



A bow utilizing a system of pulleys is making a name for itself among bow and arrow hunters. The action is more tense at the beginning with the new models, growing steadily easier the farther back the string is pulled. (Photo/John Stano)

new waxless surface makes skiing pure fun. Cross country ski packages are available for less than \$100.

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH has changed the look of two sports classics: the running shoe and tennis racquet.

"Running shoes today look a lot different from the old time shoe," Schmalzried said. More padding and the shock absorbing characteristics are the result of "a lot of research" into what is most comfortable and safest for runners to wear.

Running shoes generally cost from \$18-\$75.

The big-headed tennis racquet might be a welcome gift for the tennis enthusiast in your family.

"I remember when I first saw this" (pick-

ing up the original Prince tennis racquet) five years ago, it looked real funny to me," Schmalzried said, with a smile. "Now look how many there are," he added, pointing to a flock of oversized racquets hung on the wall.

In addition that original Prince, designed by an engineer, "spawned a whole group of mid-size racquets."

The big-headed racquets start about \$55 (unstrung) and don't stop until they go over the \$200 mark for graphite models. It's that \$200 model, by the way, that Dunham's can't keep in stock.

The large racquet craze hasn't spread to racquet ball racquets or ping pong paddles, according to Schmalzried, but he won't say it can't happen.

If it does, it may relieve your holiday gifting headaches another year.

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