

# FRIENDS OF TOURNAMENT

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## £338,000+ RAISED TO DATE

### Friends of Tournament December 2023

- **Gross amount raised to date – £338,016**
- **Jill Howard Legacy Fund - £205,747**
- **Prize Money – £91,651**
- **After Prizes – £246,365**
- **Spend to Date - £206,208**
  - Skier & Team Grants - £118,715
  - Development Days – £25,572
  - 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 – £40,157**
- **FoT Bank Account @ 10/01/2023 - £49,228**
- **Jill Howard Legacy Fund - £205,747**
- **Final Spend 2022 - £50,543**
- **Carry over into 2023 - £60,423**
- **Final Spend 2023 - £64,048**
- **Projected carry over into 2024 - £40,157**
- **190 balls in the bag this month with prizes of £1,543.75**

1<sup>st</sup> - £514.58

2<sup>nd</sup> - £411.67

3<sup>rd</sup> - £308.75

4<sup>th</sup> - £205.83

5<sup>th</sup> - £102.92

- **So far 309 prizes have gone to 122 different winners.**



### The 200 Club Draw

The 84th 200 Club, December 2023 prize draw has taken place at the BWSW AGM with 190 balls in the bag and the lucky winners are:

1st Jean-Paul No.76 - £514.58

2nd Sale Waterski Club No. 103 - £411.67

3rd James Timothy No.67 - £305.75

4th Helen Newby-Ricci No. 39 - £205.83

5th Gavin Kelly No.14 - £102.92

Congratulations to them and a big thank you to everyone who supports FoT through the 200 Club. The final draw of 2023 marks seven years of FoT. A video of the draw can be seen via the following links:

<https://www.facebook.com/100063587380602/videos/1047248186497004>

<https://www.facebook.com/100063587380602/videos/365809009490199>

### THE 200 CLUB

We want to keep membership of the 200 Club at 200 if possible but now have some numbers available as we start 2024. So, if you, your friends, or your club would like to join the 200 Club for the next available numbers a signup form can be downloaded [here](#):

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

**It would be great to sign up more clubs. As you can see from the draw winners this month your club funds may benefit while supporting the sport.**

## Reflections

Remarkably it is now seven years since we created Friends of Tournament (FoT) to raise money to support both the elite end of the sport and grassroots development. As you can see in the statistics on page one almost a quarter of a million pounds has been raised thanks to the generosity of all the FoT supporters and of this £206,000 has been spent supporting the sport here in the UK.

Half the money raised each year supports our elite skiers with Participation Grants to help towards the costs of going to European and World Championships.

The other half is spent on various "Development" initiatives. The main one being the annual programme of Development Days providing top level coaching to young skiers generally not yet competing in competitions. In 2023 this programme culminated in 27 youngsters attending the first Youth Festival event at the National Championships. Support is also given for Backyard Competitions, various Training Camps, Squad Training Days and our loan kit scheme.

But we are limited in what FoT does simply due to lack of people to help organize and run some of these activities.

Despite this FoT has achieved more in it's first seven years than we ever thought possible. Hopefully this momentum can be built on in the next seven years.

## Jill Howard Legacy Fund



**We have already received £205,000 and a final payment anticipated to be around £10,000 is expected to be paid in the next few weeks. The bulk of the money is on deposit for 12 months with an interest rate of 5.77%. Decisions will be made in the coming months on how Jill's wonderful legacy will be used.**

## Development Days 2024

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](mailto:dushylukic@hotmail.com)

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](mailto:gvnkelly@aol.com).



### FoT Loan Kit

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



Our final spend for 2023 was £64,408 and the breakdown of this is shown below.

The initial plans are that our projected spend in 2024 will be around £62,000. We are gradually using the money that was saved during the Covid affected years to bolster our spending last year and next.

Skier & Team Grants	£30,859.37
Development Days/Youth Festival	£10,592.70
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
<b>TOTAL TO DATE</b>	<b>£64,048.23</b>

Gavin, Dusko and Stuart

FoT Committee

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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.



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