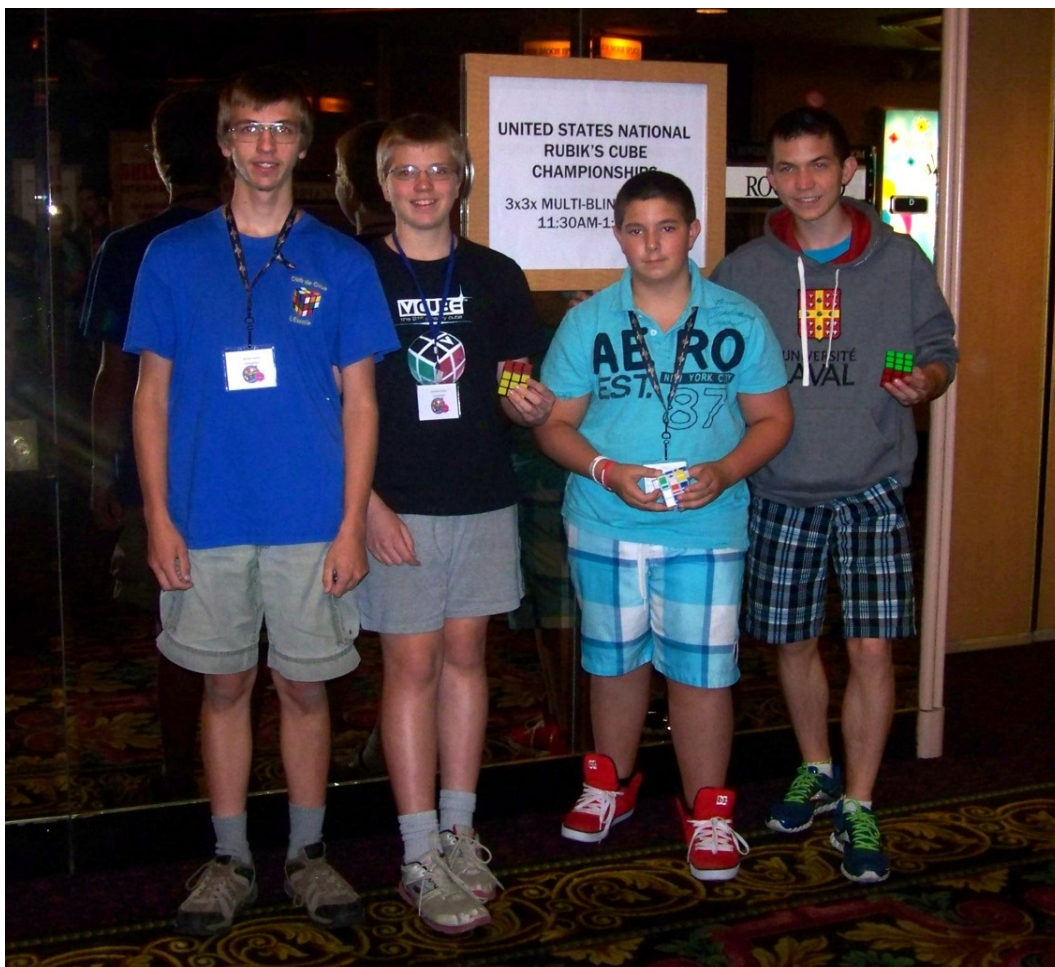


## Two Rockland "cubers" the only Canadians to win at the US Nationals 2012 in Las Vegas



On the picture: André Cantin, Antoine Cantin, Gabriel Gratton, Louis Cormier

August 3-4-5, at the Riviera Hotel and Casino Convention Center, Las Vegas, Nevada. United States National Competition for Rubik's cube speed resolution. More than 250 competitions, from all over. The best North Americans are here. Some of the best in the World are here.

So are 4 members of Le Club de Cube de L'Escale from Rockland, Ontario.

And two of those members from Le Club de Cube de L'Escale were the only Canadians who climbed the podium that week-end: Louis Cormier beat his own North-American record to win the event, with a time of 53.12 seconds... to solve the 3x3x3 Rubik's cube... with his feet!

Louis also got a third place in the "megaminx" event, a 12-sided puzzle. His time was 1 minute and 51 hundredths of a second.

Antoine Cantin beat his own Canadian record in the Master Magic event, solving that puzzle in 2.57 seconds. That gave him second place overall (the winner beat him by 0.10 seconds).

The two Rockland competitors are amongst the best in many Rubik's Cube events. They were contenders in many events, such as the classic 3x3x3, the 4x4x4, 5x5x5, 6x6x6, 7x7x7, 3x3x3 one handed, multiple 3x3x3 blind, and many others.

The 5 best results for Louis Cormier were:

- feet: first place, with a time of 53.12 seconds
- megaminx: third place, with a time of 1:00.51 minutes
- 5x5x5: fourth place, with a time of 1:18.88 minutes
- 7x7x7: fourth place, with a time of 4:24.33 minutes
- 6x6x6: sixth place, with a time of 2:54.43 minutes

The 5 best times for Antoine Cantin were:

- Master Magic: second place; Canadian record, 2.57 seconds
- with his feet: fifth place, with a time of 1:11.27 minutes
- megaminx: seventh place, with a time of 1:16.67 minutes
- 3x3x3 one handed: eighth place, 18.57 seconds
- pyraminx (pyramid-shaped "cube"): tenth place, with a time of 6.98 seconds.

Official results of the competition are on the Word Cube Association web site, at <http://worldcubeassociation.org/results/c.php?i=USNationals2012>.

Louis and Antoine had a busy weekend, having to go through multiple rounds to get to many of the finals.

André Cantin and Gabriel Gratton, even if they did not reach any finals, are still happy with their results.

Congratulation to our 4 local "cubers"!

**World Rubik's Cube Championship 2013:** the US Nationals were, for the organizers, a dress rehearsal for next year. They will host the 2013 "Worlds Rubik's Cube Championship", at the Las Vegas Convention Center. The "Worlds", held every 2 years, are the most prestigious Rubik's Cube Championships. The last three such competitions were held in Bangkok, Thailand (2011), in Dusseldorf, Germany (2009) and in Budapest, Hungary (2007).

August 2013 is therefore a goal for a few Rockland Club members... Louis and Antoine are hoping to represent the region to this prestigious tournament next August!

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