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KOLAR COMMITTED TO THE NSCA CHAMPIONSHIP RING PROGRAM

Kolar Arms recently confirmed their commitment to the NSCA National Championship ring program that has been in place for over two decades. Kolar President, John Ramagli, elaborated on the history of the program and clarified the policy in place to recognize multiple year winners. “The program has been in place since 1985 for NSSA Skeet and was initiated by former Kolar owner Don Mainland as a way to recognize National Champions in that sport. Phil Murray was the

first person to win the NSSA ring. It was adopted for sporting clays starting in the early 1990s – but we also went back and awarded rings to the NSCA National Champions who won the Nationals before the program was in place for that sport.” Ramagli said Kolar even went so far as to retrospectively award a ring to 1989 Nationals winner Jim Jamison, winner of the first ever NSCA Nationals, held at Minnesota Horse and Hunt, along with all other previous winners.

In 2010 Kolar initiated a second NSCA program – the Sub Gauge Championship HOA ring, which is awarded each year to the shooter who wins the combined high sub gauge score across all three gauges at the National Championship. Sub gauge shooter extraordinaire, Scott Robertson, was the first ever

bezel upon winning a second Championship. A third Championship earns a proportionally sized diamond in the large stone. A second ring would be awarded upon winning a fourth Championship – should that occur. The rings are funded entirely by Kolar and are crafted by Jostens, maker of fine rings used to acknowledge championships and events by professional sports leagues like the National Football League, Major League Baseball, National Hockey League, National Basketball League and NASCAR.

“We’ve committed to the ring program with the NSSA and NSCA for years to come,” said Ramagli, after having recently re-confirmed the award guidelines and protocol



NSCA Sub Gauge ring recipient. Ramagli says the sub gauge ring is a very special award – and has a distinctive look to it, setting it apart from the ring that is awarded for the Nationals’ Main Event.

Ramagli explained the policy for acknowledging multiple year Champions this way. The first time a shooter wins HOA at the Championship he is awarded a ring, which is augmented with multiple diamond chips in the ring

with NSCA Executive Council Chairman Steve Schultz and Vice Chairman John Calandro III, who worked with Kolar to come to a common understanding of how the program will work into perpetuity.

“The Kolar ring program is just one example of how our industry partners try to raise the bar for our game of sporting clays,” said Calandro. “I am sure the top competitors will go out of their way to thank John for all of his extra sponsorship this past year.” ■