

Annual report of the Great Britain Savate Federation April 2011 - April 2012



Mission: The Great Britain Savate Federation exists to promote the sport of Savate - French boxing - in Great Britain and to promote communication and co-operation between Savate clubs.

www.savate.org.uk

The year in brief

2011-12 saw a number of changes to the way the GBSF runs, a host of exciting development activities, a packed domestic competition and grading calendar and several excellent international competitions and stages. The number of GBSF licence holders nearly doubled, we hosted the first ever British Savate Championships and we welcomed some new clubs as well as, sadly, saying goodbye to others.

Organisation

The year started formally with an Annual General Meeting held slightly early in April 2011 that kick-started a range of new measures designed to increase both profitability and a better experience for those practising and competing in Savate in Great Britain. Notable outcomes were a lowering of the individual licence fee, coupled with a view to increasing the number of units sold, reinstating an Instructor Training Panel, made up of senior members whose responsibility it would be to develop instructors and award them qualifications, and the adoption of shared standards for GBSF events, in order to provide a safe, reliable series of domestic events that can both incubate our champions and return funds.

Clubs and personnel

This year saw the closure of Malvern Savate, which completed its last *fouette* in October 2011 as founder Jasbir Nagi (GBSF Treasurer) relocated to Oxford. This loss was Oxford Savate's gain, where Nagi was able to assist instructor Matt

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McGrattan. In March 2012 a new GBSF club was opened by long-standing GBSF member Morgan Alexander, who now instructs students at the Cambridge University Savate Kickboxing and Cane Fighting Society (CUSCS).

In March 2012 original GBSF club Spectrum Savate closed its doors after many long years of service. Spectrum picked up several awards for student and club achievements from Godalming Sports at a ceremony in November 2011, which were a huge credit to outgoing instructor Martin Ross. In Summer 2012, Guildford Savate opened for business, instructed by multiple international medal winner Rachel Shore.

In May 2011 Martin Ross resigned his post as Director of Technique (DTN), a position he had held since the founding of GBSF some 13 years earlier. Laura Gilbert became acting DTN for the remainder of the year.

Two new *Initiateur* instructors were anointed in the year as Sian-Marie Clark (May 2011) and Lizzy Hawkins (November 2011), both of London Savate received the award.

Development activities

Founder GBSF member and former President Ollie Batts produced two new syllabuses in service of the development of Savate and its associated disciplines. The first was a syllabus for Savate Defence, the discipline for which Ollie has responsibility within GBSF, and the second was a Savate Tiger Cubs syllabus for youth athletes. Both documents are valuable structural stages in the development of our sport nationwide.

A new website for the GBSF was launched in January 2012 at www.savate.org.uk, serving as a point of call for prospective students, instructors and the press and a vehicle for disseminating club and event news.

Domestic events

The final Savate League event and the first ever British Championships were held in 2011-12. For the first time online registrations were accepted, which allowed greater numbers to be recruited, and official GBSF equipment - in the shape of scales, timers, bells and clipboards - were procured.

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The competitive GBSF events were as follows:

- 16th April 2011, final League Event of 2010-11, The Leys School, Cambridge.
- 17th July 2011, British Savate Assaut Championships, Mulberry School, London.
- 27th November 2011, November Novices Event, Broadwater, Surrey.
- 19th Feb 2012, Assaut Gala, Wychwood School, Oxford

In addition, two Savate grading events were held in the year:

- 22nd May 2011 in Oxford. Five blue and four green grades were issued and 13 new judging certificates were granted.
- 11 December 2011 in Cambridge, which included the first outing for the Savate Tiger Cubs grading syllabus.

International participation

For the first time in its history, in this year a formal GBSF Assaut Squad was chosen and trained prior to team selection for international events. Squad training in Cambridge (June), Guildford (July) and London (September) all helped to gel the squad, share training methods and allow the team selectors greater insight into the progression of the athletes.

A squad of three women and four men were sent to Genoa for the European Assaut Championships 2011 on 15th-16th September. After two days of competition, staged within the confines of a hotel ballroom, the British team returned with two quarter-finalists, one bronze medalist and one silver medalist.

In July 2011 the World Youth Savate Championships were held in Lyon, France and the GBSF's lone athlete Michael Grove succeeded in gaining fourth place there.

In November 2011, an invitation from the French Federation took five GBSF team members to southern Paris to train with the French Assaut Team for a stage lasting three days, which culminated in our fighters putting in impressive performances at the *Challenge Internationale de Paris* on the final day.

Licences

The new initiative of a lower individual licence fee meant we were able nearly to double the number of GBSF licence holders to 229, which is great news as we embark on the road to greater recognition.

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Licences sold by club year-on-year

	2011/12	2010/11
Birmingham	7	n/a
CAMA	65	66
CUSCS	5	n/a
City	20	n/a
London	105	25
Malvern	4	4
Oxford	15	6
Spectrum	8	16
Total	229	117

Accounts

We experienced a small deficit in 2011-12 but are in a position to overturn this in the forthcoming year as our event management develops, our online registration system for events pays dividends and the increase in licences sold continues.

See overleaf.

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<u>Income</u>	
Licence fees	784.00
Club fees (8 clubs)	303.00
Grading fees	110.00
TOTAL	1,197.00

<u>Main Outgoings</u>	
FIS fees	-699.74
Group Insurance	-601.00
TOTAL	-1,300.74

<u>Income from events</u>	
British Champs 2011	-71.99
Farncombe Nov 2011	-31.21
Oxford Feb 2012	15.42
TOTAL	-87.78

<u>Sundry Purchases</u>	
Equipment	-80.82
Committee Expenses	-47.00
TOTAL	-127.82

<u>Surplus/Deficit for 2011/12</u>	
	-319.34

<u>Payments made for 2012/13</u>	
British Champs 2012 Hall	-400.00