

I only have a few minutes to write this month because I've been busy assembling my Y2K survival kit. It's not that I'm scared of anything (except "The Blair Witch Project," which totally creeped me out), but it's only common sense to put away a few key supplies for the big day. Since you and I are pals, I'll give you an exclusive inside tour of my personal survival kit:

- One gallon of fresh water, a can of Spam and a bag of Doritos.
- Six cases of Bud and a carton of Marlboros.
- My laptop computer (which will make a nice paperweight after the "millennium bug" is done with it).
- My crystal ball.

Ah yes, the old Golfdom crystal ball. As the clock ticks toward '00, this seems like a good time to shine her up and get a sneak preview of the next decade. So, with apologies to our good friend Dave Letterman, here's our Top 10 list of "Things that might happen in the next decade but we're not holding our breath about":

10. President "Dubyah" Bush appoints Newt Gingrich to run the EPA. *Increased* pesticide use now required by law.

9. PGA Tour is renamed "Tiger & Friends," as pros gather weekly to battle for second place.

8. Johnny Miller finally stops yammering about "grain" — a national holiday is declared.

7. Tour Pros required to spend a month working with superintendents before getting their cards — another national holiday is declared.

6. Robotic mowers guided by GPS systems replace crew members ... until numerous green chairman are mysteriously "mulched" and the concept is scrapped.

5. Anti-pesticide efforts are dealt a serious blow when Meryl Streep is viciously attacked by giant mutant nematodes and screams, "Somebody just needs to nuke these things!"

4. A new bio-engineered bentgrass is developed that requires no inputs except water and a topdressing mix consisting of bushel baskets of shredded \$100 bills.

3. USGA discards blue blazers for loud Hawaiian shirts, Bermuda shorts and sandals.

2. GCSAA wins lottery and eliminates dues.

And (a drum roll please) our number one prediction for the next decade ...

Gazing Into Our Y2K Crystal Ball

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1. Golfers nationwide hold a "Thank You" day for superintendents ... but you're too damn busy to attend!

Hmmm ... on second thought, maybe we should leave the crystal ball out of the survival kit and pack another case of beer.

Golfdom 2K

Y2K is small potatoes compared to the news that Golfdom will be back next year with 12 issues of ideas, solutions and opinions. For business reasons, we produced just eight issues during our first year. Apparently, we didn't screw up because you're asking for more. What will 2000 bring?

First and foremost, we're not changing the layout or the feel of the magazine. The two comments we hear most often are: "I like it because it's fresh and challenging," and "I read it cover-to-cover every issue." We pledge not to mess with success in terms of readability and tone.

We're also not backing off of Golfdom's "attitude." We're going to continue to provoke, stimulate, delight, irritate and amuse. If that means you use us to line the parrot cage, so be it.

We do plan to put more meat on the bone in terms of our major feature stories, including in-depth pieces on compensation issues, labor shortfalls and workplace ethics.

Finally, we're definitely not planning to tinker with the design. Why? Because Golfdom recently was named one of the best designed new magazines in the nation by *Folio Magazine*. Congrats go to our design team, Lisa Lehman and Lisa Bodnar, who work hard to give you a magazine that looks as good as the courses you maintain.

So as you pack your Y2K survival kit, don't forget your award-winning issues of Golfdom. It's a great read by candlelight.

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