

Annual report of the Great Britain Savate Federation

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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

It was another successful year for the GBSF in which our membership numbers grew, our finances improved, we held a hugely popular national and international competition, and our teams gained four medals on the International stage.

The highlight of the year was the British open and champs on 4th July, held once again at Broadwater School in Farncombe. We attracted 24 international fighters from France, the Netherlands, Bulgaria, Ireland and Greece to the open, and 34 British athletes took part in both the British championships and the open. There were a total of 78 fights, including juniors, veteran and novices, and we awarded 6 champion titles. There was a very well received demonstrations of canne de combat from our own cannists, and a demonstration by a local martial arts school, the School of the Sword.

On 27th May Morgan Alexander and Sian Marie Clark represented GB at the World Combat championships, Morgan winning a bronze medal. On 17th October three of our Assaut team, Morgan Alexander, James Southwood and James Antill all made the finals of the European Savate Assaut championships, winning silver medals. George Bushaway also fought very well.

In October 2015 new instructor George Bushaway opened a new London club, Bowe Boxe. In January 2016 Stuart McIntyre was awarded his Initiateur as a Canne de Combat instructor, and in March 2016 we welcomed a new boxe instructor, Christelle Laplace, to join us in Scotland. She holds a moniteur qualification from the French federation. She was an Elite A competitor in 2008 and 2009, and taught in Grenoble and Isère (the latter club she founded). She will be working with Andrew Usher and may soon start her own GBSF club, with the support of her daughter Laureanne.

GBSF and our member clubs also held a number of exciting seminars, including with internationally renowned champions Amri Madani (CAMA, May) and Reda Karoum (CAMA, October). GBSF

members also continued to participate widely abroad, travelling to countries including France, Ireland, Croatia and Bulgaria to train and compete.

Laura Gilbert, May 2016

Director of Technique's Report

The headline of the year is the haul of four bronze and silver medals on World and European stages. Congratulations are due to our dedicated competitors and their coaches for the ability to reach finals of major championships consistently. The year also saw an impressive domestic championships which attracted competitors from several other countries for open matches and crowned new British champions and vice-champions. We also witnessed an increase in the number of, and variety in, our national squad training sessions which hopefully sets the ground for even more medal wins in future. Our efforts towards expansion this year took in a trip north of the border to grade new students in Paisley, Scotland which created nearly a score more graded Savateurs who are training to improve themselves in our amazing art.

James Southwood, May 2016

Report of the head of Canne de Combat

Developments in Canne have been slow in the period 2015-2016, however I am very pleased that we have a new Initiateur in Canne, Stuart McIntyre.

Stuart has been training at CAMA in Canne for over 5 years, and has represented Great Britain on several occasions at International level; his enthusiasm and attention to detail will be of great benefit to both our students and the GBSF.

Since January 2016 we also have two highly experienced cannists from Germany , Nicole Holzmann and Thomas Horstmeyer; now living in Didcot, Oxfordshire. Both have previous experience teaching in University clubs and at the highest International level. They are expected to qualify as instructors under the GBSF in the near future.

We sent a team to the Titi Parisienne competition in April 2016, consisting of Jon West, Stuart McIntyre and new Cannist Sarah Stiemer. Sarah has only been training 6 months but has previous experience in Kendo. The Titis is a team event in which everyone fights everyone else from each team. With a relative beginner, we were pleased to come 13th out of 15 teams.

I feel confident with the addition of a new Initiateur in Cambridge and two more imminently in Oxford we will have the means to advance canne in Great Britain at a faster rate than previous years.

Jon West, May 2016

Technical Gradings

Cambridge hosted an in-club grading in October 2015. In May 2015, James Southwood and Jasbir Nagi travelled to Paisley to host a grading at the John McKean Academy, running a

seminar on the Saturday and a grading on the Sunday as part of a development drive in Savate Scotland under Andrew Usher.

25th October 2015, Cambridge: 4 Blue 1 Green 1 Red

17th May 2015, Paisley, Scotland: 15 Blue 2 Green

Domestic Championships

British Savate Assaut Championships, Farncombe, Surrey, 4th July 2015

Over 30 fighters battled for British titles. They were joined by 23 fighters from Ireland, Holland, Bulgaria, Greece and France who came to participate in the British Open.

Congratulations to the Champions:

M65 Emmanuel Roux (London)

M70 Tom Bowles (London)

M75 James Antill (Guildford)

M80 James Southwood (London)

M85 Kalle Heinola (Oxford)

M85+ Judah Wheeler (London)

And Vice-Champions:

M65 Matt Humphries (Guildford)

M70 Luke Hassan (Birmingham)

M75 Hugo Valette (London)

M80 Charlie Howes (Guildford)

M85 Jasbir Nagi (Guildford)

M85+ Tom Handley (London)

International Championships

World Combat Eliminations, La Roche, 4-6th June 2015

The team consisted of:

F70kg: Morgan Alexander

F56kg: Sian-Marie Clark

Coach: James Southwood

Official: Jasbir Nagi.

Each competitor fought three bouts, Sian winning via TKO against Mauritius. Morgan came away with a bronze medal. The event closed with a highly enjoyable party to celebrate 30 years of the Federation Internationale de Savate.

European Assaut Championships, Budapest, 15th-17th October 2015

F70kg: Morgan Alexander

M80kg: James Southwood

M75kg: James Antill

M56kg: George Bushaway

Coaches: Charlie Howes, Rachel Shore

Official: Jasbir Nagi

Despite the small team this year, GB picked up 3 Silver medals with Morgan Alexander, James Antill and James Southwood each reaching the finals.

Squad Training

Squad training was enhanced by the addition of the skills of a range of external instructors who provided the squad with expert tuition in different areas. Squad training sessions included:

25th April 2015, Oxford - General squad training plus combat-specific preparation; extended fitness training with Karl Beecham

13th June 2015, London - Judging and officials stage with Jasbir Nagi; fighting stance work with James Southwood; yoga with Mia Forbes Pirie

29th August 2015 London - Ring strategy and point scoring theory with Bill Judd

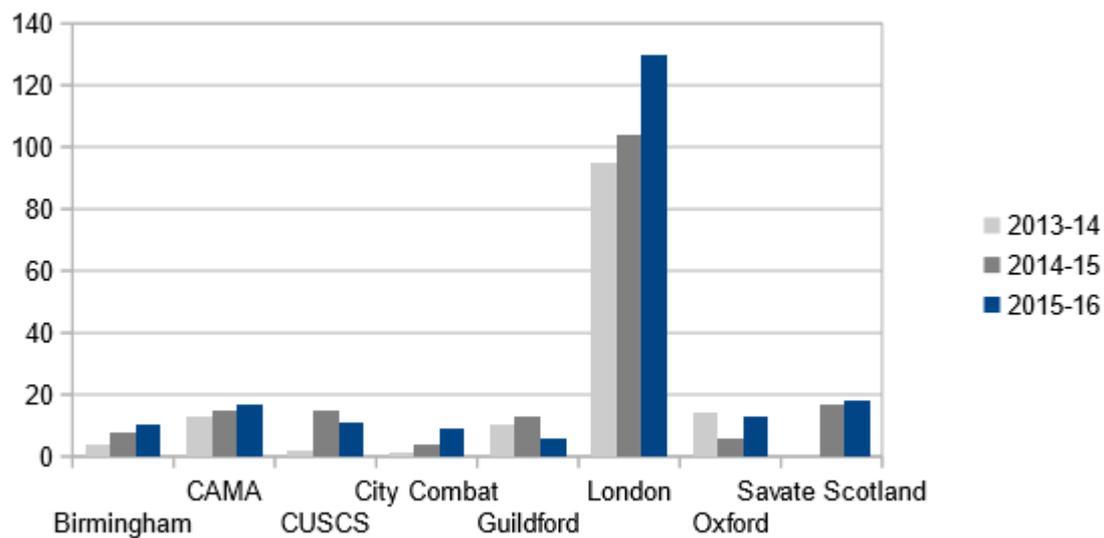
4th October 2015, Welwyn - Squad assessment and weigh-in; sparring clinic with James Southwood

Feedback on squad training was collected via KwikSurvey in October 2015. The sessions were highly rated, at 4.7/5 consistently, when judged on relevance to the squad's development, value for money and quality of organisation and guest instruction (among other criteria).

Membership report

Number of members

Club	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Birmingham	4	8	10
CAMA	13	15	17
CUSCS	2	15	11
City Combat	1	4	9
Guildford	10	13	6
London	95	104	130
Oxford	14	6	13
Savate Scotland	-	17	18
Total	139	182	214



We have been experiencing slow but steady growth in numbers over the past three years. However the increase is largely powered by our largest club, London Savate. It has been agreed that in the coming years a greater effort should be made to officially register all members in training at every club.

James Southwood, May 2016

Accounts

<u>Accounts - Financial Year 15/16</u>		<u>Accounts - 6th April 2015 to 5th April 2016</u>	
Revenue			
Membership Fees	£ 969.00	Membership Fees Breakdown	
Club Affiliation Fees	£ 388.00	London	£ 650.00
Initiateur Fees	£ 75.00	Oxford	£ 55.00
Gradings	£ 215.00	Scotland	£ 79.00
Events	£ 655.00	Birmingham	£ 50.00
		City Combat	£ 40.00
		CAMA	£ 65.00
		CUSCS	£ 30.00
	£ 2,302.00		£ 969.00
Expenditure			
Sports Rec Alliance	(£ 168.00)	Affiliation Fees Breakdown	
Martialguard	(£ 688.00)	London	£ 36.00
Forwarding address	(£ 30.00)	Scotland	£ 36.00
Fisav	(£ 415.00)	City Combat	£ 36.00
CESav	(£ 82.39)	Birmingham	£ 36.00
EuroChamps Inscription	(£ 27.00)	CAMA	£ 36.00
Events	(£ 461.60)	CUSCS	£ 36.00
		Guildford	£ 36.00
		Bow Boxe	£ 50.00
		Dorset	£ 50.00
		Oxford	£ 36.00
	(£ 1,871.99)		£ 388.00
TOTAL Revenue	£ 2,302.00		
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	(£ 1,871.99)	Gradings Fees Breakdown	
		Scotland May 2015	£ 155.00
		CAMA Nov 2015	£ 60.00
Surplus/(Deficit) for 2015/2016	£ 430.01		£ 215.00
Balance Sheet			

Jasbir Nagi, June 2016