

■ CHRISTMAS GIFT SPECIAL

'Tis The Season For Mini Bows And Maximum Fun

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TOYS, TOYS, TOYS. IF YOUR KIDS ARE like mine, they have more trains and trucks than they know what to do with. This Christmas, maybe it's time to skip the annual trip to Toys "R" Us and instead go to your local archery shop or visit an online sporting goods retailer for a child's gift that might inspire a lifelong passion for bowhunting.

I'm not talking about buying cheap plastic bows. These are great for very young kids, but after children have the strength to draw more than 5 pounds, they're ready to step up to a Mini Genesis bow. With an adjustable draw weight of 6-12 pounds and composite limbs, the Mini is no toy. It features zero let-off and no set draw length, meaning more than one

child can share the same bow without changing a thing. Weighing only 2 pounds, the Mini fits even pre-schoolers who are ready to shoot like Mom or Dad. And just in case your son or daughter's favorite color isn't Realtree Hardwoods camo, the bow is also available in red, blue, pink and black.

The Mini Genesis bow can be purchased separately or as a package, which includes five aluminum arrows, hip quiver, arm guard and two multi-colored ringed target faces. ■

Santa Claus is coming to town, and this year he's bringing something better than rootie-toot-toots and rum-a-tum-tums.

WEB EXTRAS

If your child has been good for goodness sake, contact Mathews Inc. at: (608) 269-2728, or visit HuntingClub.com and click "Web Extras."



■ NAHC Comedy Corner



■ Bits & Pieces

LM **NEIL PETRUZZIELLO** HAS A BRAND new (never been used) Mathews Outback for sale or trade. The bow comes complete with an arrow rest and bowsight. Neil is asking \$400. Contact Neil at: (908) 405-9379.

LM **RALPH LEGO** has a Weatherby Mark V .270 Wthby. Mag. for sale with an asking price of \$1,600. Ralph says the firearm has never been fired and comes with a Weatherby 3-9X50mm rifle scope. Contact Ralph at: (814) 599-5500.

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