



# Pétanque Times

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Valley of the Moon Pétanque Club

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## Notes from Sonoma June 22 Select Triplets Tournament

### Tournament Winners: (13-5)

Raymond Nielsen, Armand Squitieri, Albert Lucas

### Second Place:

Tom Noonan, Charlotte Noonan, Tom Bricca

### Third Place:

Ken Stieper, Roger Poli, Frank Pipal

### Consolante Winners:

Mike Norton, John Bouldt, Marcel Parnell

15 Teams

Tournament coordinated by  
Jon DesPois and Tom Bricca

## "PÉTANQUE PALS"



No. 1 and No. 2 Tête-à-Tête players in the U.S.

## Grand Concourse de Pétanque July 13

### Sponsored by Ravenswood

This year's colorful *Grand Concourse de Pétanque*, sponsored by our good friends at the Ravenswood Winery, promises to be an exceptional event for the club.

Peter Mathis, coordinator, has scored a surprising *coup* by inveigling the hot Bay Area chef, Patrick Colombeau, to handle our *Bastille Day* picnic which goes along with our

annual, mid-summer, *Grand Concourse* random triplets tournament.

French-born Colombeau built his thriving reputation of recent years at *Chez Panisse* and at San Francisco's chic *Caffe Esprit*.

Recently, he moved to the Sonoma wine country. And for the VOMPC, he is planning an extraordinary provençal luncheon. (See the full menu on the insert in this issue.)

Including a complimentary glass of Ravenswood wine—this *Bastille Day* feast will cost only \$12 per person.

**Important:** Make your reservations by Wednesday, July 10. Call Peter Mathis at (707) 939-9924. Leave a message if he's not home.

Tournament entry fee is \$6. Registration 9-9:45 a.m. Matches to start at 10 a.m. The luncheon will be served under the trees from 1-2 p.m.

## ***Gilot Wins It! '97 Tête-à-Tête Championship***

Four VOMPC Players  
Make it into the "Final 16"

**M**aster chef Alain Gilot of Sun Valley, Idaho, cooked up his own recipe for success at the 1997 Tête-à-Tête Championship in Sonoma, May 25. He out-pointed the veteran Gerard Canabou of Menlo Park in the final match, 13-5, winning the FPUSA's Number One ranking in the U.S. for 1997.

George Rouveyrol from Los Angeles defeated Patrick Vaslet of San Francisco for third place honors.

In another great California match-up, San Francisco's Mike Rago took fifth place, edging out L.A.'s M. Nguyen.

Rounding out the final, eight contenders, L.A.'s Max LeGrand came in seventh, beating Yngve Bilsted, the genial Dane from New York, who settled for eighth place.

Our Valley of the Moon Pétanque Club placed four players in the final 16: Jon Des Pois, Mike Norton, Frank Pipal and Tom Tetard. A proud showing.

On Sunday, a select doubles tournament attracted players who didn't make it into the Tête-à-Tête's final 16. This secondary event was won by our own Peter Mathis and John Bouldt, who handily defeated Tom and Ly Nguyen from Los Angeles, 13-6.



## **A Tribute to Our Club's Volunteers**

**S**ixty-four players signed up for the May 24-25 FPUSA Championship—coordinated by Tom Bricca, with the valiant help of Frank Barsocchini, Peter Mathis, Jon Des Pois and Frank Pipal—plus Mike and Susan Norton, Barbara and Ken Stieper, Chris Barsocchini, J. Mathieu, Pierre Joske, Bill Carter, Bruce Frigard and Chuck Fleming.

They did an extraordinary job—an opinion reflected by this letter to the VOMPC from club member David Riffo:

*"Thank you for a memorable Memorial Day Weekend FPUSA championship tournament. I would like to express my gratitude to the board of directors of our club as well as to the general membership for the exemplary manner in which this event was presented and conducted.*

*"Thank you also to all of the volunteers who helped with courts, prepared and served lunch and did the cleanup afterwards, as well as partaking of the fellowship.*

*"I am proud to be a member of the Valley of the Moon Pétanque Club."*

*David Riffo*

## ***SCANDALE?***

### **Potential Cozenage Averted in FPUSA Tête-à-Tête Tourney**

*"Play for show—and take the dough?"* That's what it looked like, when tournament directors uncovered potential chicanery at our big FPUSA Tête-à-Tête championship.

An unsettling rumor that the four players going into the semi-finals planned to split their rich, prize money evenly among themselves, (a ruse outlawed by the FPUSA and the International Rules of Pétanque), turned out to be *true!*

Confronted by officials prior to the start of the two semi-final matches, all four conspirators agreed to give up their scheme and to abide by Article 36 of the International Rules which states, *"Any collusion or sharing of prizes is strictly forbidden."*

That was the end of it. The semi-final and final matches followed, without incident.

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Barbara Stieper, vice-president  
Frank Pipal, treasurer  
Tom Bricca, secretary  
Peter Mathis, director of sports  
Jon Des Pois, director  
Morris Katz, director

**Valley of the Moon Pétanque Club & Ravenswood Winery**

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# **Grand Concours de Pétanque & Bastille Day Picnic**

Sonoma. Sunday. July 13.  
Random Triplets. Register 9-9:45 a.m.  
Tournament entry fee: \$6



## **Menu**

*Salad of Buffalo Mozzarella  
and Vineripe Tomato with Basil and  
Extra Virgin Olive Oil*

*Assortment of Provençal  
Grilled Sausage Served with  
Roasted Red Pepper and Arugula Salad  
on French-Italian Bread*

*Assortment of Melon  
Marinated in Port Wine*

*Assorted Ripe Cheeses*

*Premium Ravenswood Wine*

Chef Patrick Colombeau

Luncheon: \$12 per person  
For reservations, call Peter Mathis, (707) 938-2309



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with embroidered VOMPC crest

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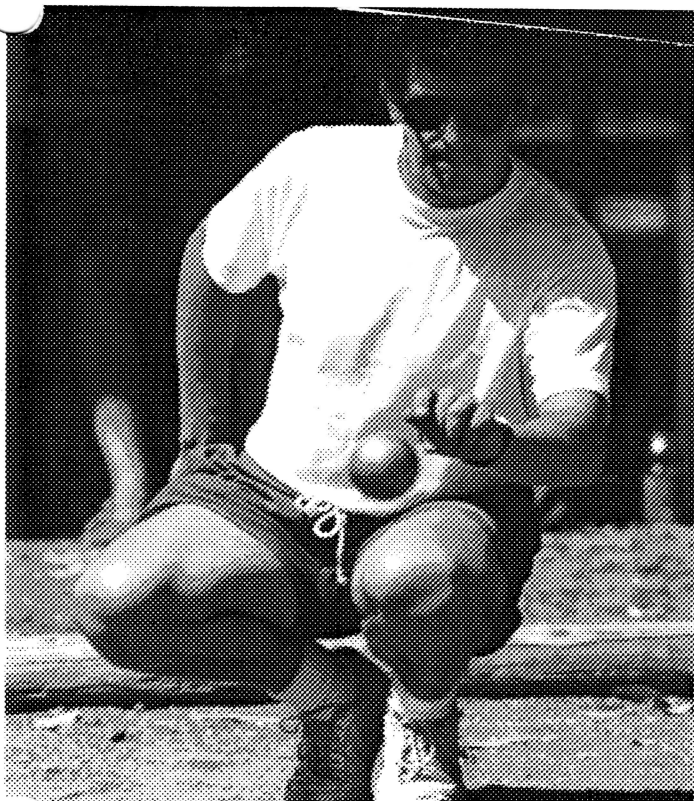
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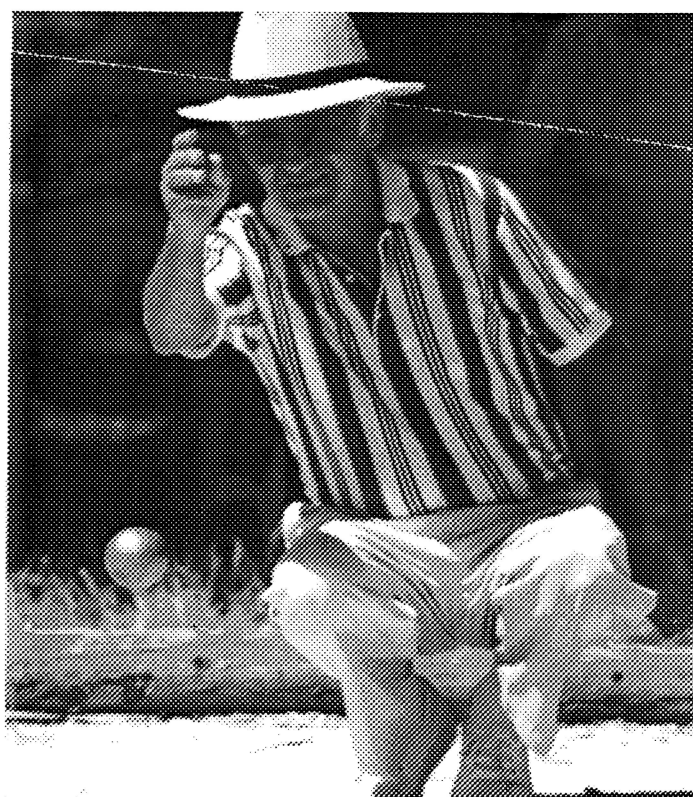
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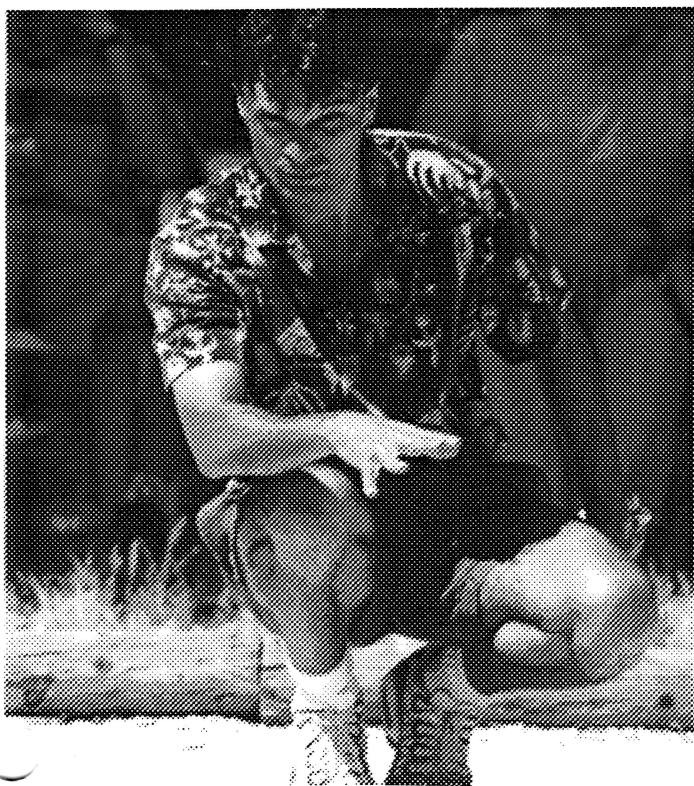
**CHAMPIONSHIP FORM AT THE NATIONAL TÊTE-À-TÊTE TOURNAMENT**



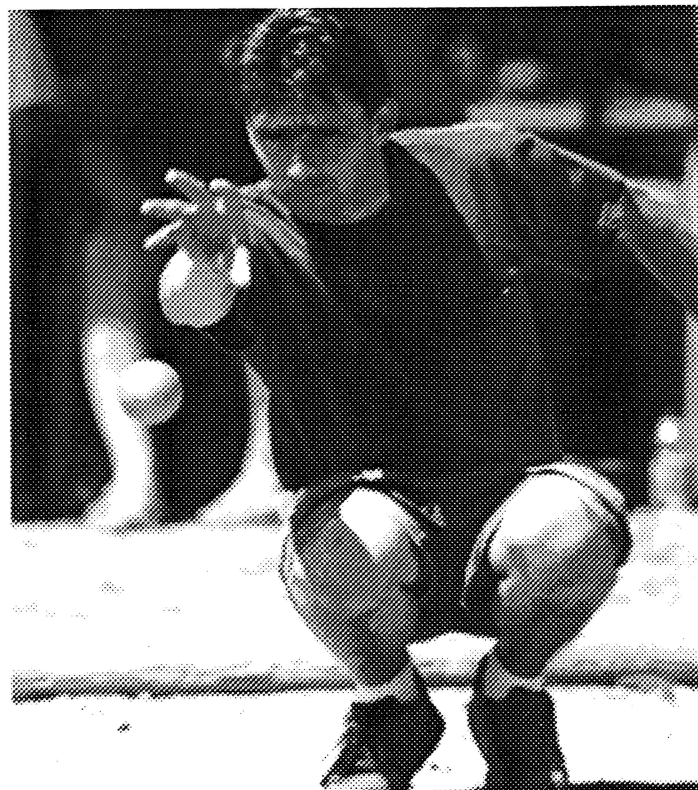
**Number 1: Alain Gilot** won \$800



**Number 2: Gerard Canabou** won \$400

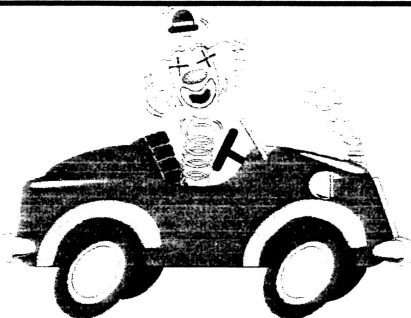


**Number 3: George Roulveyrol** won \$200



**Number 4: Patrick Vaslet** won \$150

*(Photos by Tom Noonan)*



## On the Road

**L**ook what's been goin' on with Valley of the Moon players out on the road the past couple of months:

On May 3 at the National Triplets held in Menlo Park, the team of Mike Norton, John Bouldt and Peter Mathis made it to the quarter finals.

In the *Consolante*, Frank Pipal, Louis Toulon and his son, David, came in first. Second place went to the team of Bill Carter, Bruce Frigard and P. J. Mallette.

A week later, at a big *Tête-à-Tête* in Marin, Peter Mathis walked away the winner, defeating Marcel Parnel, 13-9.

*Congratulations*—to all of our guys on the road!



## THE UMPIRE'S CORNER...

**Q.** I know I lose the the cochonnet to my opponent if I don't make a legal toss after three attempts. But what if my opponent also fails with his first toss? Do we then alternate until one of us gets it right?

**A.** No!  
Your opponent also gets three attempts. However, you still keep the right to play the first boule.

(If you have a question about pétanque you'd like to submit, write to The Umpire, PO Box 863, Sonoma, CA 95476. All answers are certified by our FPUSA Umpire Pierre Joske.)

## SUMMER LEAGUE MATCHES UNDERWAY

**T**he action finally is starting to heat up in Summer League *Singles* and *Doubles*.

Sixteen players signed up for *Singles*, divided into two divisions: the *Lions* and the *Tigers*!

The *Lions*—Bill Carter, Jon Des Pois, Byron Mayo, Mike Norton, Frank Pipal, Ed Porto, Dave Rizzo and Luis Velez.

The *Tigers*—John Bouldt, Tom Bricca, Chuck Fleming, Morris Katz, Jacques Mathieu, Peter Mathis, Bill Miller and Tom Tetard.

Over in the *Doubles* circuit, it's an eleven-team lineup:

Byron Mayo/Claude Berthoud  
Chuck Fleming/Jacques Mathieu  
Pierre Joske/Maryse Joske  
Bill Carter/Bruce Frigard  
John Bouldt/Mike Norton  
Bob Bosko/Jake Martin  
Peter Mathis/P.J. Mallette  
Tom Bricca/Frank Barsocchini  
Frank Pipal/Ken Stieper  
Dexter Tracy/Charles Matteo  
Ed Porto/Luis Velez

The matches are now underway.

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