

Annual report of the Great Britain Savate Federation

April 2012 - April 2013



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.

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The year in brief

2012-13 was an important year as GBSF undertook some key development work, undertaking major updates to our constitution and grading syllabus which will stand us in good stead for future years and have a positive impact on the quality of technical progression. The GBSF in this year became a member of the Sport and Recreation Alliance in 2013, which not only recognises the value of what we do but also puts us in company with other sporting bodies of various size and influence. Fighters both from and selected by GBSF competed in many countries across Europe this year, in Savate Boxe and Canne de Combat, bringing back medals, experience and stories whilst forging international alliances. The slight drop in licences we sold is ameliorated by a welcome turn to surplus in our accounts.

Organisation and development

The year started with an important development in the structure and running of the GBSF with the adoption of a new constitution. The AGM held in April 2012 was devoted to the development and reworking of a new constitution modeled on a FISav recommendation with input from founder members Ollie Batts and Julie Gabriel, and current President James Southwood. The new constitution redefines the membership, the procedures for election of officers, the remit of the AGM, disciplinary actions and a host of other improvements.

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With the April 2012 meeting used thus, we exceptionally held a second AGM for 2011-12 in October 2012.

The GBSF took a big step in February 2013 when it was accepted as a member of the Games and Sports division of the Sport and Recreation Alliance, the umbrella organisation for the governing and representative bodies of sport and recreation in the UK. This allows us to grow and develop by drawing on the resources on offer and to mix company with other sporting bodies to improve the understanding and recognition of our sport nationwide.

Clubs and personnel

GBSF founder member Dr. Julie Gabriel was re-elected President of FISav in August 2012. Congratulations Julie!

Domestic events

- July 2012: British Savate Championships 2012.

For the British Savate Championships 2012, GBSF put on arguably its biggest event ever by taking over Fight Science, Aldershot for a day. The event featured novice, international and mixed bouts as well as championship fights. Congratulations to the new British Champions 2012: Sian-Marie Clark, Nigel Tropman, James Antill, Stuart Madden and Judah Wheeler

- January 2013: GBSF national training day, Oxford.

This event featured officials training, squad training and general sessions for students.

- February 2013: GBSF Savate Assaut Competition, London

A well-attended and exciting gala that featured fighters from Northern France, Ireland and Slovenia, plus a profitable social event in the evening.

Gradings

Across the year development was underway on a new technical grading syllabus for the Boxe discipline. This was trialled in February 2013 with the first full use made in Birmingham in early April.

- June 2012: Technical Grading, London.

10 Blue Gloves awarded

- April 2013: Technical Grading, Birmingham.

5 Blue Glove, 6 Green Gloves awarded.

International participation

The GBSF sent a team of fighters to the World Savate Assaut Championships in Plovdiv, Bulgaria in August 2012 and to the World Canne de Combat Championships in Saint Herblain in September 2012. Non-team events also took place in Hungary, Germany, Ireland and France

- September 2012: World Savate Assaut Championships, Plovdiv, Bulgaria.

Fighters: Morgan Alexander, Rachel Shore, Laura Gilbert, Sian-Marie Clark, Judah Wheeler, James Southwood, Stuart Madden and James Antill.

Coaches: Tom Handley, Tom Dawson

Officials: Jasbir Nagi and Carl Hamill.

Bronze medals went to Morgan Alexander and James Antill; Jasbir Nagi and Carl Hamill officiated in the finals.

- September 2012: Canne de Combat World championships, Saint Herblain, France.

Fighters: Morgan Alexander, Stuart McIntyre, Jon West and Merlin Hartley

- January 2013: Les Titis Parisiennes.

Morgan Alexander, Stuart McIntyre and Merlin Hartley competed with Agnes Aubert as translator.

- January 2013: Open Mondiale, Budapest, Hungary.

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Sian-Marie Clark, George Bushaway and James Southwood trained at the University boxing club gym and competed in the Open Mondiale.

- November 2012: Savate tournament, Castlebar, Ireland.

Seven British fighters flew to victory:

George Bushaway - Bronze

Sian-Marie Clark - Gold

Carl Hamill - Bronze

Tom Handley - Gold

Kalle Heinola - Gold

Jasbir Nagi - Gold

James Southwood - Gold

- November 2012: Coupe Opale, Calais, France.

James Southwood, Sian-Marie Clark, Rachel Shore, James Antill, Charles Howes (veteran), Michael Grove (junior) all won fights.

- October 2012: Halloweenturnier, Germany.

Sian-Marie Clark – Gold

Judah Wheeler – Silver

Tom Handley - Silver

Licences

This year for the first time individual student licencees are considered members of the GBSF. After last year's great rise in the number of licences sold, we experienced a slight drop for 2012-13.

Licences sold by club year-on-year

Club	2012/13	2011/12	2010/11
Birmingham	6	7	n/a
CAMA	50	65	66
CUSCS	13	5	n/a
City	1	20	n/a
London	125	105	25
Malvern	n/a	4	4
Oxford	9	15	6
Spectrum	n/a	8	16
Total	204	229	117

Accounts

We overturned the small deficit of 2011-12 with a small surplus this year. This is the result of some extra grading income and better financial results from event hosting, a trend we expect to see continue in future years. Regrettably, licence and club membership fees are slightly down on last year.

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Great Britain Savate Federation, year ending 5th April 2013

Federal Income		
Licence fees		726.00
Club fees	7 clubs	266.00
TOTAL		992.00
Grading Income		
London June 2012		143.50
Birmingham April 2013		124.72
TOTAL		268.22
Income from events		
British Champs 2012		182.06
London Feb 2013 Comp		35.73
London Feb 2013 Social		20.00
TOTAL		237.79
Main Outgoings		
FISav fees		-525.00
Group Insurance		-601.00
Website		-112.63
TOTAL		-1,238.63
Sundry Purchases		
Hall hire for grading syllabus trial		-50.00
TOTAL		-50.00
TOTAL INCOME		1,498.01
TOTAL OUTGOINGS		-1,238.63
Surplus Deficit for 2012/13		
		209.38