

# Nutmeg Shooters Medal in International Competition

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*Three Connecticut shooters, all members of the CSRRA Hall of Fame, upheld the honor of the Nutmeg State in international competition during the first few weeks in October.*



*Emily Caruso equaled the Pan American Woman's Air Rifle record with a score of 396X400. Caruso entered the ten shot final in the lead. Her fifth shot was a 9.6 point shot that drew a negative reaction from the crowd. She observed that, "The crowd actually booed my 9- everyone else got cheers for 9s! That was motivating." Caruso further reported that, "I was mad, I was the only person they booed— they cheered for other 9s and 8s. I think I proved them wrong on the next shot with a 10.9."*

*Emily claimed the gold and, more importantly, the second Women's 10m Air Rifle for the 2012 London Olympics. "It always feels good to win, and it was a fight until the end. It's a huge relief to win this quota and I'm really happy that we are now able to send a full team this quad," said Caruso. We can only hope that after Olympic Trials are complete that that quota spot is filled by Emily.*

*As Caruso was celebrating in Guadalajara a half of a world away, in Brisbane, Australia, Ron and Sharon Sekellick were wrapped up in the 2011 World Championship of Long Range Rifle Shooting and the Palma Match. Ron shot in the Veteran's Matches, sort of our senior category, and did well in conditions that were either hot and windy or rainy and windy. In the Veteran's aggregate, a combination of the President's and Queen's Matches, Ron placed tenth and received a handsome bronze medal for his efforts.*



*Shooting on the USA Veteran's team, which came in second in category, Ron dropped only two points over the course of fire which was 10 shots at each at the 300, 600, 900 and 1000 yard lines on the 5V target. Ron was third on the team on a tie breaker.*

*Ron was accompanied by Sharon, a fine shooter in her own right, who provided him with the logistical and moral support to enable him to be so successful.*