

FRIENDS OF TOURNAMENT

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£333,000+ RAISED TO DATE

Friends of Tournament November 2023

- **Gross amount raised to date – £333,227**
- **Jill Howard Legacy Fund - £205,713**
- **Prize Money – £90,108**
- **After Prizes – £243,120**
- **Spend to Date - £203,698**
 - Skier & Team Grants - £118,715
 - Development Days – £23,062
 - Training Camps - £12,945
 - Backyard Events - £2,189
 - Trick/Jump Skis - £8,832
 - Squad Training - £19,308
 - Coaching Vouchers & JC Award - £5,435
 - Paintings and Prints - £2,425
 - Promotional Merchandise - £10,786
- **Available Funds – £39,422**
- **FoT Bank Account @ 06/11223 - £49,396**
- **Jill Howard Legacy Fund - £205,713**
- **Final Spend 2022 - £50,543**
- **Carry over into 2023 - £60,423**
- **Projected Spend 2023 - £65,755**
- **Projected carry over into 2024 - £38,089**
- **194 balls in the bag this month with prizes of £1,576.25**

1st - £525.42

2nd - £420.33

3rd - £315.25

4th - £210.17

5th - £105.08

- **So far 304 prizes have gone to 120 different winners.**



The 200 Club Draw

The 83rd 200 Club, November 2023 prize draw has taken place but without the famous “Balls in the Bag” Instead a Random Number spinning wheel was used: and the lucky winners are:



- 1st Phillipa Shedd No. 31 - £525.42
- 2nd The Elliot Family No.135 - £420.33
- 3rd Marlon Withers No.149 - £315.25
- 4th George Hazelwood No.11 - £210.17
- 5th David Stevenson No. 61 - £105.08

Congratulations to them and a big thank you to everyone who supports FoT through the 200 Club. The final draw of 2023 will take place at the BWSW AGM on 14th January.

A video of the draw can be seen via the following link:

<https://www.facebook.com/100063587380602/videos/375990191495854>

THE 200 CLUB

For the second month since August 2022 we had less than 200 “Balls in the Bag” so need to recruit some more members to FoT and the 200 Club. With over **£333,000** raised to date so after 200 Club prizes this amounts to over **£243,000** available to support competitive waterskiing. Of this almost **£204,000** has been spent as outlined in the statistics column on this page.

[We want to keep membership of the 200 Club at 200 but have some numbers available as we come](#)

to the end of 2023 onwards that we need to sell. So, if you, your friends, or your club would like to join the 200 Club for the next available numbers a sign-up form can be downloaded here:

<http://www.tournamentwaterskiing.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/200-Club-Sign-Up-Form-2023.docx>

Jill Howard Legacy Fund



A reminder that we have invested most of the fund in several high interest accounts for 12 months giving an aggregate 5.77% return. We have kept £15,000 back in our everyday savings account for the first spend from the fund in 2024. As previously stated we want to use the money each year on projects that we believe Jill would have appreciated and would welcome ideas on this. We will update early in 2024 when some decisions have been made.

Development Days 2024

FoT Development Days give the opportunity to young skiers who are not yet competing or have just started to compete to experience a day of focused high-level coaching. All participants are given a free British Competition Licence after the event.

We are now developing the programme for 2024. If your club would like to host one of these days please contact Dush at dushylukic@hotmail.com

The D Days completed this year were fully subscribed and very successful.

We are also looking for a couple of volunteers who would work with Dush in the running of these events. We always have a "FoT Ambassador" at every Development Day to help it run smoothly and to talk to the young skiers and parents. Distribution of Goodie Bags etc. If you would like to get involved and help, please drop Dush a line.

FoT Promotional Merchandise

FoT has a range of promotional merchandise including polo shirts, towels and baseball caps. These are all available for the following prices. Baseball Cap - £12, Polo Shirt - £20, Cotton Bath Sheet - £30 and Microfibre Bath Sheet - £25. We now also have White and Royal Blue T Shirts in Youth sizes for £10. Look out for them at future competitions. If you would like to get any of these please email Gavin Kelly for more information at gvnkelly@aol.com.



FoT Loan Kit

FoT also has a range of skis and other gear, largely donated by generous supporters, that is available for loaning out. We need to replenish stocks and if you have any kit, skis, ropes or handles you no longer need please consider donating them to FoT. Contact Dush or Gavin if you have anything to donate. **We have a pause on the loan kit scheme at the moment while we reorganise the way we manage it. Our aim is to relaunch it next season.**

We need a couple of volunteers to organise, promote and manage the Loan Kit Scheme. Can you help? The current stock is located at Hazlewoods so ideally someone who is not far away from there.

FoT Final Spend 2023 & Projected Spend 2024



We are approaching the end of the season and so are looking at the FoT budgets for next year. The initial estimates are that our projected spend will be around £55,000. Our Covid years war chest has sustained a high level of spending for a couple of years but we now need to budget for a little less going forward. Our spend for this year has so far been £61,538.23 but our full year spend is now forecast at around £65,700.

Skier & Team Grants	£30,859.37
Development Days	£8,082.70
Backyard Events	£2,189.40
Training Camps	£5,050.00
Squad Training	£4,500.00
Nationals Medals	£779.34
Promotional Merchandise	£7,985.22
Handicap Prizes/Coaching Vouchers	£2,092.20
TOTAL TO DATE	£61,538.23

Seasons Greetings and a Happy New Year to All,

*Season's
Greetings*

Gavin, Dusko and Stuart

FoT Committee

Photo by Johnny Hayward

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Take part, download
and register today!



200 CLUB

DEVELOPING COMPETITIVE WATERSKIING

What is the 200 Club?

It is a monthly lottery with a maximum of 200 participants. Tickets cost £25 per month.

Why Join?

Chance of winning between £108 and £541 each month while supporting Waterski in the UK.

Who Owns it?

Run by BWSW Ltd, Friends of Tournament fund raising sub committee.

Where does the money go?

So far over £87,000 has been paid out in prizes and the remainder builds the fund.

In September 2023 the winners took:

1st £541.67, 2nd £433.33,
3rd £325.00, 4th £216.67,
5th £108.33. Over £327,000
has been raised so far.

LOTTERY PRIZE DRAW

Who can Join?

Individuals, clubs and businesses can all have a ticket in the 200 Club.



FUNDING THE ATHLETES OF THE FUTURE together.

