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Lafayette Pétanque Team Wins National Championship

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Lafayette Triple men's team. From left:
Gilbert Sonet, Noah Sonet, Pascal Gravier
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The Lamorinda Pétanque Club hosted both the 2014 Federation Pétanque USA (FPUSA) Men's and Women's National Triples Championships and the World Qualifiers on Aug. 2-3. The Lafayette Triple men's team won first place in the 2014 FPUSA Cup after beating 14 teams that had traveled from across the country.

The team is composed of Lafayette residents Pascal Gravier, Gilbert Sonet and his 11-year-old son, Noah Sonet. "I think that our adversaries underestimated my son, Noah," said Sonet, who added that Noah was the only youth in the championship.

With the win, the team qualified to represent the U.S. in the 2015 World Championships in New Caledonia.

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