

April 21-25 2011 COUPE CURACAO

This annual event, Coupe Curacao took place in Emmastaad, Curacao, NA. April 23-25, 2011.

About 35 fencers participated from Canada, US, Netherlands and the Caribbean.

Canada was represented by George Lavorato, Elie Newman, Larry Pappo and Gaby Weisz, all from Blade works Fencing Club of Toronto.

George Lavorato	Bladeworks Fencing Club	Mens Foil	Bronze
Larry Pappo	Bladeworks Fencing Club	Mens Foil	Silver
Gaby Weisz	Bladeworks Fencing Club	Overall	Silver
Elie Newman	Bladeworks Fencing Club	Overall	Silver

George Lavorato and Larry Pappo took BRONZE and SILVER, respectively, in foil in their age group. Gaby Weisz, SILVER overall of 13 foilers ranging in age of 20 something to 60+. Gaby went into the finals without a loss, to be beaten by his old nemesis and good friend John Rea, a very proficient fencer in three weapons, from the United States.

The Canadian highlight was definitely Elie Newman, having received GOLD in foil in his age group, he entered Epee, perhaps for the first time.

Came out of the pools in sixth place, beat a very experienced veteran fencer from the Netherlands in the semis, fenced well in the final to get SILVER overall.

Oscar Kardolus of the Netherlands, Silver medalist at both the World Championships and European Championships, put on a great saber exhibition, was Gold medalist.

The venue at the International School gym and the officiating from Venezuela was quite sufficient and efficient.

The closing gala dinner at an 18th Century Plantation house was wonderful. Food was good and the drinks kept coming. There was live music to dance to well past midnight.

The Organizers did a great job. Everything went smoothly, the fencers were picked up at the airport, and were ferried from their hotels to the venue twice a day.

Curacao is a perfect place to have a late winter vacation, with subtropical summer weather year around.

Put this event on your fencing and vacationing calendar for next April.

Best regards to all

Gaby