

# Lafayette Pétanque Team Wins National Championship

Submitted by Agnès Girard



Lafayette Triple men's team. From left: Gilbert Sonet, Noah Sonet, Pascal Gravier Photo Agnès Girard

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 resi-

dents 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.

# 680 Takes Second

Submitted by Jeffrey Fara



Back row, from left: Dylan Fara (Campo), Reiner Lueth, Michael Bull, Jack Brown, Sam Torigino, Vincent Chappey, Matthew French; front row: Coach Matt Head, Garret Felix (Campo) Spencer Tagg (Campo) Daniel Gong, Scott Zurnacian (Campo) Yurii Hanley (Campo) Liam Williams, Coach Miles Price (Campo) Photo provided

Water polo club "680" finished in second place in the Boys' 18-and-Under division at 2014 Boys' National Junior Olympics tournament on July 29.

The team is comprised of Lamorinda athletes. 680 beat Newport Beach 8-7 in the semifinals, but they lost to Corona Del Mar 7-8 in the finals.

# LLL Defends Title

Submitted by Suzanne Smith



Front row, from left: Dante Montgomery, Luke Souza, Kyle White, Evan Malmquist, Graham Smith, Sam Winkles, Will Berrien, Jack Wood; back row: Mike Castelli, Graham Oh, Will Stryker, Cade Finegold Photo provided

Under a hot July sun, the Lafayette 'Necks defended their crown and captured the title in the 10-year-old division of the Second Annual Buckeye Classic on July 26-31. The team finished undefeated in the tournament,

completing its title run with a 12-2 victory over Moraga. In addition to an impressive display of hitting and pitching, the 'Necks also set the tournament record for snow-cone consumption.

# Nothing "Sleepy" About It

Submitted by Carrie Waechter

Sleepy Hollow Swim and Tennis Club hosted the 28th Annual "B" Invitational swim meet. On July 27, "B" swimmers from nine teams within the Orinda Moraga Pool Association competed for high point honors.

## High Point Winners:

- 6 & under girls - Margaret Meckes, OPP
- 6 & under boys - Jason Ma, Miramonte
- 7/8 girls - Lexie Popper, Meadow
- 7/8 boys - Damian Wyszynski, SH
- 9/10 girls - Cassie Charlton, Miramonte
- 9/10 boys - Griffin Brown, Meadow
- 11/12 girls - Lauren Owens, OPP
- 11/12 boys - Charlie Baker, SH and Nate Isaeff, OPP
- 13/14 girls - Sydney Vranesh, MCC
- 13/14 boys - Zach Flagg, SH
- 15-18 girls - Meghan Rogers, MVP
- 15-18 boys - Max Vukelich, SH



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# International Competitors

Submitted by Linda Bower



From left: Yara Elian, Daria Torba, Taylor Fair, Lauren Simonelli, Sophia Kong Photo provided

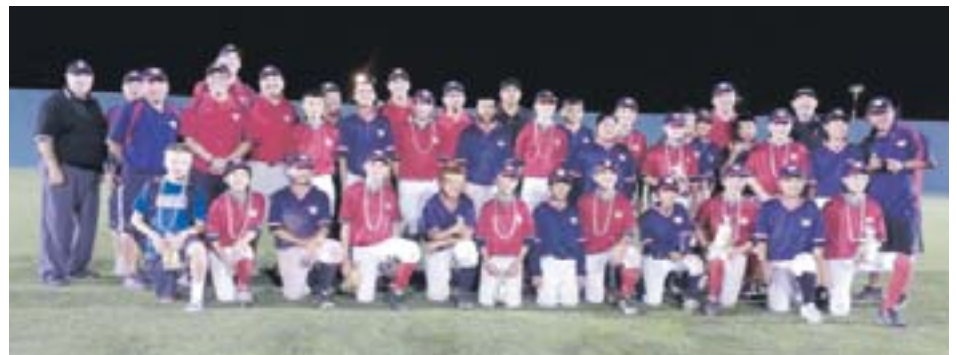
Two Lamorinda athletes will represent the Walnut Creek Aquanauts and the United States at the UANA Pan American Games in Riverside on August 11-16. The competition will be the highlight of the competitive year for national-level athletes and will feature the top synchronized swimming prospects from North, South and Central America.

Sophia Kong of Moraga is a fifth grader at Camino Pablo Elementary School. Earlier this summer, Kong was a two-time silver medalist at the 2014 Age Group Nationals in team and duet.

Daria Torba of Orinda is a sophomore at Miramonte. She has been named to the National Team three times.

# 'Rock'-ing Cooperstown

Submitted by Dennis Wong



Orinda Rock players pose for a photo with the Hawaii Cyclones. Photo Shirley Wong

The 12U Orinda Rock completed a successful run at the Cooperstown Dreams Park in New York. It competed against 104 teams from around the country during the week of July 19-25.

The Rock finished 4-2 in pool play, ranking 39th overall. The team won its first playoff game, before losing to the 26th seed.

# LLL Wins State Championship

Submitted by Matt Delaney



Front row, from left: Brady Huchingson, Tucker Gannon, Duke Varrellmann, Cole Murgia; middle row: Jack "JT" Byers, Jason Vorhauer, Mitchell Franklin, Sam Heyman, Drew Davidson, Patrick "PT" McLin; back row: coach Nick Murgia, Jake Delaney, John Kalil, coach Jason Vorhauer, Thatcher Hurd, manager Jim Huchingson Photo provided

Lafayette Little League's 11-year-old All-Star team made history this summer, winning the program's first ever Northern California divisional title on July 25. This is the first time in history that a Lafayette Little League team has won the Sectional Championship as well as the State Championship. Lafayette finished with a record of 15-2. The team outscored its opponents 147-55. Lafayette beat River Park twice in the State Championship and beat Petaluma Valley twice in the Sectional Championship.

courageous performance on the mound by Jake Delaney, who was also the starting pitcher in the Sectional Championship game.

Seven players combined for 21 home runs, led by Sam Heyman (nine home runs, 32 RBIs), Brady Huchingson (three home runs, 18 RBIs), John Kalil (three home runs), Mitchell Franklin and Duke Varrellman (both with two home runs), and Drew Davidson and Jake Delaney (each with one home run).

Kalil, Delaney, Heyman and Jack "JT" Byers anchored the pitching staff with Cole Murgia, Tucker Gannon and Patrick "PT" McLin providing relief on the mound.

The 11-year-old boys finished solid with a