

YEAR: Late 1950's-Early 1960's

MAKE: Smithwick

MODEL: Custom Deluxe

HAND: Right

DRAW WEIGHT: 41#

AMO LENGTH: 66"

PRICE: \$299.00

SHIPPING & HANDLING: \$39.00

TOTAL COST: \$338.00

DESCRIPTION: Very RARE S&J Smithwick Custom Deluxe. Marion Smithwyck (Smitty) and Tom Jennings (of the original Jennings compound bow fame) were partners in S & J Archery in Southern California. Tom Jennings got into archery very young — he built his first bow around age 12 (in the mid-1930s) while a Boy Scout. After serving in World War II, he returned to bow-making. In 1951, after a stint working overseas, Jennings returned with \$10,000 saved — which he used to enter into the partnership with "Smitty," M. R. Smithwyck (later changed to Smithwick).

They produced custom, "bench-made" wooden bows (longbows and recurves), often referred to as "Smithwick bows. Under Jennings' craftsmanship, the Smithwick bows became well respected. These bows gained popularity among field archers and target shooters. .

The Smithwick in its day was one of the best bows on the market, and many of the top shooters of the time used them. Joe Fries won the nationals with a Custom Deluxe, and that at one time Jay Peak, Lou Shine and Jo McCubbin all shot Smithwick bows, These archers were among the "best of the best" in the late 1950's and early 1960's. Smithwick bows have become collector items, with a selling price generally well over \$400 for one in good shape.

This particular bow has no delamination; no cracks; limbs are straight. Overlays and tips are in good condition (one tip overlay is a replacement). No chips, dings or cracks. No stress lines or crazing. A few minor scratches and nicks here and there. Decal is a reproduction. Overall, this is a really nice bow in excellent condition for its age. This bow was put to a stress test (held at full draw for 16 hours to make sure the old glues still held and no stress cracks developed. Then taken to the range and test shot. Comes with a new string.













