

Annual report of the Great Britain Savate Federation

April 2014 - April 2015



GBSF

Great Britain
Savate Federation

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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President's Report

The President in this year was James Southwood until November 2014, and Laura Gilbert thereafter.

This was a very memorable year for the GBSF.

In May 2014 we welcomed Savate Scotland, our first non-English club, run by Andrew Usher. Andrew is a highly experienced martial arts instructor who recently joined us under our instructor conversion program.

In November 2014 we were thrilled and delighted to watch London Savate instructor James Southwood triumph at the World Assaut Championships, being crowned World Champion and thus winning the GBSF's first ever world gold medal. We were also very proud of James Antill, who added another silver medal to his collection of awards, becoming Vice-Champion in his category.

In total we fielded three international GB teams this year: an assaut team of seven, two cannists and a single combat fighter, all of whom performed very well.

A very lively British Championships in June 2014 was the centrepiece of our domestic calendar, as we welcomed an unprecedented number of international competitors and awarded six British Champion titles. We look forward to an

equally exciting competition this year. We launched the British Open 2015 on 7th February 2015 with a champagne toast in Farncombe, where this championship event is set to be held on 4th July 2015. A bevy of national and international fighters have registered for this event well in advance and it promises to be another sparkling occasion.

We were pleased to create five new Initiateur instructors, promote four current Initiateurs to Moniteur, and – for the first time in a decade – promote one of our longest standing Moniteurs, James Southwood, to Professeur. This promotion reflected James' more than ten years of high quality and professional Savate coaching and instruction within the GBSF as well as his consistent hard work for the GBSF as a whole, and coincided with the ten year anniversary of his dynamic and successful club, London Savate.

Membership numbers rose this year, and we were delighted to release new membership booklets in February 2015, utilizing the new branding we produced last year, thanks largely to the hard work of Ollie Batts, with assistance from Morgan Alexander and Laura Gilbert. The new booklets reflect our changing goals, containing extended sections dedicated to the DAs, and are more closely geared towards our new savate boxe syllabus (released last year), as well as changes we expect to make to our Associated Disciplines (DA) syllabi in the near future.

At the AGM in November 2014 a further step towards increasing participation in the DAs was taken as we created a new executive post, Head of Savate, Canne and Baton Defence, bringing the total number of dedicated DA posts on the executive committee to two (of ten members in total). This replaced the previous non-executive post of Head of Savate Defence. We also created a new post of Adjunct DTN, to provide a second pair of hands to the challenging and broad ranging role of Director of Technique.

The DTN James Southwood and Adjunct DTN, Sian-Marie Clark spearheaded a range of new initiatives starting in 2015 to improve squad training and development. Whilst still in their early stages, these have met with uniformly positive feedback from participants.

This was another year in which a large number of GBSF members made the effort to travel far afield to participate in international events and competitions in Savate Assaut and Combat, and Canne De Combat, and without exception they were a

credit to our federation. They brought back with them a wealth of useful knowledge and experience, and built friendships with other Federations across the world. In March 2015 GBSF founder member, CAMA instructor and Director of Defence Ollie Batts was invited to run a very successful and well-received Savate Defence seminar for the Greek Savate Federation.

The accounts showed a healthy profit, due to two very successful events (namely the British Championships and a Stage run by the Squad coaches in February 2015), and a healthy income from memberships and gradings.

In August 2014 Sian-Marie Clark, with the support of the GBSF executive committee, ran a staggeringly successful crowdfunding effort to provide team kit for the Savate Assaut team. The target was £500, and the final total raised was a whopping £1150 from 37 backers. The team looked superb in their new strip, and the success of this fundraising effort demonstrates that with hard work and dedication we should be able to raise further funds for other purposes in future.

The GBSF held its first annual GBSF social in London on 3rd January 2015. There was a good turnout, everyone had great fun, and it was an excellent chance for members to socialise outside of training. It will certainly be repeated next year.

In 2014-15 the GBSF continued to be affiliated to FISav, the CES and the Sport and Recreation Alliance (SR+A).

This has been an exciting year of encouragingly steady growth, excellent participation, exciting and engaging events, and international acclaim, and it marked the start of some wonderful initiatives for improving the experience of our federation members. This should form a firm basis for further increasing participation, extending our network of UK affiliated clubs, and improving access to the DAs across the country.

Laura Gilbert, May 2015

Instructor Training

This was a highly successful year for the Instructor Training Panel, in which we welcomed new converting instructors in Scotland and in Birmingham, graduated three long-time Initiateurs to Moniteur level, and awarded our first new Professeur in around a decade.

An instructor training weekend was held in Cambridge on 17/18th May 2014.

Professeur awards

3rd Jan 2015 James Southwood

Moniteur awards

17th May 2014 Morgan Alexander

17th May 2014 Jon West

23rd May 2014 Rachel Shore

27th May 2014 James Antill

Initiateur awards

17th May 2014 Andrew Usher

17th May 2014 Rafal Tichanow

16th Sep 2014 Steve Maycock

19th Feb 2015 Kalle Heinola

29th Mar 2015 George Bushaway

Technical Gradings

The following technical awards were made across the year:

28th September 2014 London

1 Blue Glove

6 Green Glove

1 Red Glove

22nd December 2014 Cambridge

2 Junior

21th March 2015 London

2 Blue Glove

Domestic Events

6th June 2014 International Seminar in London.

The GBSF hosted an international seminar, organised and taught by James Southwood with the Finnish delegation in attendance.

7th June 2014 GBSF British Championships.

One of the biggest domestic events we have held in recent years, with international attendance from Finland and Holland. It was rounded off with a social and barbecue afterwards

The 2014 Champions were:

Male 65-70kg

Champion: Nigel Tropman

Vice-Champion: Simon Blackwell

Male 70-75kg

Champion: James Antill

Vice-Champion: Pierre Canel

Male 75-80kg

Champion: James Southwood

Vice-Champion: Charlie Howes

Male 80-85kg

Champion: Kalle Heinola

Vice-Champion: Tom Handley

Male 85+kg

Champion: Judah Wheeler

Vice-Champion: Grant Campbell

Female 60-65kg

Champion: Laura Gilbert

Vice-Champion: Katarzyna Marszalkiewicz-Efta

24th August 2014: Canne de Combat Seminar, Cambridge

Cambridge Academy of Martial Arts hosted a Canne de Combat seminar, directed by Selenia Claude Mabir, who is (amongst other titles) twice World Champion, European Champion and All France Champion. 20 participants attended from different GBSF clubs.

January 2015: Canne de Combat Seminar, Cambridge

Cambridge Academy of Martial Arts arranged a small Canne de Combat seminar, directed by Amanda Duckworth, an experienced canne competitor.

7th February 2015: 1 day Stage, Farncombe, Surrey

The GBSF hosted a 1 day stage, including "Introduction to Savate". Squad training ran alongside this.

International Participation

GB team:

13-14th June 2014 - CESav European Combat Eliminations, Bugeat, France

Sian-Marie Clark represented GB in combat for the first time.

19-24st September 2014 - World Canne de Combat Championships, Hungary

The GB team consisted of Morgan Alexander and Stuart McIntyre. Both came 7th in their respective classes and won compliments on their technique. Jasbir Nagi officiated.

30th October – 1st November 2014 - World Assaut Championships, Rome, Italy

The GB team consisted of James Southwood, James Antill, Tom Handley, George Bushaway, Morgan Alexander, Laura Gilbert and Sian-Marie Clark. Rachel Shore attended as a coach, and Jasbir Nagi and Will Noble as officials.

James Southwood was crowned World Champion, and James Antill Vice-World Champion.

Other:

24-25th January 2014 – Budapest Open, Budapest, Hungary

Six fighters from London Savate and CAMA competed in the second Budapest open.

31st July – 2nd August 2014 – Bulgarian World Open, Kranevo, Bulgaria

British fighters James Southwood, George Bushaway and Sian-Marie Clark performed exceptionally well, winning many of their fights and engaging in the pre-competition seminars.

24th-25th January 2015 - Titi Parisiennes, Paris, France

British Cannists Jon West, Morgan Alexander and Stuart McIntyre competed in the Titi Parisiennes competition. Agnes Aubert attended as a translator. The team came a very respectable 13th out of 25.

Squad Training

Squad training continued apace with events across the season.

1st May 2014 Farncombe

14th Sep 2014 Bankside, London

19th Oct 2014 Farncombe

7th Feb 2015 Farncombe

On 18th Feb 2015 a preliminary squad list for 2015 was announced, consisting of 11 athletes and 6 coaches under the leadership of Rachel Shore. It remains possible to add athletes to the squad at any point in the year.

One athlete was in the WADA registered testing pool until December 2014.

Licences

We experienced an increase in membership numbers in 2013-14, largely due to the addition of a new club, Savate Scotland, headed by Andrew Usher. Several other clubs showed pleasing growth.

Club	Membership Numbers	
	2013/14	2014/15
Birmingham	4	8
CAMA	13	14
CUSCS	2	15
City Combat	1	4
Guildford	10	13
London	95	103
Oxford	14	6
Savate Scotland		17
Total	139	180

Accounts

Year ending 5th April 2015

Great Britain Savate Federation

Preliminary Accounts year ending 5th April 2014

Federal Income

licence fees		559.00
club fees		302.00
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TOTAL		936.00

Grading Income

Cambridge March 2014	5 adult	54.00
	8 adult – paypal	
London Sept 2014	fees	76.48
Cambridge Dec 2014	2 minor	10.00
TOTAL		140.48

Income from events

British Champs		350.49
Stage Feb 2015		153.79
TOTAL		504.28

Main Outgoings

Sports Recreation Alliance		-156.00
Martialguard insurance		-636.00
Forwarding address		-60.00
FISav		-417.00
CES		-73.44
TOTAL		-1342.44

Goodwill

0.00

TOTAL INCOMINGS	1580.76
TOTAL OUTGOINGS	-1342.44
Surplus/Deficit for 2014/2015	238.32

Affiliation fees breakdown

Scotland	50.00
London	36.00
CUSCS	36.00
CAMA	36.00
Oxford	36.00
City Combat	36.00
Guildford	36.00
Birmingham	36.00

License fees breakdown

London	424.00
CUSCS	38.00
CAMA	57.00
Oxford	
City Combat	12.00
Guildford	
Birmingham	28.00