

A *New Year is here* -- and this one marks some milestones.

1999. The clock is ticking. It's the last year in this century. And also the final year of this millennium.

There's just this year to go. Then we'll begin the 21st century *and* the new millennium. We'll begin it with renewed hope for a world in which people can live together in peace. Certainly there's one way to get ourselves ready for that renewal. And that is -- to begin now. It's never too soon to make a start.

The world will not undergo any magical change when time rolls over from 1999 to 2000. The kind of world we will find in the year 2000 will be the kind we are building now, here in 1999.

And so we wish for you *now*, happiness and smooth travels through this new year 1999. And, to go with it, the best of success in playing the lottery games you enjoy. We'll continue to provide everything we can to support you in making these things happen.

And ... a New Year for WinIt!

Your *WinIt!* newsletter now enters its *eighth* year of publication.

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Good luck -- and *WinIt!* CDEX

Year '2000' Ready

If you have followed the news, you've heard about the problems many software programs will have -- in going from the year 1999 to 2000. That can cause havoc with the way some programs track the calendar dates.

No problem here -- Lottery Director is *already* setup and ready.

You can test it yourself. Start your Lotto program, and select your Practice Program. (Use your Practice Program, not an actual game -- because you'll be changing dates!)

Enter a date in the year 2000, or beyond. Then look at your dates in the draw history. Lottery Director tracks them perfectly.

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Renewing Our Pledge to You

In each New Year issue, we renew our pledge to Lottery Director players.

- For 1999, we'll continue to supply you with the finest lottery game software, combined with top quality support.
- We'll continue to maintain the highest ethical standard among lottery software producers. *You deserve it.*
- We respect your right to complete privacy. We *do not* release LD players' names, addresses, or other information to mail lists, advertisers, or other places.

There is a very simple way to state this. We respect you as an adult. We believe it's possible to take a lottery game seriously -- and at the same time, to play it with real enjoyment.

Our job is to make available the finest lottery software tools we can make. And to back them up with the highest ethical standard, complete information, and a truly professional level of support.

You'll continue seeing this during 1999 and beyond.

More LD 'Firsts'

Lottery Director was the first software to be ready when the multi-state **Big Game** went to its new format in January 1999. A game file was readied in advance. The Web site was prepared. The first draw was posted *within five minutes* after it was held.

The new game file is ready for immediate downloading at the Web site. If you're tracking The Big Game, you should use the new file. The old file, with its different Bonus range, is now obsolete.

If you're printing your playslips for The Big Game, you can continue using the existing Print Playslips layout file. It will be selected automatically in your Print Playslips program if you have chosen The Big Game as one of your game Autoselections.

This 'First' is not the only one. It continues the trend LD started years ago.

Lottery Director was the first software to announce support for the original **Powerball** game -- a radical game for its time. Support was publicly announced in newspapers in the month the game began.

When **Powerball** changed again (November 5, 1997), support was announced on the *same day* in the Internet public newsgroups. A new game file was posted on the LD Web site, and a new Print Playslips layout file was posted also -- both on the same day.

We mention these things because they are in keeping with our pledge above.

They show in deeds what our pledge states in words. Support is something a company *does*, not just talks about. And the finest support is something a company continues doing, year after year.

In the next issue of your newsletter, we'll explore some of the menus in your software.