## **Notice to ITCC competitors using Weaver Cougar Saddles**

Weaver Leather has reported several known failures of the rope bridges that are a component part of the Weaver Cougar Saddle. As a result, Weaver has instructed that the rope bridges are considered to be a replaceable component of the Cougar Saddle and should be inspected daily and replaced immediately at the first sign of wear or if the bridge is ever shock-loaded. As a regular safety precaution, they recommend replacement after 6 months even without visible wear.

ITCC competitors, who plan to use a Weaver Cougar Saddle at the ITCC in

Portland, must be prepared to provide proof during equipment inspection of how long the rope bridge has been in use. Proof may include a gear inspection sheet, proof of purchase, replacement documentation, etc. If there is any doubt, or if there is any indication the bridge has been in use for longer than six months, bridges will be failed and not allowed in competition.

For more information visit the Weaver website at <a href="http://www.weaverarborist.com/rope-bridge-safety.php">http://www.weaverarborist.com/rope-bridge-safety.php</a>.