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## Lamorinda Petanque Hosts National Tournament

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Photo Gilbert Sonet

During the weekend of October 9th-10th, the Lamorinda Petanque Club hosted a national competition at the Lafayette Community Center's beautiful petanque courts on Saint Mary's Road, across from S. Lucille Lane.

"More than 75 people from all over California came to compete and have a great time at our beautiful location," said Lafayette resident and petanque player Gilbert Sonet, "they fought hard on the sunny courts, then relaxed and had a picnic under the ancient pear trees that make our location so special."

Singles men's and women's were played on Saturday, and the mixed triplets on Sunday. The winners of the men's singles was By Vang of Fresno, the winner of the women's single was Liza Vaughan from San Francisco. Carolina Jones from Lamorinda Petanque came in second.

"Lamorinda has in the past been privileged to host Regionals and Nationals since moving to its new field in 2007," said club president Mary Albright. The field is open to everyone; Club members can be found at the courts every Sunday at 1:00 p.m. and every Thursday afternoon at 2:30 p.m., and are happy to introduce new players to the sport.

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