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## Lafayette Woman at Home on the Range

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Photo courtesy Kim Bowers

Bowers is both enthusiastic and practical about the 2016 Summer Olympics. "I am really gunning for it," she said, "[but] I have a few years to really train for it and become the very best that I can be."

Last year, trap shooter Kimberly Bowers trained in Livermore and competed nationwide as a senior at Campolindo. Now she's a student at Pima Community College in Tucson, where she continues to hone her trap skills.

"When I first moved down here, I didn't think I could handle the heat. It would be 97 [degrees] outside and I had to hold my gun which would feel like it was on fire," she said.

Since last year, Bowers has competed at a Junior World Cup contest in Finland, and last October, Bowers placed second at Fall Selection in Kerville, Texas, which qualified her to represent the United States in a Shotgun World Cup competition in Al Ain, United Arab Emirates. She was the second youngest woman to compete, shooting 66 out of 75 targets, ranking her 23 out of a field of 47 women.

Bowers's shooting competitions are ongoing. "First I'm going to Georgia for the Spring Selection match then I head to Germany for the Junior World Cup," she said. "A few days after that I go to Colorado for the Junior Nationals, returning at the end of summer for Nationals."

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