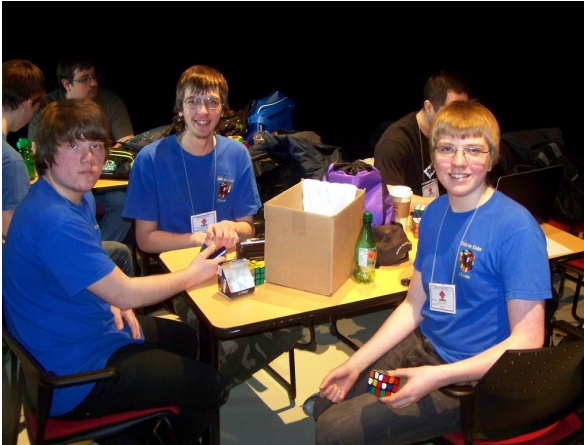


Montréal 2013– March 23rd

58 people were pre-registered for the first ever cubing competition in the province of Québec (49 people took part of the 3x3x3 event). People came as far as Toronto and New Jersey (USA) to attend the event held at the Centre des Sciences located in the View Port, in the heart of downtown Montréal. The competition was put together by Chantal Cormier, with the help of Le Club de Cube L'Escale (equipment, logistics) and managed by CanadianCubing.



The day was filled with 14 events, one of which, the 4x4x4 blindfold, had no winner! A first in Canada was the FMC (Fewest Move Count) event. The winner of that event, Joon Cha, established a new National Record for Korea with a count of 25 (9th in the World).

Another first in Canada was a successful 5x5x5 blindfold solve: Julian David of Toronto did in in 18 minutes 10 seconds, which ranks him 27 in the world.

André and Antoine Cantin, and Matthew Snook represented Le Club de Cube L'Escale. Although André

made it to the second round of 3x3x3 and to the 2x2x2 finals, Antoine is the one that stole the show for L'Escale, with 5 podiums and many 4th places. Antoine also beat two Canadian records, both in the 3x3x3 one-handed event:

- 11.75 seconds for the fastest “single”
- 16.10 seconds for the fastest “average” score.

Of note: Antoine attempted a 5-cube multi blind; he got 2 correct. But, at the single blindfolded event, he got a success with a time of 2 minutes 51 seconds.



Matthew might not have made any of the final rounds, but ended up a “scrambler” for a number of rounds.

Also from Rockland, Louis Cormier also did very well. No records, but 6 podiums (one more than Antoine). His first places were in the 3x3x3 feet and in the Pyraminx events.

Most of the equipment used for that competition were on loan from Le Club de Cube L'Escale. Le Club also had a large sign advertising RCN-NCR 2013, to be held at L'Escale in May. The hope is that it would attract a few more participants at that competition (it was certainly noticed, as Le Club got some positive comments on it).

It was a long and busy day for the members of Le Club de Cube L'Escale: they left Rockland at 6:00 AM to come back just past 10:00 PM. Nevertheless, they enjoyed meeting other cubers in a friendly international competition environment.