

# The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Otis Invitational



**June 23 - 24 - 2023**

Hosted By  
Lynx Golf Club  
Angels Crossing Golf Club

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Welcome Otis Participants!

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

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

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

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

Our final count for 2023 is at 32 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 32 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 both shotguns, so you **NEED TO BE THERE EARLY!** Please make sure you get to the courses by 7:30 AM on Friday and Saturday!

**Tee Markers:** We will play the white tees at Lynx and Green at Angels Crossing for all individual and scramble rounds.

We will have a group dinner on Saturday at Monelli's Italian Grill in Portage - 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.

We are also planning to meet at Monelli's on Thursday evening as people come into town.

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)	\$70
Low Net 2 <sup>nd</sup> place (one person, each stroke play round)	\$60
Low Net 3 <sup>rd</sup> place (one person, each stroke play round)	\$50
Low Net 4 <sup>th</sup> place (one person, each stroke play round)	\$40
Low Net 5 <sup>th</sup> place (one person, each stroke play round)	\$30
Low Net 6 <sup>th</sup> place (one person, each stroke play round)	\$20
Low Net 7 <sup>th</sup> place (one person, each stroke play round)	\$10
Low Net 8 <sup>th</sup> place (one person, each stroke play round)	\$5
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)	\$6,020

The golf fees for all 4 rounds will be \$209 per person (includes green fees and riding cart, and lunch on Friday!)  
Betting / door prize / Saturday dinner money is \$171 for the entire weekend.

Total cost per person: \$380 (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. An albatross 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 #11, longest putt made on #7 and #16, and to the top 8 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 Angels Crossing.* Prizes are awarded for the 4 closest to the pin markers, long drive in the fairway on #10, longest putt made on #4 & #13, and to the top 8 finishers. Green tees. This is a SHOTGUN start. Be at course by 7:30 am. Tee off at 8:00 am. Lunch is available but \*not\* included after the morning round.

**Saturday PM** - *Handicapped 4 man scramble play at Angels Crossing.* 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 #5 & #18, and to the top 6 teams. Green tees. Everyone will start on #1 and finish on #18.

# Official Otis Logistics

Tournament Date: Weekend of Friday, June 23, 2023

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

Angles Crossing Golf Club (Saturday)  
Vicksburg, Michigan (269) 649-2700

Motel Accommodations: **Hampton Inn – Kalamazoo Airport**  
2610 Airview Blvd, Kalamazoo, MI 49001 (269) 343-0400  
Rooms are \$140 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 Monelli's Italian Grill on Saturday night. Your dinner is included in the entry fee. Dinner with 3 options (Chicken Parm, Blackened Shrimp or a Cheddar Bacon Burger) 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 \$209 for the entire weekend. This includes 72 holes of golf, one (\$380 Total per person) lunch and a riding cart. Betting, Prize and Dinner money is \$171 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



# 2023 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.)

## 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
Mike Redenbaugh	84
Jordan Zimberoff	94
Bryan Rehfeldt	96
Brad Walbruck	90
Keyvan Pischevar	81
Phil Joschko	96
Josh Redenbaugh	115
Brian Ziegelbauer	98
Nolan Zimberoff	94
Scott Kossman	99
Steve Rehfeldt	106
Matt Redenbaugh	115
Matt Kock	74
Doug Newton	84
Joe Paver	81
Terry Bulger	88
Jim Bartelt	84
Kai Bobkowski	91
Bill Holloway	94
Dave Compton	92
Troy Fankhanel	90
Joe Booth	88
Maciek Milewski	106
Jason Zimberoff	92
Bill Krueger	85
Mike Reda	96
Robert Planica	99
Cole Holloway	86
Mark Fankhanel	96
Lance Murphy	104
Tim Mahan	98



## Friday Afternoon Scramble

Approximate 1st Tee Time: 1:30 PM

Name	Score	HCP	Team HCP
Matt Kock	74	-3	
Jordan Zimmeroff	94	3	
Dave Compton	92	3	
Bump Waghone	106	5	8
Keyvan Pischevar	81	0	
Joe Booth	88	2	
Mike Reda	96	4	
Tim Mahan	98	4	10
Joe Paver	81	0	
Brad Walbruck	90	2	
Phil Joschko	96	4	
Matt Redenbaugh	115	6	12
Mike Redenbaugh	84	1	
Kai Bobkowski	91	2	
Scott Kossman	99	4	
Josh Redenbaugh	115	6	13
Doug Newton	84	1	
Jason Zimmeroff	92	3	
Bryan Rehfeldt	96	4	
Steve Rehfeldt	106	5	13
Jim Bartelt	84	1	
Troy Fankhanel	90	2	
Nolan Zimmeroff	94	3	
Mark Fankhanel	96	4	10
Bill Krueger	85	1	
Terry Bulger	88	2	
Lance Murphy	104	5	
Brian Ziegelbauer	98	4	12
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Lance Murphy	104	5	11
Mike Redenbaugh	84	1	
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Bill Holloway	94	3	
Brian Ziegelbauer	98	4	10
Matt Kock	74	-3	
Troy Fankhanel	90	2	
Mike Reda	96	4	
Matt Redenbaugh	115	6	9
Jim Bartelt	84	1	
Jordan Zimberoff	94	3	
Scott Kossman	99	4	
Maciek Milewski	106	5	13
Cole Holloway	86	1	
Jason Zimberoff	92	3	
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Keyvan Pischevar	81	0	
Dave Compton	92	3	
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## 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
74	Matt Kock		"Out of Round"	Welcome back fellow Oti to the Bios! Leading off is the now regular 1A player, Mr. Kock... We should probably just name this the spot the Kock Block section of the bios... but that would be immature, so we'll just say, once again, Matt is the man to beat this year...
81	Keyvan Pishevar		"The Lightweight"	Known to many as a participant in the fall Otis, Keyvan now tries his skills in the real thing. An all-around nice and optimistic guy, his golf game will stand up to anyone not named Matt Kock. However his adult beverage game is.....well, not so good. Should you see Keyvan consume more than one adult beverage, please be responsible and return him to the clubhouse in a relatively upright position.
81	Joe Paver		"The Designated Driver"	Each Otis, Joe is usually near the top and with a handful of Otis skins in his bag, he should be top A player in the scrambles and (quietly) leading the charge of third generation Otis regulars off the course as well... but will the early mornings see this Paver steamrolled or will he cement his place atop the standings?
84	Jim Bartelt		"GQ"	Jim returns from past Otis glory to participate in the shenanigans. Jim plays golf 365 days a year, or close to it, so the rigors of the back to back 36 should be no problem for this once-upon-a-time great. Look for some solid play from this steady A player who is back for more.
84	Doug Newton		"Just One More"	We are curious to see if Doug will be smoldering when he crosses the border, and we might just ask him to take all that Canadian smoke back home with him, if he wouldn't mind. Charred, scorched, seared, or just a bit braised, Doug will likely lead the good times as he always does, and find a few good rounds in between. Dare we say he could be on fire?



84	Mike Redenbaugh		"Page 2"	Mike is now the proud papa of two-third generation Oti as Josh joins the madness. More on the young Baugh's below... As for Mikey, he is still, even after countless maladies and swings that would break lesser men, maintaining his A player ranking and a co-leader of all of this nonsense for over a quarter century! Mike is proving to be tireless on the course and off, and we couldn't be luckier to have him in these roles...
85	Bill Krueger		"Billy Baroo"	Billy!!!!!! Barooooo!!!! Yeahhhhhhhhhhh!!!! That should suffice...
86	Cole Holloway		"Ace"	Young Cole is not quite young Cole anymore. He is now firmly an Otis veteran and has the ability to move up in these ranking if his game is in mid-season form. Will we see a well-aged, mature Cole this year, or will the off-course festivities still be a bit too tempting to avoid? If past performance is a reliable predictor, we're pretty sure Cole can help us find some fun!
88	Terry Bulger		"Lefty"	Lefty has done this so many times now it's hard to count... Lapski / Oti original Terry knows the Kalamazoo area better than most of us and probably can get anywhere in town with his eyes closed by now. Which leaves us one query, will his game force us to close ours too?
88	Joe Booth		"Jo Mamma"	Joe is another solid Otis veteran who can be counted on the play well, have a great time regardless of his playing partners, and keep Reda in line too... Can this furniture maven construct a few great rounds this year? Or will Mr. Booth pay the toll that time has taken on all of us?
90	Troy Fankhanel		"The Sandbagger"	Troy! He's back! After a few years of dad-ing and wedding attending, Troy has found the time rejoin the madness. We are very happy to have him back. Will his time off (and Black Sheep membership) prove to have improved his game, or have all the diapers and sleepless night taken their toll? It's time for Troy to find out if he can rejoin the flock...
90	Brad Walbruck		"The Instigator"	With a paucity of top-tier A players attending this year, the jumble of knuckle-heads in the low to mid-90's (yours truly included) may be the true deciding factor(s) in this year's scramble teams as so many can move up or down from this tier. Brad resembles that remark, and is no stranger to great rounds and, well, others... If he's on your team, keep him engaged and makin' putts, if he happens to be on a competing squad, keep him inebriated and just being a putz! Love ya Brad!

91	Kai Bobkowski		"Kai Bob"	We went back through all of Kai's Bios over the years and they seem to have a theme... Great guy, sneaky good at golf, and occasional long drive winner. Aaaaand, a little bit here and there about finding some fun along the way. Events like these need some foundational pieces, and Kai fits the bill (oh, and we forgot to remind him, he's up to pay the bill this year too!)
92	Dave Compton		"City of"	We all know "City of" is a mountain of a man. In past years Dave scaled this leader board to near "A" player status. The past decade, however, has seen a slow tumble back down to the middle of the pack. Will some surprise Sherpas show up and lead Dave back up to glory or will those heights be too treacherous for Dave's game? One thing we do know, is that if we need to hook one around a crevasse, he's our man!
92	Jason Zimberoff		"Zim"	Zim, in addition to his usual Otis role(s) is now also the proud papa of a first time, third generation Otis player as his son Nolan is joining the fun this year! Zim has helped Nolan to improve his game quickly, and now sees his progeny nipping at his heels just a few spots below! While Zim is busy doing his usual organizing and tallying and what not, be sure to help Nolan find his way around! I'm sure we can keep him on the straight and narrow...
94	Bill Holloway		"Old N Slow"	Since last joining us, Bill has moved down to Florida as he and the wife are now empty nesters. It's safe to say that Billy now has the opportunity to play golf every day of the year. Why else would anyone move to Florida????..... With this newfound access to some of the best courses in the land, Bill is probably underrated and needs a quick move up the leader board! If not, well, we hope he likes the iguanas at least!
94	Jordan Zimberoff		"Little Zim"	Last year Little Zim took home the Otis chunk of wood affectionately known as the "Lumberjack Award", for a second time! Rare company there... He hopes to pass it off this year to an equally deserving hacker amongst us. To avoid the dreaded trifecta, he has stuck to a strict regimen of no golf whatsoever until this week. It's sure to be the right level of preparation for the course... oh, and as for the rest of the weekend, he was in Vegas last week so he's well prepared for that too...
94	Nolan Zimberoff		"Zimber"	Welcome to the Otis first time participant Nolan! In the past few years Nolan has decided to prove to his dad that a Zimberoff can actually be good at golf! He made his high school team this past fall and seems to be getting better just about every time he is on the course. As a mere-sixteen year old he still has to wait a few more years for the full Otis experience, but we're psyched to have him join nonetheless. Best wishes for great weekend and future Otis shenanigans!
96	Mark Fankhanel		"Mr. Sunscreen"	Mr. Sunscreen is going to need it this weekend, if this weekend's weather reports hold true... Mark just keeps on ticking like a reliable Timex watch, performing year after year of Otis revelry and golfing feats. Will Troy's return wind up Mark to an even greater time this year, watch his face to find out!



96	Phil Joschko		"Mr. Mermaid"	Mr. Mermaid makes yet another sojourn to his ancestral stomping grounds as we all make the trek to K-zoo. Many of us have either aged out of or grown wiser on repeating the silliness of our younger days in the land of the mermaids... leaving them to fond memories and ghosts of past glory. So we ask again this year, will Phil find the strength to rally the troops and once again storm the seas of late night revelry? If he can, we are sure Stormy C. will be thankful we made the trip (and paid her a good tip).
96	Mike Reda		"Choke"	Choke is another of our foundational regulars that bring great spirits (both liquid and attitudinal) to the courses each year. Mike moves up and down this leaderboard with some regularity as his game goes from a speed of light slap shot to clanging crossbar from year to year. Which one will show up in '23? Mike will save that answer for the course...
96	Bryan Rehfeldt		"The Professor"	The Professor returns to the Otis this year, back in great health and spirits. He took some time off of golf to heal up and we have tweaked his score up a bit, accordingly. But don't let that fool you, we expect by Fri. afternoon he will be teaching us all a lesson or two out there, and possibly even about golf! Welcome back Bryan, we are so glad to have you return!
98	Tim Mahan		"Mr. T"	Tim is a very welcome addition to the last half dozen or so Otis outings, as his genial good charm and golfing acumen have fit in very well with the group. He's also usually ready with a joke or some witty repartee, so be sure to buy him a beer if you have the pleasure, or at least have him define repartee!
98	Brian Ziegelbauer		"Chief"	A last minute addition this year – Brian was able to rework his schedule to join us after originally having a big conflict. He is also coming back to try to defend the "Shot Maker" award he won last time. This year he will find it harder though, as we have shaved a few strokes off his score accordingly. Glad you were able to make it back, Chief!
99	Scott Kossman		"Scottie Woo"	Scotty Woo finds himself just hanging on in the double digit predicted score, but we think that the return to Kalamazoo and familiar courses will help him score some winnings this year. There is also a rumor going around that in addition to the usual margarita bar that seems to follow Scott around the course(s), he will be adding a taco truck and Mariachi band this year as well... Ole!

99	Robert Planica		"Paparazzi"	Papa earned his nickname for always being there when photos are needed... However, with Nolan and Josh joining this year, it makes us wonder why Rob has kept his golfing son away from us for so long... does Papa not want to introduce young Planica to the Otis brethren, or have the photos done enough to convince paparazzi jr. that discretion is the better part of valor? Let's go to the tape...
104	Lance Murphy		"Murph"	Has Lance retired yet? Last we checked he was in his 96th year of teaching and coaching and just couldn't say no to one more year of dealing with teenagers! If Murph has finally decided to hang up the whistle and gym shorts we hope he has found time to work on his game, but judging by how long it took to read down to here...
106	Maciek Milewski		"Mr. Tyskie"	Papparazzi's partner in crime and fellow countryman is once again dusting off the sticks to give this ol' game of golf another try. Maciek has been known to find the grooves from time to time, but is always in the groove for fun and revelry. Be sure to learn some Polish this year, as it's likely you will toast at least one good "shot" with MM before the weekend is over.
106	Steve Rehfeldt		"Radar"	Steve is a proud (grand)Papa too this year as he is Nolan's grandfather and very excited to have him join the fray. Mr. Consistent is also well practiced with many early rounds under his belt. With all that course time will he be surprisingly inconsistent, and break 100 this year... well, the jury is still out on that one...
115	Bump Waghorne		"Sweet Swingin"	Bump has seemingly come back from dead, when viewed from an Otis-centric lens. With his back issues mostly behind him... he is now on a multi-year streak of attendance and participation! His game, however, remains firmly in the grave. Regardless, it's great to have Bump firmly back in the Otis regular group.
115	Matt Redenbaugh		"Captain Redbeard"	Matt is in his 2 <sup>nd</sup> year of Otis participation, and is looking to see if Joe Paver can stand by the 18 <sup>th</sup> hole on Friday PM, and who in Kevin Brewster's place will trade his 9 iron with someone and then not realize it until a month later when they need it for a tournament. (Red wrote this one – so I'm just as confused as you are) His game isn't developed yet, but he has a thirst for more Otis golf this year!
115	Josh Redenbaugh		"Mr. Brightside"	Josh is also in his 2 <sup>nd</sup> Otis – but last year he was just hitting tee and fairway shots for Big Rob. This year he is fully in. He will make an outstanding designated driver for the golf cart, and is working on his game too. His short game is said to have really jelled of late. He is also looking forward to being one of the few who remember all of the hijinx so he can tell us about it later!

<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 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.
<b>DNPCD</b>	<b>Rob Westover</b>		"Big Rob"	Rob is planning to join us this year, but just not as a full player. He may find some time to be a roving "designated putz". If he shows up at your green during the scrambles, he will show you the line once. He is riding the pines due to a lower body injury, and should be back to join us again next year. In the meantime – I'm sure there will be some opportunities to share some ice cold Falstaffs with him.

# 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.

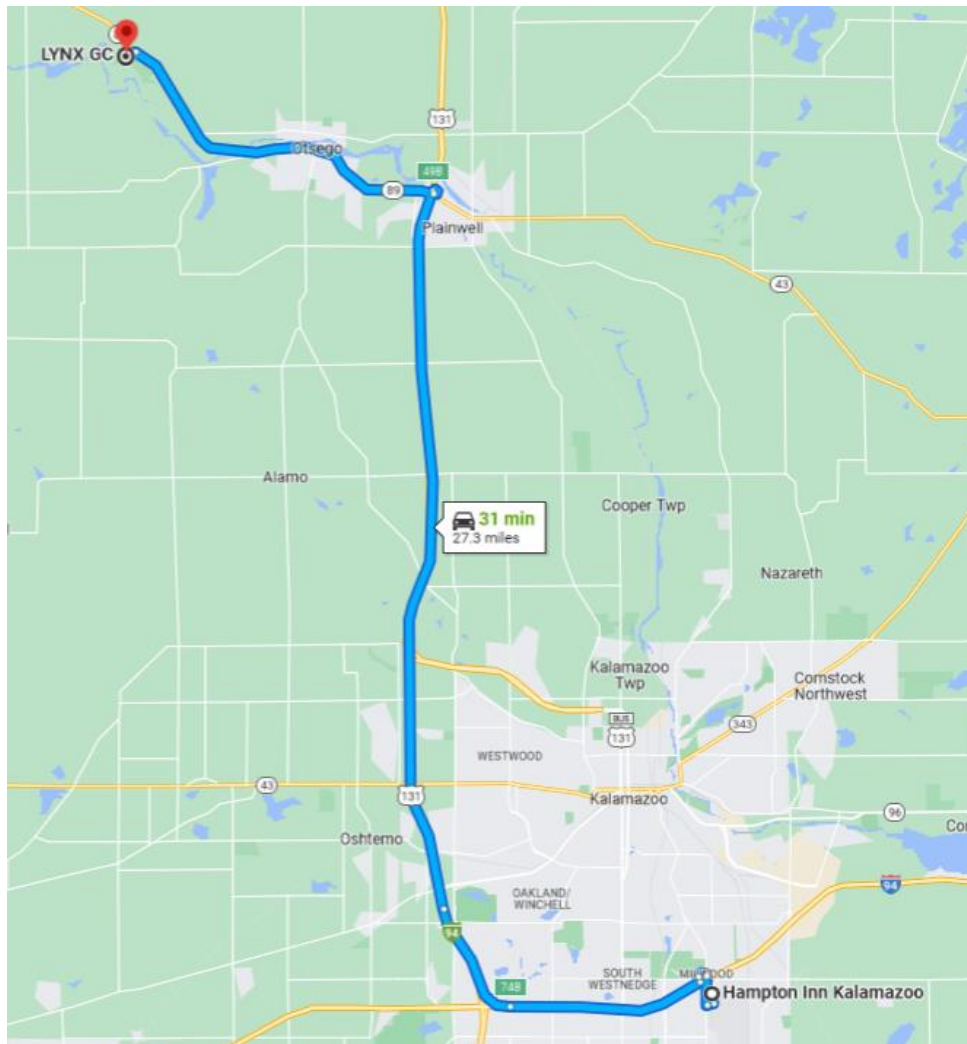
We immediately got together and came up with the idea for the Otis Invitational - a group that would be made up of all of our friends and family. Although we did bring many of the long-time Lapski guys with us, we hope that we left all of the bickering and BS with the old group. We even replaced the 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 32 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 26\* 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. Then – for the first time ever, we were completely rained out in 2021 during what would have been the 24<sup>th</sup> year (but we still got to hang out and even play an indoor golf course). 2022 was back to normal finally, and we are keeping the streak alive at 26 years of Otis Golf in 2023!

Directions to The Lynx Golf Course  
from the Hampton Inn (Friday)

**Take Portage Rd North to I 94 West.  
Exit 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.**

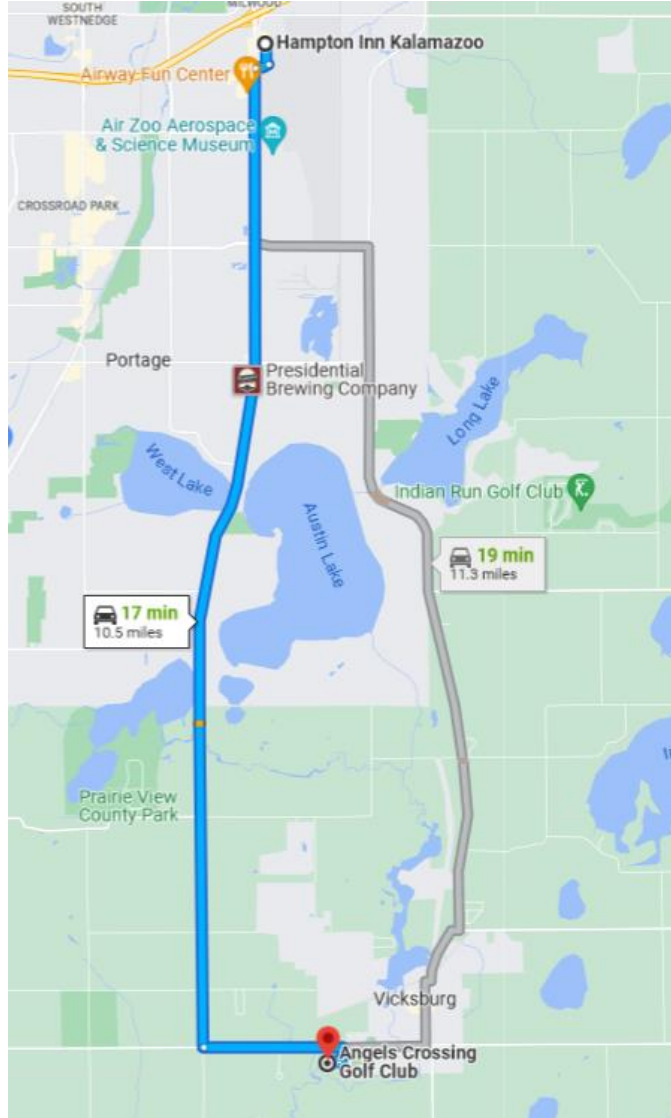


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Directions to Angels Crossing  
from the Hampton Inn (Saturday)

**Take Portage Rd South 9 miles south to W Avenue.  
Turn Left and follow W Avenue 1.4 miles to Bridgeview Point (the entrance road to course)  
Turn right to enter course.**



Angels Crossing Golf Club  
3600 W Avenue  
Vicksburg, MI 49097  
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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.