last year in Minocqua. His involvement seems to be growing every year, as two years ago, he loaned his suburban to be the vehicle to deliver the Minocqua guys to Kzoo. This year he either wants to play the full 90 holes, or was more worried about what his car would come back looking like unsupervised again. Maybe a little of each? His beloved Cubbies won the World Series last year for him, so his always upbeat personality, is even more so now, as he seems to have an eternal grin on his face (wonder why this didn't work for Zim). As, for his golf game, it must be good, as every time we call him in the office, he is offsite at a client meeting discussing their "portfolio". We have found that to be a code word, for he is at the country club.

86	Doug Newton		"Let's Have One More"	Watch Doug on the driving range and you may not think much of his efficient swing, but each year he puts up quality scores and walks away (ok, flies back to Canada) with some of our US dollars. What makes this even more respectable is that Doug is rarely without a beverage and/or midway through a great story about just about anything. If Molson were our sponsor, he would be in strong consideration for Otis Poster Boy by now...
86	Greg Wilson		"GW-3"	Greg is yet another long time Otis regular, although he is returning this year after missing the festivities in Minocqua. Its always great to have Greg back in the fold as he offers up some great conversation and even, occasionally, some pretty good golf. We heard a rumor that his missed last year because he was filming the sequel to <i>Castaway</i> with Tom Hanks, but, alas, it was actually just a rumor... However, if you do find yourself alone with Greg on a tee box and need a quick pick me up for your group, a good, loud "Wilson!" never hurts...
86	Lou Zimmerman		"Lou Purdue"	Boiler Up! What the hell does that mean? We have a handful of Purdue grads, including Lou in the Otis now and still have never heard a good explanation of this classic Big Ten cheer emanating from West Lafayette's famous engineering campus. Does Lou know what it means? Does anyone? And with steam power going out with the Charleston and overnight rail travel, does anyone on that campus have an updated version? I've heard engineering has come a long way since the 1890's... Well, like may great traditions, Lou has become a regular at the Otis and his exceedingly tall shadow would be missed if we were not able look (Boiler!) up at him each year...
86	Mike Redenbaugh		"Page 2"	Last year Baugh, a Minocqua local, woke up the echoes with two long drive winners, in addition to a closest to the pin! Did sleeping in his own bed help keep his back calm? We shall see... Even if the comforts of Kalamazoo don't provide the relaxation Mike's trick back needs and his scores sink, we all owe Mike (and Zim, Rob, and Bump) a huge debt of gratitude for the past 20 years of fun, in addition to all the other amenities Mike has graciously provided. Without Mike, and his old neighbor Terry Bulger, none of us would be here this year (at the Otis, at least... read the history at the end for the full story...), so be sure buy him a strong drink somewhere along the way and say thank you for all the memories!
88	Pat DiDomenico		"DiDo"	Long time regular Dido was nearly on his predicted number last year, just one stroke under each day, and he also scored a closest to the pin and long putt over the weekend. This was no surprise as he has become one of the most reliable Otis players over the past decade, save a bad weekend of putting a few years back. No colorful tales here for Dido as his revelry routine is either quite well hidden or non-existent. Lets see if we can get some dirt on squeaky clean Dido before two more decades pass us by...
90	Scott Holmes		"The President of Canada"	Canadian ball of energy Scotty H. returns to the Otis after a year off. (Was that a bad petroleum joke...nah...) Regardless, the President of Canada truly is a non-stop party on (golf cart) wheels and spending a morning or afternoon golfing with Scott is always a good walk unspoiled. Like the rest of the now regular Canadian Otis contingent, Scott's presence has gone from welcome addition to expected primary contributor to the weekend's antics. Welcome back!

90	Joe Booth		"Jo Mamma"	<p>Otis regular Joe went way low last year in Minocqua, & scored a closest to the pin too. We all know what that means for this year... New A player! Well, maybe not that big of a jump, but Joe will need a repeat of his superb golf, or his scramble teams and low net possibilities may set long before the evening sun... Good luck Joe!</p>
90	Kai Bobkowski		"Kai Bob"	<p>Kai, a long time Otis regular, has produced steadily in the upper 80's over the past decade, making him a low A or higher B player most years. Kai's Otis report cards off the links also seem to find him in a similar "above average" range... at least when it comes to beer consumption, shenanigans, and keeping Baroo in line. Here's hoping this top Otis student finds some more A's, or at least some DD, this year too!</p>
90	Terry Bulger		"Lefty"	<p>Long time Otis and Lapski participant Terry is back for the 20th Otis, and we are very happy he is able to join us this year. Lefty has played these courses in Kalamazoo more than just about any of us, so if you need sound golf (or banking) advice, Terry is your man. He's also been known to partake in a few other Otis activities from time to time, so feel free to help him along if the situation merits! Welcome back Lefty!</p>
91	Dave Compton		"City of"	<p>Echoes of early 2000's Dave showed up at last year's Otis, with two rounds in the 80's and one Closest to the pin! Dave is also one of the few to make all 20 Oti, so don't forget to buy him a perfect attendance beer too! And while his visage may hint at his 20 years of Otis fun, he really hasn't changed a bit so expect another fun weekend with The City Of...</p>
91	Kevin Brewster		"Boom Boom"	<p>Returning for his 2nd Otis, Kevin is sneaky good from time to time - when he isn't chasing the cart girl around. This will be his first trip to Kalamazoo, not just for golf but for any reason. In fact, rumor is he has never set foot in Michigan before. So let's welcome him to the wonderful world of southwest Michigan golf, and see if he can putt on these greens...</p>
91	Mike Reda		"Choke"	<p>Choke stepped it up last year in WI as he carded two morning rounds in the 80's, a long putt and closest to the pin! Quite an improvement for the normally steady Mr. Reda. Will the glory of the 20th annual Otis bring out even greater feats for this long time regular, or will he see a return to his well nick-named form? At least he's not up against Nashville on Friday morning...</p>
92	Adam Kommers		"Rowdy Roddy Piper"	<p>Otis original Adam is a long time high school friend of Baugh, Zim, and Lil' Zim. It's difficult to sum up Adam's two decades of Otis memory-making in one short bio, so let's keep to this the basics. Adam has matured from a first generation Otis poster boy (read: early 20's knuckle head) to a more sedate (yet still quite funny), respected family man. Is that legendary Rowdy youth hiding below the surface? Keep the cameras on standby just in case we some rekindling of that legendary Otis fire...</p>

92	Derrick Thron		"Dee Tee"	Returning for his second Otis to play with his friend Troy, Derrick mostly flew under the radar last year and scored well enough to remain here on the 4th page. We are openly requesting stories about his antics this year for next year's bio section, so please let us know if his new familiarity with the Otis crew or his unfamiliarity with the Michigan courses leads to any good anecdotes. Welcome back and good luck!
92	Mark Fankhanel		"Mr. Sunscreen"	Another long-time Otis stalwart, Mark joins us in Kalamazoo again with his son Troy in tow. Mark may not hit it quite like he did 20 years ago, but he can still score and win some cash as he proved last year. Will he retain his title as best Fankhanel at the Otis? Have you seen Troy play??? Mark probably won't lose any sleep over that contest.
93	Brad Walbruck		"The Instigator"	Brad's Otis bios have usually focused on his misbehavior, if not his golf, but last year on the home turf of the North Woods, Brad fired off an 80 on Fri. morning! Will the move back to Kalamazoo cool off his scoring and return Brad to his instigating ways? Probably.
93	Bryan Rehfeldt		"The Professor"	In past Bio's we've teased Bryan about his undergrad days, his lengthy time in a band, the silly name of one of the schools at which he taught, his retirement past-times, and more. Like most of us, he's taken the ribbing with nary a complaint. The thing about Bryan, as you will quickly learn when golfing with him, is that he has never truly deserved an ounce of it! His calm demeanor, great heart, and jovial attitude always bring a smile when you get a chance to golf with him. It's a wonder he still chooses to join our silliness each year, but we always know we are better off for his choosing to do so. Three cheers to the Professor!
94	Darryl Krumwiede		"Brother Darryl"	Long time Otis regular Daryl actually had a bit of an off year last summer in Minocqua, at least in his morning scores (he managed 3 closest to the pins yet still failed to score low.) Could it be the absence of his son Todd from the festivities actually allowed him to let his hair down a bit and live it up? Um, no... Well, Todd is back this year and Daryl once again has an excellent chance to be the lowest scoring Krumwiede on the links at the Otis. Look for Daryl to return to form on the familiar courses of Kalamazoo, even if Todd finds some entertaining ways to distract his dad over the weekend...
95	Bill Holloway		"Old N Slow"	Bill is probably one of the biggest Cub fans (along with the Zim's) at this weekend's event, so please be sure to congratulate him on the realization of a lifetime of fandom and the World Series win for his beloved. What makes this even more powerful is that Bill has lived outside of the Chicago area for over 40 years now! Even if the golf doesn't quite reach the same heights, we should still see some reflected glow in his eyes from last year's Cub revelry. And if Bill heads home with a fat wallet, we'll probably say, like most of the rest of the world did last Nov, ... "Holy #%\$^! The Cubs (Billy) won!

95 Jason Zimmeroff



"Zim"

Big Zim struggled a bit on course last year, but managed a closest to the pin on Sunday morning to help buoy his memories of the non-fishing portions of Minocqua... More importantly, Zim is the technical guru and handles (with Mike) the logistical side of the Otis that, amazingly to most of us, keeps it running fairly smoothly each year! Zim takes care of the website, program, record keeping, and countless other behind the scene tasks (again, with Rob and Mike) that keep this often wild, cacophonous event running like a well lubed machine. Be sure to take a moment to buy him a good beer and thank him for an amazing job over the past 20 years... He's earned it.

95 Todd Krumwiede



"TK Money"

Todd is back after a year away from the Otis. Rumor has it he spent last year as a Peace Corps volunteer building ice homes and fresh water purification systems for the disadvantaged peoples of upper Ittoqqortoormiit, Greenland. Or he had a wedding to attend, we cannot remember which... Regardless, we are more than pleased to have Todd back as his quotient of silliness was noticeably absent last year. Welcome back T-K Money!

96 Brian Ziegelbauer



"Chief"

In Brian's second Otis last year he started off hot, carding well under his predicted score in the Fri. morning round and the calls of "sandbagger" could be heard all the way to Madison. Thankfully, Brian availed himself of these smears with his hearty 107 on Sat. Did the Otis finally catch up to Brian? Did his good luck run out? Do we need to pay better attention to his antics to come up with a better bio??? Welcome back Chief!

96 Jordan Zimmeroff



"Little Zim"

Lil' Zim's bio should probably look pretty similar to Adam's as he has grown up a tad over the last 20 years. He is one of the few remaining perfect attendance Otis members as well. His golf, much like his on course demeanor, was a bit mercurial last year with triple digits on Friday but a respectable 88 on Sat. After what he drank on Friday that is probably the most impressive stat of his weekend last year... And, if you are wondering where the bulk of these bios originate, it is from the depths of his somewhat overwrought brain. So, feel free to blame him for any subtle (or not so) pot shots or any other extraneous silliness in these little exposés over the past decade or so. Like most of these past 20 years of Otis, it's all meant in good fun!

97 Joe Ryan



"Sleepy"

Joe returns after missing last year and we are quite glad for that, especially if he brought his tinfoil astronaut pants! We're not sure what has become of Joe's game, but he has shown splashes of greatness over the years, even if, unlike his pants, much of his game does not look out of this world. Welcome back Joe, and please, don't let us know who your tailor is...







97 Perry Undseth







"Agent P"

Perry returns to his second Otis and first Kalamazoo trip this year. He entered last year's festivities on a roll, and the scoring committee (Mike) put him in at a respectable 92. He even brought some new clubs with him to show off his improving golf. Well, whether it was the new clubs or the new courses, Perry saw a bit of a setback in his game. Did the other Otis activities take their toll? Did his lack of a nickname in the program jinx his game? Did we come up with one for this year? ... take a peek...

97	Phil Joschko		"Mr. Mermaid"	Paragon of Otis virtue, Mr. Mermaid, is back as we return to Kalamazoo. If you took the time to peruse the last 20 years of bios, you might see a theme in Phil's... Also, we might have you committed for wasting that time! But we digress. Phil is a model of consistency, before, during, and after the on course rounds. If you don't know what that means, well, a <i>gentleman</i> never tells. Also, if you are between <i>clubs</i> on a shot, ask Phil, his advice is a <i>regular</i> staple each year...
97	Rob Rains		"Big Rob II"	One of the most difficult to rate golfers in Otis history, one who has probably been an A, B, C, and D player over the years, Rob is only consistent in one way - his positive attitude! Hopefully this year Rob will be able to card some low numbers on both Fri. and Sat. and reverse the trend of the past half-decade. Will the whispers of Team Buffet rise like a phoenix in Kalamazoo for the 20th Otis? We will let Rob chew on that...
97	Tim Mahan		"Mr. T"	We managed not scare Tim away last year, so that, of course, means we must have been off our A games, Otis wise... Nevertheless, we are very happy to have Tim return and, hopefully, help him dig up some more stories of the Rehfeldt's in their youth. If he remains tight lipped, buy him a beer or three, it can't hurt to try!
97	Troy Fankhanel		"The Sandbagger"	Troy is becoming an Otis regular, with a few blips in the past decade, but he has quickly risen in the ranks of Otis lore for his non-golfing achievements... Troy's golf has even improved since his very first Otis, but he is still young enough that we may find some fairly easy means of taking him off his A game. Shots anyone?
98	Mark Lutz		"Lutzy"	Lutzy, a long-time Otis guy, is always a welcome addition to the yearly lineups. Known for a long trail of cigar smoke and even longer slice, Mark is always a great cart partner and occasional scramble upstart. Two years back, Mark played fairly steady and we hope the well-trod greens of Kalamazoo will find him in similar form this year. Welcome back Mark.
100	Scott Kossman		"Scottie Woo"	The big Woo returned last year after a year off for very dubious injury reasons... Even with a year off of golf, he managed to make a long putt and best his predicted score on Friday. Another Otis original, Scotty Woo has been known for a few very important, steadying factors over the past two decades... these include a bag full of strong margaritas and clothing choices that must only look good after about 12 of those tequila dreams.
101	Lance Murphy		"Murph"	Last year Lance, yet another Otis original, shot 93 on Fri. and 109 on Sat... Hmm... is the weekend schedule finally catching up to this marathon man (he runs a lot...), or were the unfamiliar fairways (and rough) of the North Woods to blame? Well, if 20 years of watching Lance golf (and shepherd Baroo around the course) have taught us anything, we at least know he always has a beer handy if you are in a pinch!

102	John Hayes		"The Anchor Man"	John is also a two decade veteran of the Otis, with less than a handful of missed years, if memory serves. John's game has been fairly steady over the decades, with a few memorable quality years here and there... If he is on his game, expect to see some challenges to low net and scramble surprises. If not, John has also proven to be quite the bon vivant around the course. Buy him a beer and find out why...
102	Robert Planica		"Paparazzi"	Paparazzi was a bit off of his game last year, as was his peripatetic photography panache... Is the lack of photos from last year's events (on the website) his doing, or are we still waiting for the air brushing to be completed??? Hopefully this year Lil' Rob's game will be back up to par on both sides of the lens. Every historic event needs a good photographer, and we are sure he is up to the flask... oops, we mean task.
103	John Wucki		"Chewy"	We haven't done the math but are fairly sure that, in addition to being one of our group's best Mr. fix-it's, John is now the Otis elder statesman. Like John's handyman abilities, his staying power at the Otis is becoming legendary. John has outlasted the former Otis participants that brought him to our group (the Zims' old buddy Chris Lake is John's son-in-law). So, if you have a question about fixing a troublesome home appliance or on some arcane bit of Otis lore, John just might be your answer man!
103	Steve Rehfeldt		"Radar"	Over the past few Oti, the scoring committee has relented and made the birdie pool optional. This decision greatly pleased Steve, as his game had moved past the point where birdies are a regular occurrence. How did our resident attorney celebrate this newfound financial freedom? With a Fri. morning closest to the pin (and birdie!). I guess we can forgo an "objectionable" joke and just congratulate him on a nice opening round (six under his predicted score). Much like his brother Bryan, a round with this long time Otis and Lapski regular is always a great time and, if you find yourself in a legal pinch after some unexpected golf-related property damage, he may also offer up some timely legal advice as well!
105	Larry Ryan		"The Ringleader"	Leader of the Ryan Ringers, long time Otis regular, and status among the elder statesmen (if any of us can be called that at an Otis)... It's hard to pin down exactly how important Larry has been to the 20 years of Otis, but we know they certainly would have been far less enjoyable without his presence. The Ryan crew have been regulars from year one, and truly added to the revelry that is each Otis weekend. So buy Larry a beer, because like many others this weekend, he's earned it!
107	Mike Paradise		"The Sandman" or "Final Final"	Mike "Final Final" Paradise played with us a few years ago, and the laughs never stopped. He plays hard all day, maybe not in his golf game, but in the rest of the areas of life. He is sure to be a blast to anyone whom gets paired with him. Just be aware, that come nightfall, he likes to take power naps at the dinner table, bar, etc, until he catches that next wind, and then goes in search of the never ending "final final". Which makes many who are out with Mike wonder, how many final final last calls there can be. It's kind of like the tootsie pop advertisement with the owl and how many licks it takes to get to the middle...we may never know.

107	Robert Neal		"Billy Bob"	Together with his friend Mike Paradise, mild mannered Texas dentist and all around wallflower Robert returns for his second Otis after a few years off. Hopefully his familiarity with some of the players will bring him out of his shell and allow him to have a little fun this year. We can only hope. Welcome back and good luck!
109	Al Gasteier		"The Woodsman"	The good doctor is also a long time Otis regular and has made many of the last 19 annual trips. Al's work on the course resembles his ceaseless work ethic, where he earned (but choses to avoid) a steady retirement years ago; from his career - not golf! Also, it usually takes a few holes for those less with acquainted with Al to discover his dry wit (and wealth of stories about the Rehfeldt brothers). So feel free to buy Al a drink, chat him up and see what gems we can uncover...
115	Rob Westover		"Big Rob"	Last year Rob was actually fairly consistent in his golf; not spectacular, mind you, but at least consistent. Of more import this year, however, is recognizing that Big Rob is the money man for the Otis. Each year he is responsible for collecting, recording, and then divvying up the loot to make sure each winner gets paid (and the courses too)! This is a somewhat thankless task, so let's be sure to upend that tradition. Buy Big Rob a Captain and Coke and make sure you thank him for the past 20 years of revelry!
122	Xavier Gould-Marks		"X"	The big X-man played under his predicted score last year! Then again, everyone else in the tournament played under X's number except Fricke, so that's not really a huge compliment. Still, improvement is the goal! Well, maybe not for X... Expect most of his memorable moments to come during or after the golf, but not with a club in his hands.
125	Ray Guzik		"Sugar Ray"	Ray is another ex-BP guy, having worked with Wilson, Mike, Lutz and others. In spite of this, he is a wonderful person, and very positive. A few years ago, he decided to leave BP and move to Omaha because, after hearing Payton Manning say Omaha so many times, he decided it had to be a good place to relocate the family. He, unlike some others is a life-long Cleveland fan, and had his heart broken by the Cubs. He enjoys golf but golf isn't always good to him. Wilson says he is good at looking the part at least. Welcome and good luck!
DNPCD	Ken Redenbaugh		"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.
DNPCD	Bump Waghorne		"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 – even if it only as a spectator.

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 Lapidina.

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!

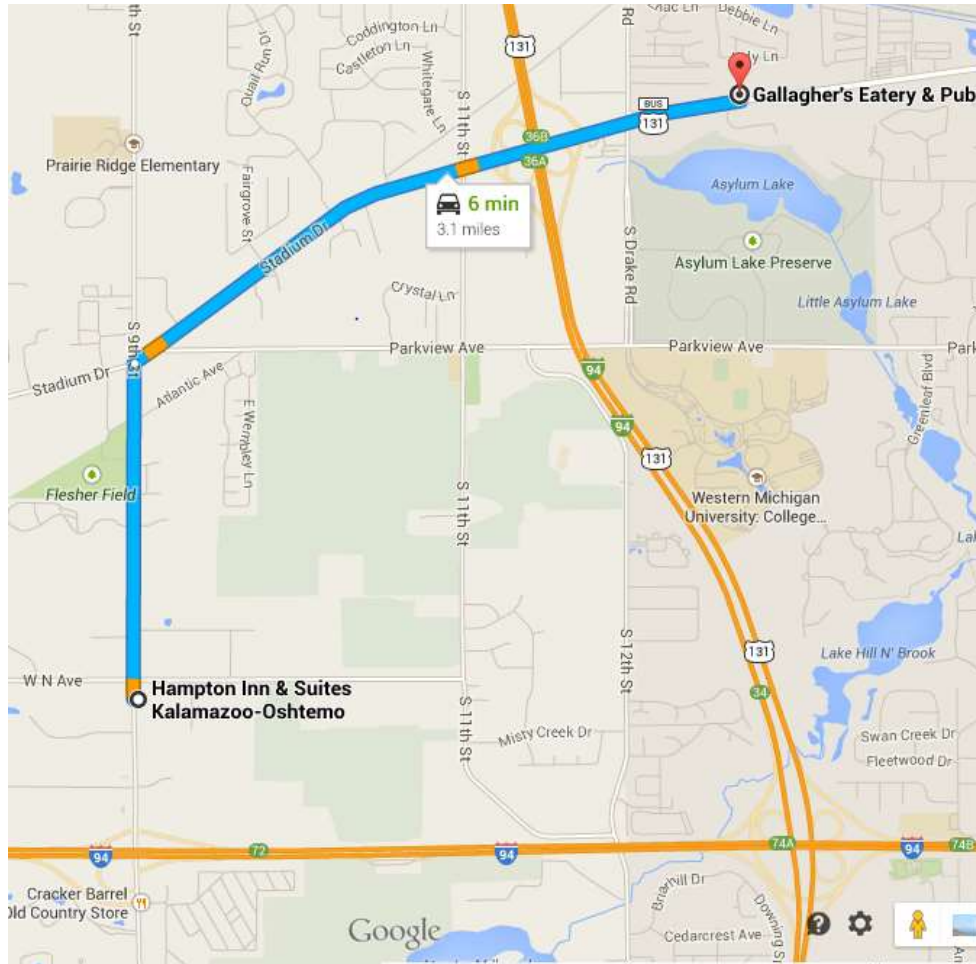
The group of Mike Redenbaugh, Jason Zimberoff, Bump Waghorne, and Rob Westover, all former Lapski players, decided to create a new outing based on the self-described "Oti" (pronounced oat-eye) club of over-served drinking buddies... named, of course, after everyone's favorite town drunk – Otis Campbell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

Directions to the Hampton Inn from Chicago

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



Hampton Inn (Kalamazoo-Oshtemo)

**5059 S. 9th St.
KALAMAZOO, MI 49009
Tel: 1-269-372-1010
Fax: 1-269-372-1475**

Gallagher's

**Gallagher's is on Stadium Drive, about 2.5 miles north and east of the hotel.
4210 Stadium Drive
Kalamazoo, MI 49008
(269) 372-7177**

Directions to Thornapple Creek from Hampton Inn

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



Thornapple Creek Golf Club

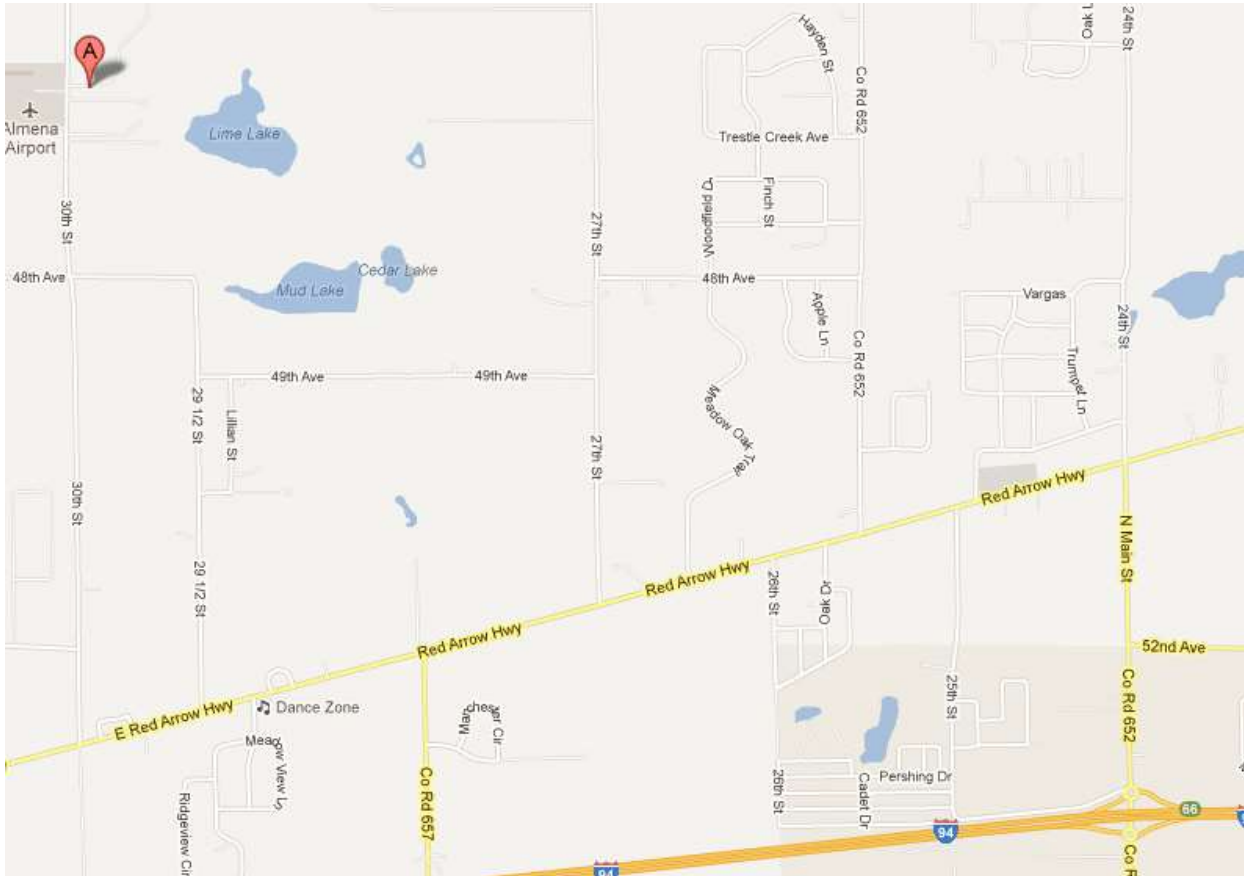
**6415 W. F Ave
Kalamazoo, MI 49009**

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

Directions to Heritage Glen from Hampton Inn

**Take 9th St. north to Stadium Av. Turn Left.
Follow Stadium Drive west out of town.
Stadium will become “Red Arrow Highway”.
Follow Red Arrow Hwy west to 30th Street.
(Be patient, it is a few miles)**

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

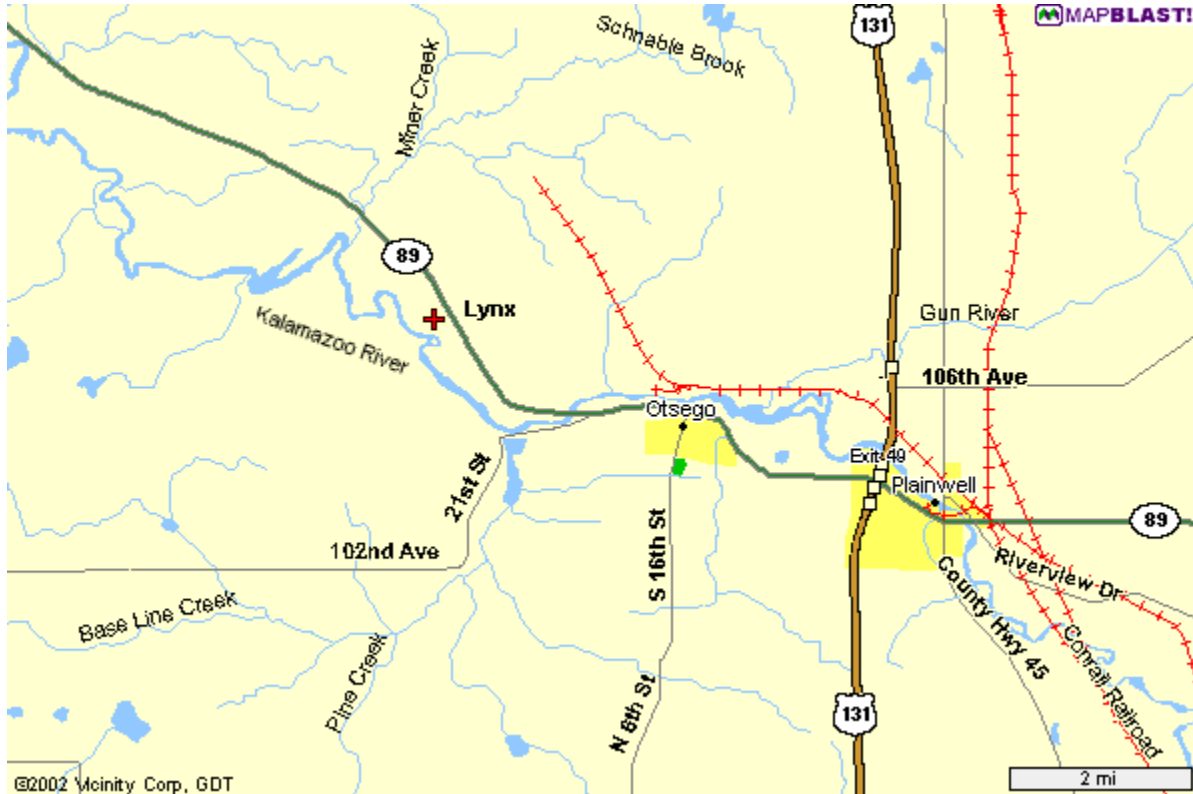


Heritage Glen Golf Club

**29795 Heritage Lane
Paw Paw, MI 49079
1-269-657-2552**

Directions to The Lynx from Hampton Inn

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



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

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



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.