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The 24<sup>th</sup> Annual  
***Otis Invitational***



**June 25 - 26 - 2021**

Hosted By  
Lynx Golf Club  
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# 24th 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 2021 is at 28 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 28 people, and deposits have been paid. If we can't replace you, you may not get a refund.

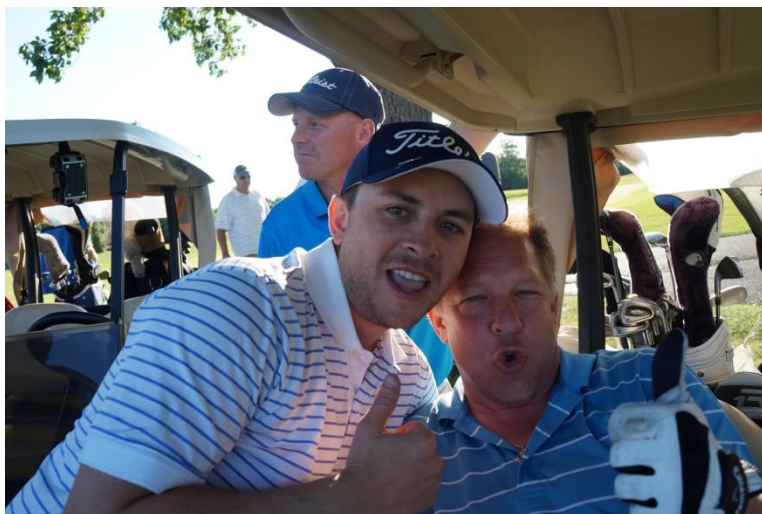
**Tee times** begin at 8:00 AM on Friday and 8:00 AM on Saturday. These are all shotguns, so you **NEED TO BE THERE EARLY!** Please make sure you get to the courses by 7:30 AM on Friday and Saturday!

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.

We will have a group dinner on Saturday at Old Burdick's in Kalamazoo – at our Hotel - 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 4 rounds)	\$40
Long Drive (1 hole per round, all 4 rounds)	\$40
Long Putt (2 holes per round, all 4 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)	\$50
Scramble Team 2 <sup>nd</sup> place (each person, each scramble round)	\$40
Scramble Team 3 <sup>rd</sup> place (each person, each scramble round)	\$30
Scramble Team 4 <sup>th</sup> place (each person, each scramble round)	\$20
Scramble Team 5 <sup>th</sup> place (each person, each scramble round)	\$10
Hole-In-One Pool (Will go up every year until we pay it out)	\$5,700

The golf fees for all 4 rounds will be \$160 per person (includes green fees and riding cart, and lunch on Friday and Saturday!) Betting / door prize / Saturday dinner money is \$165 for the entire weekend.

Total cost per person: \$325 (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 5 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 5 teams. White Tees. Everyone will start on #1 and finish on #18.

# Official Otis Logistics

Tournament Date: Weekend of Friday, June 25, 2021

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

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

Motel Accommodations: **Radisson Plaza Hotel at Kalamazoo Center**  
100 W Michigan Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49007  
Rooms are \$159 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 Old Burdick's in our Hotel on Saturday night. Your dinner is included in the entry fee. Dinner with 4 options (Steak, Chicken Sandwich, Pork Sandwich, Broccoli Chicken Alfredo) 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.

Cost Breakdown: Greens Fees are \$160 for the entire weekend. This includes 72 holes of golf, (\$325 Total per person) and a riding cart. Betting, Prize and Dinner money is \$165 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, and Saturday.

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



# 2021 Otis Invitational

## 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!

### 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 triple bogey on each hole. If you get to triple bogey 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 heavy stuff gonna come down for quite 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!

### 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 - #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 Fry	78
Denis Bak	78
Joe Booth	92
Dave Compton	92
Patrick Mackey	90
Phil Joschko	96
Robert Planica	98
Maciek Milewski	106
Kurt Veldhuizen	90
Brian Ziegelbauer	102
Matt Redenbaugh	120
Lance Murphy	104
Jason Zimmeroff	92
Brian Fricke	119
Scott Kossman	99
Mark Lutz	97
Mike Redenbaugh	85
Greg Wilson	88
Kevin Brewster	88
Bob Ferris	92
Matt Kock	75
Joe Hudec	88
Jordan Zimmeroff	93
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Bill Krueger	87
Terry Bulger	92
Mike Reda	95
Brad Walbruck	90



## Friday Afternoon Scramble

Approximate 1st Tee Time: 1:30 PM

Name	Score	HCP	Team HCP
Denis Bak	78	-1	
Bob Ferris	92	2	
Robert Planica	98	4	
Brian Fricke	119	6	11
Bill Krueger	87	0	
Joe Hudec	88	0	
Mark Lutz	97	4	
Matt Redenbaugh	120	6	10
Bill Fry	78	-1	
Terry Bulger	92	2	
Jordan Zimberoff	93	3	
Brian Ziegelbauer	102	5	9
Kevin Brewster	88	0	
Brad Walbruck	90	1	
Dave Compton	92	2	
Maciek Milewski	106	5	8
Mike Redenbaugh	85	0	
Kurt Veldhuizen	90	1	
Mike Reda	95	4	
-	-	2.5	7.5
Greg Wilson	88	0	
Patrick Mackey	90	1	
Joe Booth	92	2	
Scott Kossman	99	4	7
Matt Kock	75	-2	
Phil Joschko	96	4	
Jason Zimberoff	92	2	
Lance Murphy	104	5	9

## Saturday Morning Individual Score

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

Be There At 7:30!

Name	Otis Score
Adam Kommers	90
Terry Bulger	92
Brad Walbruck	90
Robert Planica	98
Greg Wilson	88
Dave Compton	92
Phil Joschko	96
Jason Zimberoff	92
Mike Redenbaugh	85
Jordan Zimberoff	93
Mark Lutz	97
Joe Booth	92
Bill Fry	78
Patrick Mackey	90
Bob Ferris	92
Matt Redenbaugh	120
Matt Kock	75
Denis Bak	78
Joe Hudec	88
Scott Kossman	99
Bill Krueger	87
Kurt Veldhuizen	90
Lance Murphy	104
Maciek Milewski	106
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Matt Kock	75	-2	
Patrick Mackey	90	1	
Mark Lutz	97	4	
Brian Ziegelbauer	102	5	8
Denis Bak	78	-1	
Adam Kommers	90	1	
Jordan Zimberoff	93	3	
Lance Murphy	104	5	8
Bill Krueger	87	0	
Dave Compton	92	2	
Bob Ferris	92	2	
Scott Kossman	99	4	8
Bill Fry	78	-1	
Joe Hudec	88	0	
Mike Reda	95	4	
Maciek Milewski	106	5	8
Mike Redenbaugh	85	0	
Terry Bulger	92	2	
Phil Joschko	96	4	
Matt Redenbaugh	120	6	12
Kevin Brewster	88	0	
Joe Booth	92	2	
Jason Zimberoff	92	2	
Robert Planica	98	4	8
Greg Wilson	88	0	
Kurt Veldhuizen	90	1	
Brad Walbruck	90	1	
Brian Fricke	119	6	8








## 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
76	Matt Kock		"Out of Round"	Big man back at the top! Matt leads us back to Kalamazoo as the Otis #1 and looks to clean up in the birdie pool as well. Whether he is amassing Mermaid dollars, or just holding his own... Kock...is always a great partner on and off the course!
78	Dennis Bak		"Mr. Consistent"	Dennis returns for his 2 <sup>nd</sup> Otis this year and we are glad to have someone to possibly knock Matt from his #1 spot. As a FOG (Friend of Greg Wilson) one would expect him to enjoy beer, betting, and golf, in that order. Welcome back – and good luck!
78	Bill Fry		"Mr. Logic"	Bill has now joined us for several Otis outings, and it has been good to have an extra person around who actually knows how to golf. Bill is another FOG, and we are beginning to wonder why these guys are always at the top of this list. Is it just good genes? Or is it spending 327 days a year on the golf course now that they are retired? You decide.
85	Mike Redenbaugh		"Red"	After a year off for all of us, Mike is eager to get back into the swing of Otis revelry. Moving the outing back to Kalamazoo should stir some old memories for all, and especially Mike who has been golfing there for 30 plus years now. Will Mike once again feel at home in KZoo or will the equally old aches and pains need some creative medicating to make it through 72 holes? Fore Ibuprofen please...
87	Bill Krueger		"Billy Baroo"	Billy Baroo is an ageless wonder, just as spry (and loud) as ever. Aging, parenthood, golf industry ups and downs... nothing seems to force his energy to flag... speaking of flags, will Billy find any this weekend? While his expected score has slowly crept up over the years, a few Guinness from Murph should keep Billy in prime A player form...

88	Kevin Brewster		"Boom Boom"	Boom Boom is starting to become more of an Otis regular now, and his recent pandemic inspired move to Arizona was not enough to keep him away. Beware if he offers to buy drinks from the cart girl though – as you may wind up with a 6 pack of White Claws.
88	Greg Wilson		"GW-3"	After some time away for all of us, it's probably wise to assume Greg has not slowed his golf schedule much, and his status here on the A/B borderline could be a boon or a bust for his winnings and his playing partners depending on how locked in Greg is come scramble time... Will he be pin seeking all weekend, or seeking relief and liquid rescue on the course and off? Wilson!!!
88	Joe Hudec		"Rocket Man"	Yet another entry from the FOG group – Joe is joining us for his 2 <sup>nd</sup> Otis and we are happy to have him back. Have you ever noticed that all the Friends of Greg look younger than their age, golf well, and enjoy beer? Or, should we call it what it is – embalming fluid?
90	Adam Kommers		"Rowdy Roddy Piper"	Otis original Adam is back after Covid and other conflicts kept him away for a few years. We are always glad to have Adam back and see if he can find the swing consistency of his younger years... His game may have not aged too well, but his sneaky funny demeanor remains and who knows, maybe the scars will tear the right way and he can see some low 80's this year as well!
90	Patrick Mackey		"Late Night"	With over a decade of Otis experience under his belt, Pat finds himself firmly in the role of Otis poster boy, with his often good golf, great company, and occasionally excessive silliness on the course (or off). If we ever actually put a Caddyshack style Otis poster into print, Pat deserves serious consideration as one of the florid four that make the cut!
90	Kurt Veldhuizen		"Veldy"	This year Veldy finds himself in his usual spot as a strong B level player. With the smaller turnout this year the scramble B players will be looked to for more clutch shots for the winning squads... Look to Kurt to step up and find the green more often than not, and have a blast in the process!
90	Brad Walbruck		"The Instigator"	Brad's game, for those of you not paying attention, has improved greatly over the years in the Otis. Amazingly, his scores have gone down while his revelry has seemingly not slowed an ounce. Can Brad, like many of us, fight off the demon rum and the perils of middle age and continue his march towards the Otis elite??? Well, we know he will continue to be legendary at the 19th hole...

92	Joe Booth		“Jo Mamma”	Over the last two plus decades, Joe is about as steady as you can get in the Otis. His numbers are almost never way out of whack with his expected scores and he contributes annually to a few winning teams and award cards. Has he found the fountain of youth? Will he continue to distance himself from his buddy Choke? Well, one of those is bound to be true...
92	Terry Bulger		“Lefty”	Otis and Lapski original Lefty may know these courses better than anyone, so take the time to pick his brain for local knowledge and improve your game along the way. And, should that fail, take his advice on some of the nightlife in KZ as well... Terry may know a bit about that Otis tradition too.
92	Dave Compton		“City of”	Big Dave / City / Team Buffet (sadly no more) is often much better at golf than this number indicates... Sometimes he also much worse... thus an average of the multi-nicknamed Dave is where we find him most years in our little Otis hierarchy. If you happen to find Dave on your scramble team, look for some big drives, some big shots, and hopefully not big numbers as well!
92	Bob Ferris		“Ace”	Bob joined us for the Pandemic October Otis, and managed to do something nobody has ever done in an Otis event before – shoot a hole in one. Lucky for all of us except him, the Hole In One Pool was not in play during that event. Can he do it again? If he does he will be \$5700 richer! Welcome to the real Otis! And good luck!
92	Jason Zimmeroff		“Zim”	Zim is still firmly enmeshed in teen-parenthood as he shuttles his brood across the Midwest to various soccer, baseball, and other sporting travel team events. He probably would have saved some cash had he bought into a Cessna a few years back... As such, the golf is a tad bit rusty. Still, that is case most years and he usually finds that ultra slo-mo sweet spot for at least half of the weekend. Either way, take the driver's seat and shuttle him around for a change, he needs the nap...
93	Jordan Zimmeroff		“Little Zim”	Little Zim returns to playing status at the Otis after he missed playing in 2019 (although showed up anyway in his cast to help celebrate the evening's revelry) with his less-than-brilliant broken ankle...Will his bad wheel be able to handle the rigors of the 72 holes, or will the injury cascade into other maladies needing some liquid relief? If you find yourself in the same cart as Jordan, be sure to remind him... no wheelies please.
95	Mike Reda		“Choke”	Choke is almost as consistent as his buddy Joe above, but over the past decade he has seen a bit more separation between their scores. Will this growing gap fuel Mike to some renewed low 90's golf? Will he find the glory of his youth and put up low numbers across the board and haul in some winnings? Will he dominate from tee to green like the days of old? What was his nickname again???

96	Phil Joschko		"Mr. Mermaid"	Every year the Otis is away from Kalamazoo, the bio writers have to dig deep for stories on Phil... Back in Kalamazoo, it's almost too easy, so we will try to keep this fresh. Phil always finds ways to enjoy his time in this rust belt relic of city, whether that's on the course, in the clubhouse between and after rounds, or enjoying the fauna of the local Kalamazoo ichthyoid population. Hope they are bitin'!
97	Mark Lutz		"Lutzy"	Lutzy always has a smile on... On the course, in the bar, at dinner, enjoying the play on the 18th... Wherever we find him, he is in a great mood and sharing that joy with us all. If for any reason you need some cheering up this weekend, find Mark and bask in the aura of his joy... notice we haven't mentioned his golf?
98	Robert Planica		"Paparazzi"	Click... with the proliferation of social media over the past decade plus, it really is amazing that Paparazzi has kept most of his recording of our revelries out of the "easy-to-find" public eye. For this we probably owe him a debt of gratitude, both for the photographic record and the curation of those files (along with Zim's work) and keeping them in our own little world. So buy Papa a drink, get him tipsy, and be sure to take a quick pick of him to keep in your pocket... just in case...
99	Scott Kossman		"Scottie Woo"	Scott is probably relieved that he is not the only Otis alum with a dubious bone fracture in his past costing him a weekend of Otis fun. For those that don't remember, just join Scott in some Margaritas on the course, get him talkin', and were sure you can hear the story... Somewhat amazingly, his recovery has led to some much improved golf in the subsequent years. Maybe he is on to the new golf training fad... then again...
102	Brian Ziegelbauer		"Chief"	Chief is now becoming more of an Otis regular – and as is normal for people in that category, his scores have started to slide him down the list here. Still don't be surprised if he pulls out a clutch shot in a scramble and manages to enjoy some revelry along the way. Also beware of him on Saturday night as he has been known to take everyone's prize money too.
104	Lance Murphy		"Murph"	What can be said about Murph that hasn't been said in his last 20 bios? Well, let see... He's Irish? That probably came up at one point... Well, Murph usually fills his Otis role of Baroo Whisperer each year, both fueling and containing the ebullient Billy morning to night. We expect nothing less this weekend as well. Just don't ask to carry his golf bag... it may be pulling some double duty and double the weight!
106	Maciek Milewski		"Mr. Tyskie"	The Magic Man has been to quite a few Otis weekends now as Rob's partner in crime on the course(s). Many course supers have their pic on the wall like the post-offices of old... Thankfully, Rob was able to find some lower scores, will Maciek to do the same and produce some golf magic of his own? Are there any birdies up his sleeve? He'll never tell...



119	Brian Fricke		"E Player"	With the Canadian contingent still on governmental quarantine this year, Fricke lost a few fellow high scoring Otis compatriots. Fear not Brain, we know where you stand on this list! Will this finally be Brian's break out year? Will Matt beat him like a drum? Anyone taking bets???
120	Matt Redenbaugh		"Captain Redbeard"	Mike Redenbaugh's oldest son becomes the first Otis player from the 2 <sup>nd</sup> generation of Otis organizers. After recently watching some video of his swing, we recommend he bring a lot of extra golf balls... Not only in case he loses some of them, but also in case he cuts a few of them in half with his driver. Recently, Matt has begun to look more like his hero, Captain Morgan. Earning him his nickname. Welcome to the Otis 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 as one of the original group to go to Kalamazoo for the Lapski, he has an honorary spot here in the bios. 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	Rob Westover		"Big Rob"	Even though Rob has been quite involved with the planning for this year's Otis as usual, a bad back is keeping him on the sidelines this year. Our advice is to try to find some of Greg Wilson's embalming fluid and see if that helps. Hopefully he will be as good as new, or at least as average as new, next year!



# 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 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 our 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.

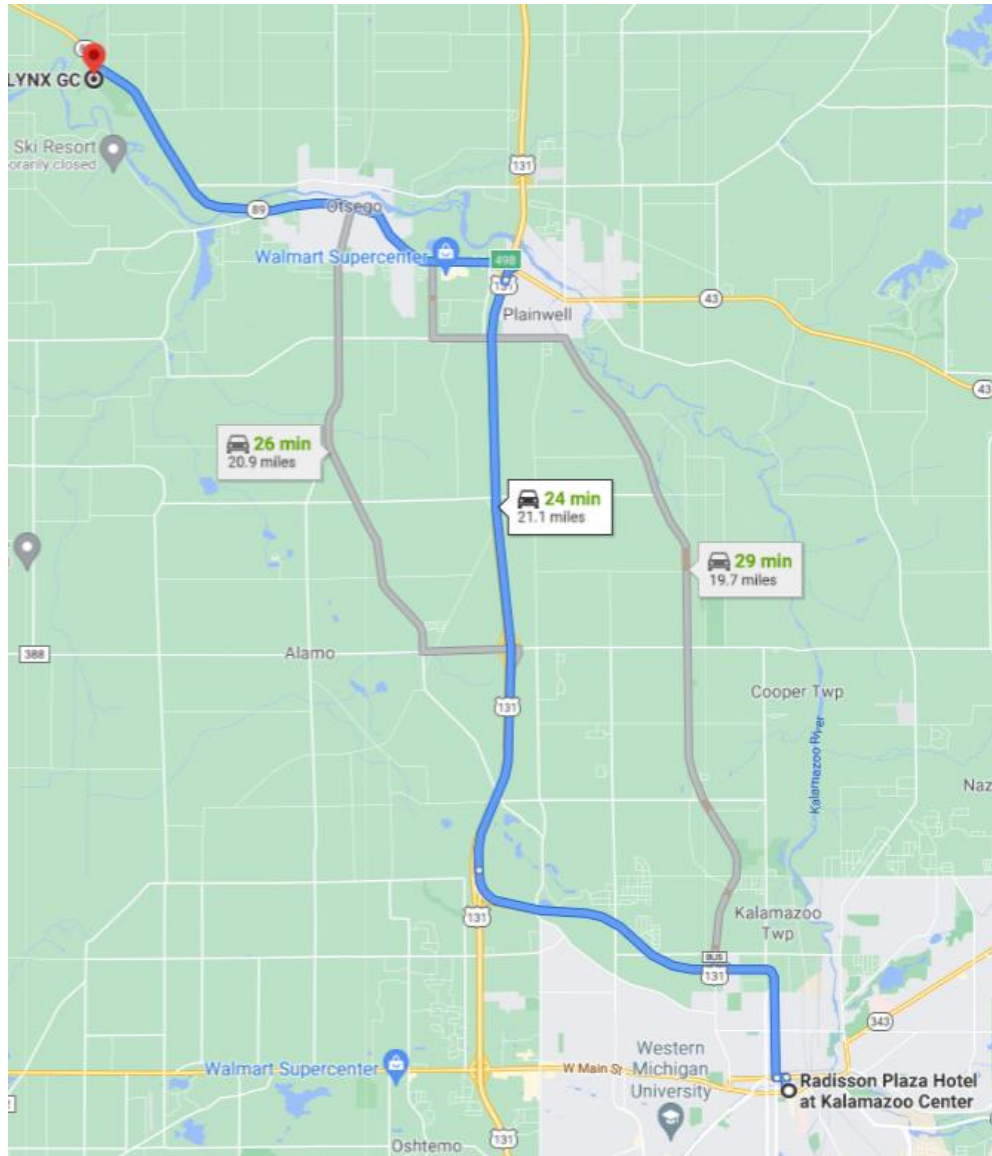
We immediately got together and came up with the idea for the Otis Invitational - a group that would be made up of all of our friends and family. Although we did bring many of the long-time Lapski guys with us, we hope that we left all of the bickering and BS with the old group. We even replaced the 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 28 of our own players, and although Thornapple has closed forever, we still have two great golf courses to play! We wouldn't have it any other way. Thanks to everybody who has participated these 24\* years - and here's to many more!

\*Note: the 23<sup>rd</sup> Otis was held during COVID in 2020 – as a small October scramble in Illinois. It was a nice break from the pandemic so we are keeping the streak alive at 24 years of Otis in 2021!

Directions to The Lynx Golf Course  
from the Radisson (Friday)

**Take Rose st. North to W. Kalamazoo Ave. then turn left.  
Turn right on N. Park St / Business US 131.  
Stay on Business 131 and then Merge onto US 131 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.**

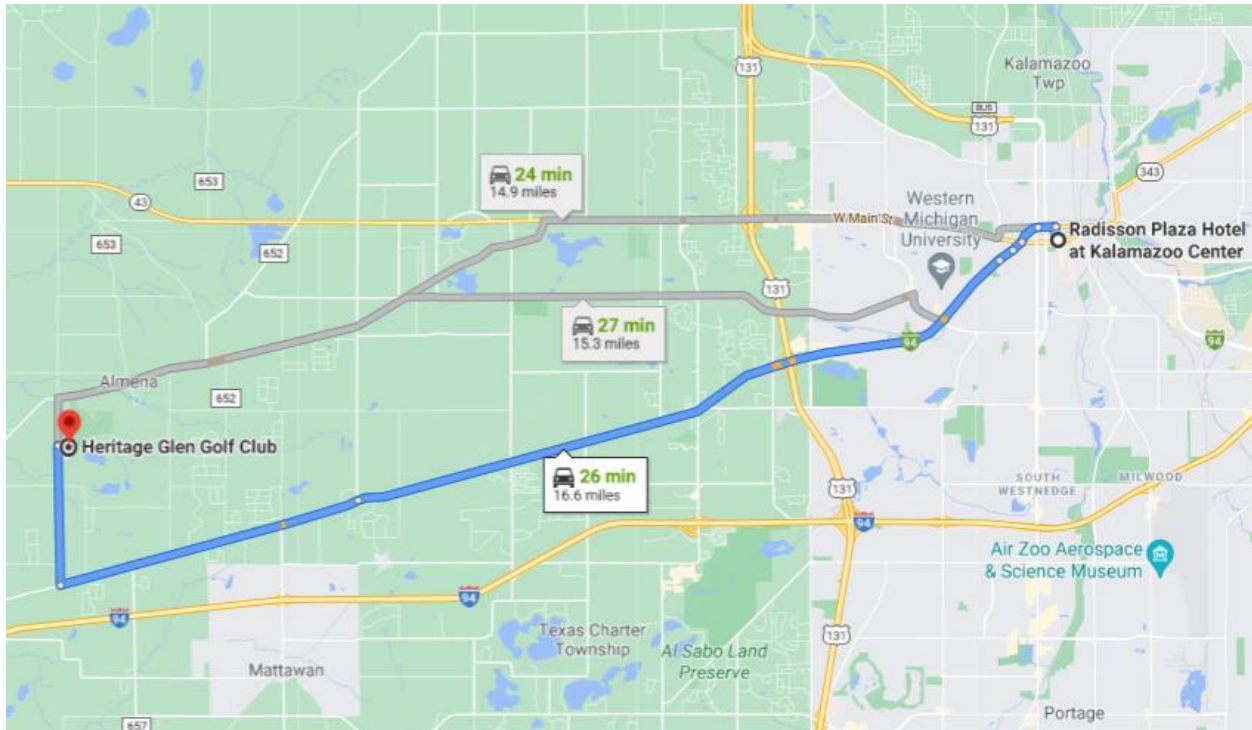


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## Directions to Heritage Glen from the Radisson (Saturday)

**Take Rose St. north to W. Kalamazoo Av. Turn Left.  
Follow Kalamazoo Ave west to Michikal St and bear left.  
Michikal St will become W. Michigan Ave. Follow Michigan Ave. west out of town.  
W. Michigan 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  
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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.