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**Fresno junior petanque team wins the United States “World Championship Qualifier Tournament” in San Rafael. Will represent U.S.**

The United States Petanque Federation held the “U.S. Junior World Qualifier Championship Tournament” in San Rafael this past Saturday, July 17. Over 20 U.S. teams competed to get to this world qualifier tournament. Fresno’s Petanque Club Junior Team won the 1<sup>st</sup> place title at the tournament and will be the team that represents the United States at the Junior World Championship Petanque Tournament next July 2011 in Australia.



**1st place winners, Petanque Junior World Qualifier Tournament. (l-r, Pengsue Norman, Hai Norman, Kenny Yang and coach Paul Yang**

Fresno’s winning team was coached by Paul Yang. The junior team members are Pengsue Norman, Hai Norman and Kenny Yang (all less than 13 years old.)

Petanque is an international outdoor bowling sport that millions of people play in 85 countries. Each year, the World Pétanque Federation (based in Marseille, France), organizes a Junior (17 years of age or younger) World Championship Petanque

Tournament in one of the 85 countries. Each country that has organized competitive petanque has to have a national “junior world qualifier” tournament to select the team that will represent their country at annual World Championship Petanque Tournament.

Fresno has the largest and fastest growing petanque club in the United States. Recently, Mayor Swearingin and all members of the Fresno City Council designated “*Fresno: America’s Petanque City.*”

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