

Miniature Golf

ou got new socks and underwear. You got the Ricky Martin CD and a Chia Pet. Christmas has come and gone, and your stocking was stuffed with many cool things. But you feel like Santa forgot to deliver that perfect gift — the one to bring out the real and creative you.

Well, we've found it for you.

Introducing Links Design-A-Hole, a golf hole model kit that allows the shaping and creation of your dream link. Here's your chance to emulate Donald Ross or create your version of Amen Corner

The model board is created from foam-like material. Bunkers, water features and other design elements can be created using the carving tool furnished with the kit. The finished product is nearly 1 foot long and 6 inches wide.

The toy for all ages is created by Larry Razzano, a (you guessed it) master model builder with a passion for golf.

It's available at www.linksdesignahole.com.

Y2K Problems or Bust?

So what in the name of the new millennium happened to your golf course at the stroke of midnight on New Year's Eve? Did your irrigation system sprout rain like a spring thunderstorm ? Did the fairway on the 10th hole suddenly unfurl like Moses parting the Red Sea?

Golfdom wants to know if you and your golf course experienced any problems related to Y2K. We want to know if you took any safeguards to prevent any Y2K pains in the neck and if those precautions succeeded. We also want to know what you thought of all the hype surrounding what could have happened when we went from 1999 to 2000.

Please fax your comments to 440-891-2675 or e-mail them to laylward@advanstar.com.

We'll print them in the next issue of Golfdom.

Quotable

"I'm not a big fan of this millennium stuff. This is the last expo with a '19' in front of it."

— John Buechner, president of the New Jersey Turfgrass Association, during his opening remarks of the 1999 NJTA Expo in December.

"We tell owners, if you want the best greens, then hire the best superintendents you can find not afford."

— Mike Hurdzan, Hurdzan Fry Golf Course Design

"Grass doesn't commit suicide. If grass dies, we probably kill it."

— Stan Zontek, Director, Mid-Atlantic Region, Green Section, United States Golf Association

"A phenomenal woman."

— Greg Norman describing the late Winnie Palmer, who died in November from cancer.

"I don't like the Stimpmeter. I've been known to throw one or two into the woods."

— Matt Shaffer, superintendent of The Country Club in Pepper Pike, Ohio, on his disdain for measurement of green speeds.

"Golf is the best sport. The course can't be conquered. Even if you beat the guy you're playing with, you can't beat the course."

— Charles "Sparky" Schulz, who retired this month from doing the Peanuts comic strip he has done for nearly 50 years. We'll miss you, Sparky.