

Annual report of the Great Britain Savate Federation

April 2016 - April 2017



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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 individual and club membership numbers grew and our finances remained strong and we expanded our geographical coverage of the UK significantly. Squad training, building on last year's success, went from strength to strength and included more guest instructors. Our international teams gained four medals on the world stage.

Membership rose by an impressive 37% this year. We were delighted to welcome two new clubs:

- Sam Byford-Winter joined us from Toronto, and opened Brighton Savate.
- Joe Ferris opened Savate Northern Ireland, our first NI club. Savate NI includes students with British and Irish passports, and therefore we are working closely with Ireland Savate to support this new club.

Excitingly, both new clubs have large numbers of junior members!

Once again the highlight of the domestic year was the British Championships and Open, held again at Broadwater School in Farncombe on 27th July, and hosted by Guildford Savate. As usual they did a superb job of arranging the competition. It was smaller than recent years, which allowed a more relaxed and friendly atmosphere. 30 athletes competed, of which seven were women. Seven champion titles were awarded. It was agreed by the executive to separate the Championships and the Open competition next year in order to provide a better experience for international fighters seeking open matches, and British fighters contesting titles.

In March, Northern Ireland held their first Savate Assaut competition. It was attended by Laura Gilbert and James Antill, representing the GBSF, who competed and officiated. Martin O'Malley also brought a team from Ireland and supported the competition. There were 16 seniors and 50 juniors, creating an exciting day of 85 fights, of which 55 were juniors. A high standard of competition was seen, and the day went off very smoothly in a superb atmosphere.

The inaugural Viking Cup was also held on 7/8th May in Cambridge, organised by Julie Gabriel. The new Viking Cup competition is open to all Savate clubs in FISav member countries in Northern Europe, as well as to savateurs of Northern European nationalities who live elsewhere. Seven clubs from Finland, Germany, Great Britain and Ireland participated, and there were 38 assaut bouts and 10 duos. It will be held next year in Ireland.

The new executive committee, elected at the AGM in November, agreed that “Outreach” would be our main focus for the 2017-2019 term. A large GBSF event is in the planning stages for Manchester later in the year. The GBSF began releasing a friendly and informative quarterly newsletter in December, put together by our hardworking new secretary, Sian-Marie Frosini.

Laura Gilbert, July 2017

Director of Technique’s Report

This was another good year for GBSF with the technical level of the athletes and the opportunities for participation and progress both growing. The most prestigious event of the year under review was the World Assaut Championships 2016, held in Varazdin, Croatia, in September in which six GBSF athletes participated, with four coming home with bronze or silver medals.

GBSF made 22 coloured glove grading awards this year, a similar number to last year (23). With the continuation of in-house club gradings, we could expect this number to rise next year.

The Adjunct DTN was Siân-Marie Clark at the start of the reporting period, who was succeeded by Kalle Heinola in the AGM of November 2016 as Sian moved to the role of Secretary. I would like to thank Siân for her estimable efforts in organising and furthering the DTN’s capacity to serve the Federation, and I look forward to utilising Kalle’s many years of experience and technical expertise in future.

James Southwood, June 2017

Report of the head of Canne de Combat

This year GBSF Cannists competed in both the Titis Parisiens and the Open de Toulouse Competitions. Beginners and more experienced Cannists were at both competitions, and all did well against the highest standard of International fighters, no one was placed but all acquitted themselves to a very satisfactory standard of technique. Morgan Alexander represented GBSF in the World Canne de Combat Championships in Croatia in September, competing confidently against strong opposition, including World Champion Nicole Holzmann.

In November, the instructor training committee approved Nicole Holzmann and Thomas Horstmeyer for Moniteur and Initiateur level instructorship, which will be granted when they gain first aid qualifications. Nicole and Thomas are highly experienced international cannists and we are very excited to have them in the UK. They have been teaching a number of private seminars, and we look forward to them teaching for the GBSF in the near future.

Jon West, July 2017

Technical Gradings

In-club gradings were successful this year with three opportunities to grade and successful gradings in blue, green and red glove

8th June 2016, Cambridge: 4 Blue

19th November 2016, London: 6 Blue 3 Red

4th March 2017, London: 6 Blue, 3 Green

Domestic Championships

British Savate Assaut Championships, Farncombe, Surrey, 23rd July 2016

Over 32 athletes participated with 22 contesting British titles, with visitors from Ireland and from Reims, France.

The list of champions is as follows:

F56 Nathalie Char (London)

F70 Morgan Alexander (Cambridge)

M65 James Plaistowe (Guildford)

M75 James Antill (Guildford)

M80 James Southwood (London)

M85 Kalle Heinola (Oxford)

M150 Jon Schwochert (London)

There were more female champions than in recent years, a trend that we hope will continue!

International Championships

World Assaut Championships, Varazdin, Croatia, 7-10th September 2016

The GB team of six athletes walked away with four medals from the World Assaut Championships 2016.

F60 Rachel Shore (Bronze)

F70 Morgan Alexander (Bronze)

M56 George Bushaway

M65 James Plaistowe

M75 James Antill (Bronze)

M80 James Southwood (Silver)

Officials: Jasbir Nagi, Will Noble

World Canne de Combat Championships, Varazdin, Croatia, 7-10th September 2016

F Morgan Alexander

Official: Jasbir Nagi

Squad Training

Over this year, the training for the World Assaut Championships 2016 in Varazdin, Croatia was completed, and the start of the new season began with an Allez! Training day in Oxford. A round up of the year's Squad Training events is as follows:

5th June 2016, Cambridge: Squad training and selection

- Training from Morgan Alexander
- World Assaut Team selection offers were made

21st August 2016, London: Squad training

- Fine tuning for the World Assaut Championships
- A review of point scoring for fighters with Jasbir Nagi

25th February 2017, Oxford: Allez! Training Day

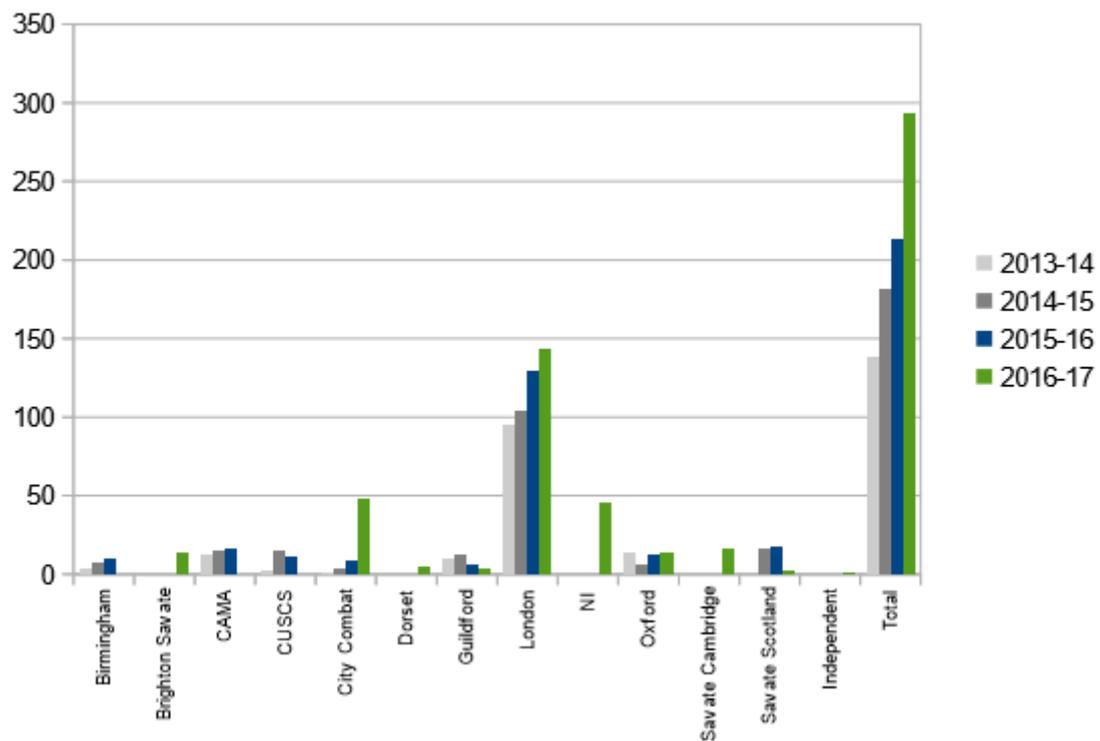
- Seminar with Annukka Volotinen
- Circuit training with Karl Beacham
- With thanks to Kalle Heinola for technical training and hosting

Membership report

We welcome two new clubs which have contributed to a healthy 37% growth in member numbers, year on year.

Club	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Birmingham	4	8	10	-
Brighton Savate	-	-	-	14
CAMA	13	15	17	-
CUSCS	2	15	11	-
City Combat	1	4	9	48
Dorset	-	-	-	5
Guildford	10	13	6	4
London	95	104	130	144
NI	-	-	-	46
Oxford	14	6	13	14
Savate Cambridge	-	-	-	17
Savate Scotland	-	17	18	2
Independent	-	-	-	1
Total	139	182	214	294

Note: CUSCS changed their name to Savate Cambridge in November, incorporating students formerly affiliated with CAMA, following the AGM.



James Southwood, June 2017

Accounts

GBSF license fees are still strong at £1400. This is the same as 2015-16, and 40% higher than 2014-15 (which had been stable for four years). This is partly due to increase in fees from £4 to £5, and partly through more GBSF members and clubs.

Grading income remains stable, at a similar level for the last 4 years.

Expenses are again stable at £1400, again at a similar level for at least 4 years, although slowly increasing by a few percent each year.

Events income appears artificially high in these accounts since the GBSF did not receive a hall hire invoice during this year.

Overall, a strong federal income means that the GBSF has a healthy surplus, trending at around £400 GBP, if current membership figures are retained.

Jasbir Nagi, July 2017

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Preliminary Accounts year ending 5th April 2017

Federal Income

individual membership fees	953.00
club fees	388.00
initiateur fees	125.00
TOTAL	1466.00

Grading Income

Cambridge Sept 2016	60.00
London Nov 2016	90.00
London Mar 2017	90.82
TOTAL	240.82

Income from events

British Champs July 2016	205.92
TOTAL	205.92

Main Outgoings

Sports Rec Alliance May 2016	(192.00)
Martialguard Jan 2017	(691.05)
Forwarding address	(12.00)
Fisav Jan 2017	(490.00)
CESav	(95.00)
TOTAL	(1,480.05)

Affiliation fees breakdown

London	36.00
Dorset	36.00
Cambridge	36.00
City Combat	36.00
Oxford	36.00
Brighton	50.00
Northern Ireland	50.00
Scotland	36.00
Bow Boxe	36.00
Guildford	36.00

License fees breakdown

London	635
Oxford	85
Independents	5
Dorset	5
City Combat	183
Cambridge	40

TOTAL INCOMINGS	1912.74
TOTAL OUTGOINGS	(1,480.05)
Surplus/Deficit for 2015/2016 GBSF year	432.69