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Hi Friend its almost 2020!

Hi there, hope you are looking forward to the Christmas break!

Update from Hannah

The last couple of months have been a busy time for me out on the road getting to come and meet so many clubs! Its been a great chance to not only put some faces to names but to get out and see our sport in action.

Thank you to anyone I have seen on my travels and if I haven't made it your way yet why not invite me along. It would be great to see you if you have an event or even just a club night. E-mail me; hannah.gavin@britishfencing.com



I have been attending some visits with Rob Cawdron, our Pathway Development Officer, and we have been making an effort to understand the current problems and successes that clubs are facing.

The visits have sparked a lot of discussions that have seemingly centred on some common themes;

- Clarity of competition structures and pathway. Also linked here is calendars.
- British Fencing's Membership sign up process
- Promotion of Website Resources

Rob and I have been taking all feedback, good and bad, back to head office in order to start discussions.

MEMBERSHIP

INTRODUCTION MEMBERSHIP

Make sure your members get their 90 free days today!

We have seen a huge pick in our Introductory Membership over the last few months. The membership offers 90 days free cover, ideal for those starting out as part of a beginner course or coming back into the sport after some time away.

All memberships come with free access to online copies of our in house magazine The Sword and various levels of insurance dependant upon your membership type.

Please encourage your members to check out our website for more information; click [here](#).

GENERAL INFORMATION

Are you looking to expand your workforce?

British fencing offer a FREE advertising service on our Website and Facebook Page for anyone looking for a new member of their team.

Simply fill out the relevant information on the form [here](#) and your advert will be listed for 30 days.



THE GB CUP

The GB Cup is back!

The 2020 GB Cup will take place alongside the BYCs on Friday 8th – Sunday 10th May with one weapon competing per day. We feel this is an exciting opportunity to bring a lot of fencers together under one roof and really demonstrate the fantastic, welcoming community we are a part of.

Following on from historic feedback and more recent conversations, it has been decided that we would like to allow anyone wishing to take part in GB Cup to do so under a Recreational Membership as opposed to having to have a Full Compete Membership. In allowing this we are looking to support the ethos of the competition which is aimed at novice and intermediate fencers who are relatively new to competition.

Anyone taking part in the GB Cup under a Recreational Membership will only be permitted to do so for one year only as we hoped it provides a stepping stone into further competition.

Contact your Region to find out when and where your qualifying competitions are being held and check out our website for more information [here](#).



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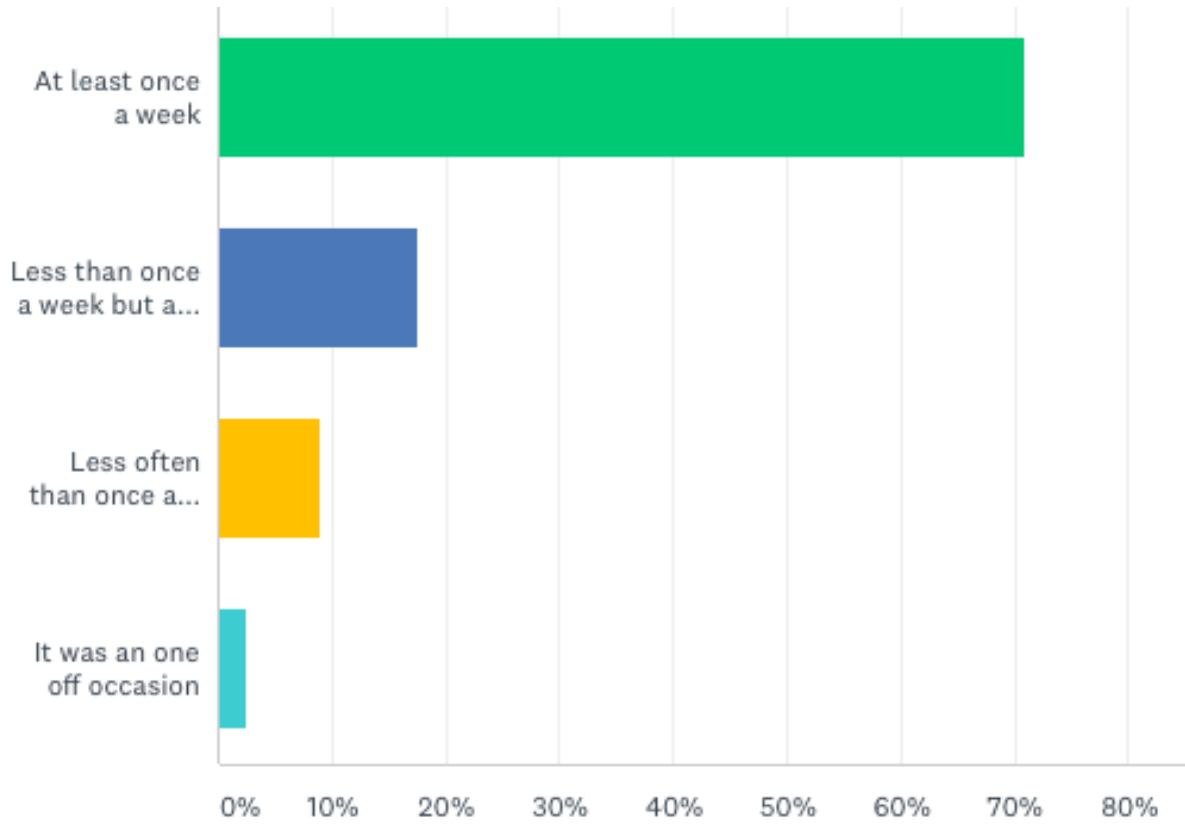
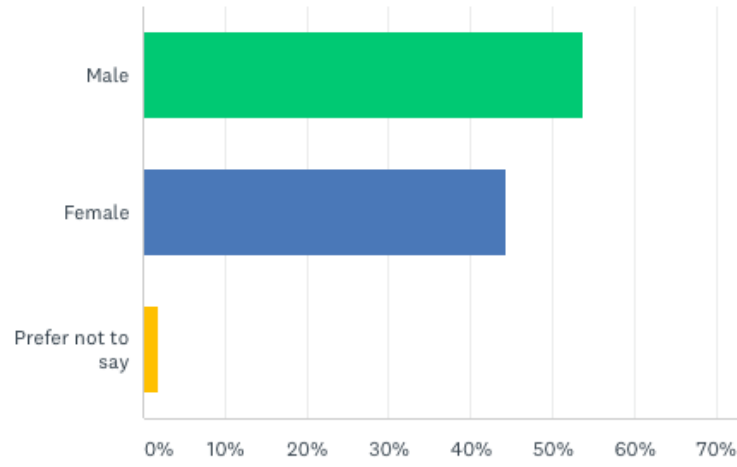


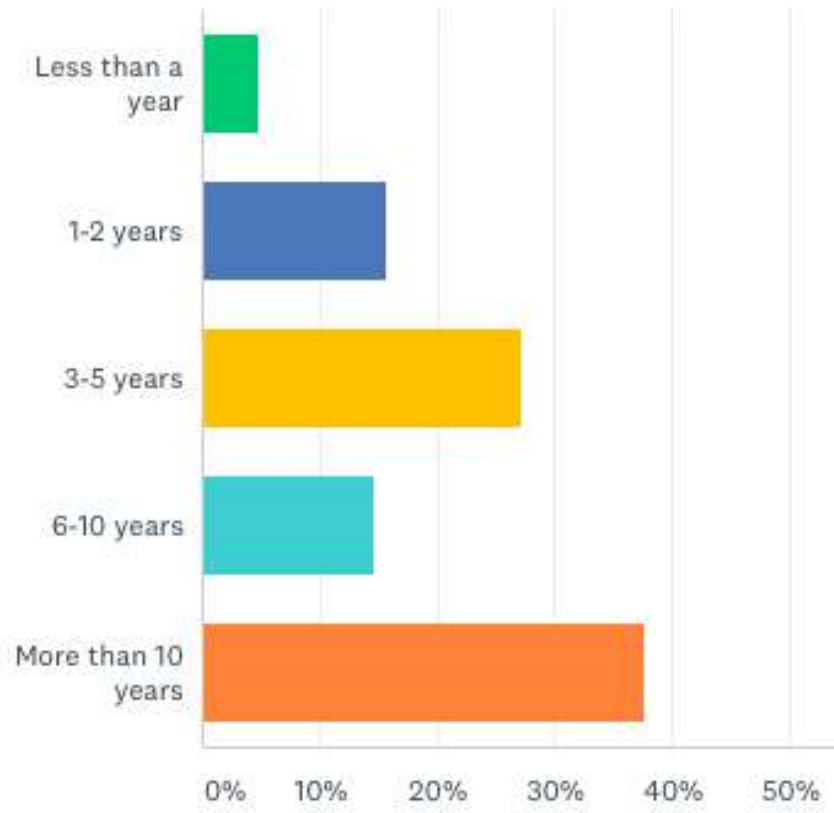
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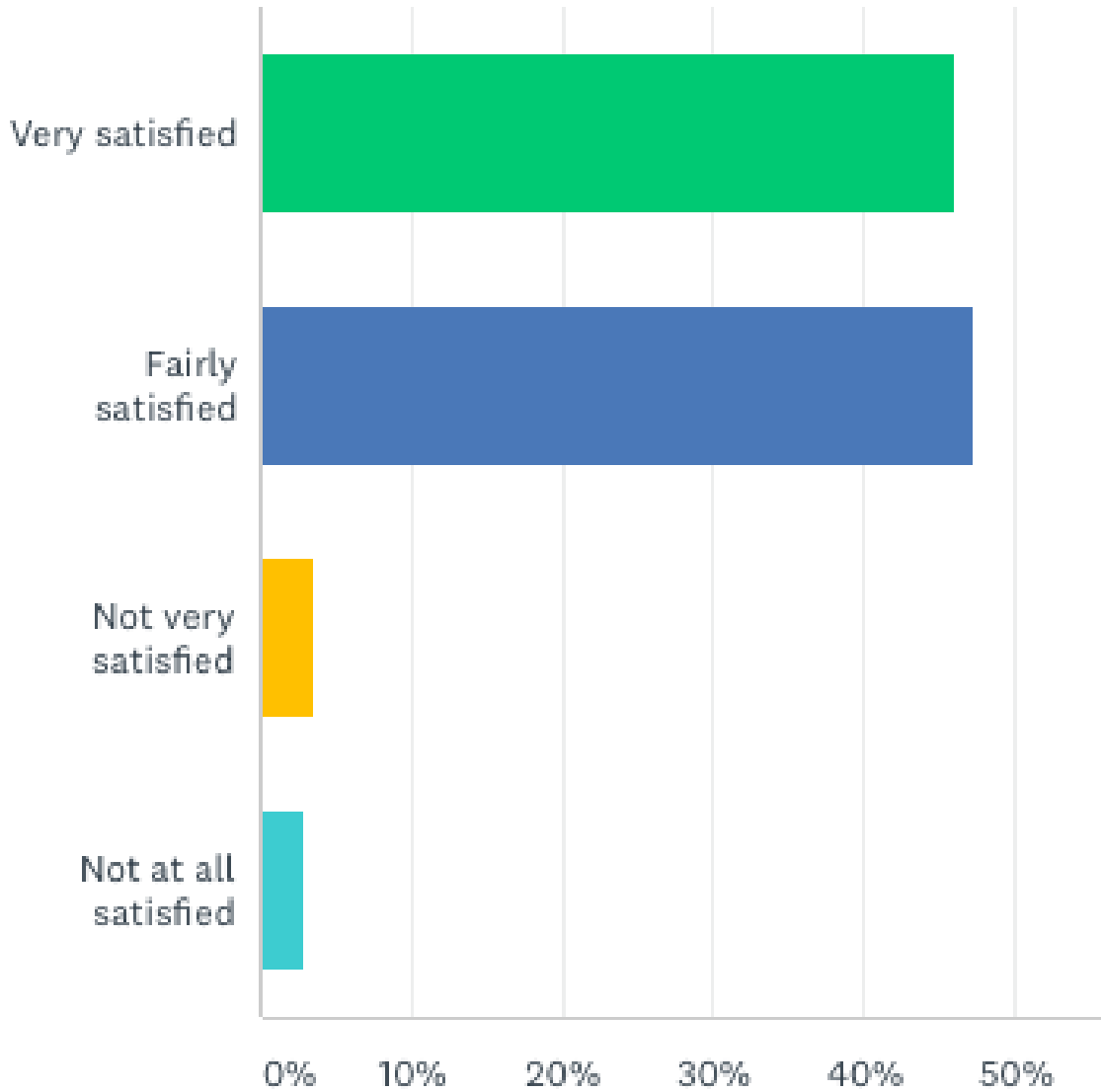
Thank you to those of you who either completed or promoted the volunteer survey in the summer.

The responses provided some excellent insight into not only the roles that are common across club fencing but also highlighted areas for potential improvement. We have been working closely with the National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) to uncover what the data is telling us and suggest sensible next steps.

Here's a breakdown in numbers of the responses;







It's great to see that we had a fairly evenly split representation of men and women in the survey. Of those that responded most had been volunteering for over 10 years and 70% volunteer at least once a week.

It was also good to see that most participants were satisfied with their experience.

As I've mentioned we will be looking deeper into the responses to work to do better for our volunteers going forward.

NEWS

Updates you may have missed

We regularly release important updates on our website so please make sure to check in from time to time to see what's new!



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