

Many records broken

(Clarence -Rockland) Many news national and continental records were recorded during the Saturday May 17 Rubik's cube competition held in Clarence-Rockland's Optimist Hall. Bill Wang, from Toronto, not only beat Antoine Cantin's old 8.79 3x3x3 average record, but he went one step further: he beat the old North American record – it is now 7.73 seconds, fourth in the world.

Bill Wang beat five other records, all Canadian: 2x2x2 (average; 2.26 sec), 4x4x4 (single; 30.09 sec), 4x4x4 (average; 32.73 sec), 3x3x3 à l'aveugle (single; 38.28 sec) et 3x3x3 à l'aveugle (average; 40.29 sec).

Louis Cormier improved on his own Megaminx North American record (average; 52.19 sec), and earned a new record in Pyraminx (average; 3.94 sec).

Antoine Cantin beat the North American record in Skewb (average; 4.73 sec) as well as the Canadian record in Skewb (single; 3.97 sec). He is second fastest in the world for Skewb – average.

This fifth annual RCN-NCR (Région de la Capitale Nationale – National Capital Region) official competition attracted 63 competitors from greater Montreal, greater Toronto and greater Ottawa. Its eight events gave a potential for 16 records. Ten broken records, from three different participants is exceptional. It shows that the competition included some of the best cubers in the country. For many of those cubers, the RCN-NCR competition is becoming a tradition for the May long weekend.

The next big competition, for most of the cubers, is the US Nationals, to be held in Jersey City, New Jersey, on Aug 1-3, at the Liberty Science Center.

Le Club de Cube L'Escale is a cubing club within Rockland's école secondaire catholique L'Escale. That Club is the host, since 2011, of the RCN-NCR competition. It exists thanks to the support of the school, the “exprime-toi” Ontario Ministry of Education project, and from a donation from the Caisse populaire Trillium. The competition received sponsorships from organisations such as Myers Orleans Chev Olds, Myers Orleans Nissan, Rockland's Cub Powers (Chevalier de Colomb), Jean Coutu, Dr. Danielle Frigault Optometrist, Tim Hortons, Rockland Sports and Rubiks.com.

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