

FRIENDS OF TOURNAMENT

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£352,300+ RAISED TO DATE

Friends of Tournament February 2024

- **Gross amount raised to date – £352,329**
- **Prize Money – £94,678**
- **After Prizes – £257,656**
- **Spend to Date - £206,523**
 - 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 - £11,086
- **Available Funds – £51,133**
- **FoT Bank Account @ 11/03/2024 - £60,453**
- **Jill Howard Legacy Fund - £205,764**
- **Final Spend 2022 - £50,543**
- **Carry over into 2023 - £60,423**
- **Final Spend 2023 - £64,048**
- **Carry over into 2024 - £40,157**
- **184 balls in the bag this month with prizes of £1,495.00**
 - 1st - £498.33
 - 2nd - £398.67
 - 3rd - £299.00
 - 4th - £199.33
 - 5th - £99.67
- **So far 324 prizes have gone to 126 different winners.**



The 200 Club Draw

The 86th 200 Club, February 2024 prize draw has taken place with 184 balls in the bag and the lucky winners are:

- 1st Nick McGarry No. 26 - £498.33
- 2nd Ivar Fosse No. 169 - £398.67
- 3rd John Philips No. 176 - £299.00
- 4th John Philips No. 172 - £199.67
- 5th Kelly Atkins No. 129 - £99.67

Congratulations to them and a big thank you to everyone who supports FoT through the 200 Club. We are now into our 8th year of FoT.

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

<https://www.facebook.com/100063587380602/videos/936220954582457>

THE 200 CLUB

We want to keep membership of the 200 Club at 200 if possible but we have dropped down a few 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. Your club funds may benefit while supporting the sport.

FoT Acquires a new Sponsor for 2024



FoT is pleased to announce a new sponsor for 2024.

Eddie Stobart Limited a company in the Culina Group has provided a very generous sponsorship to support FoT activities in 2024

With a proven track record of delivery across multiple industries, Stobart operates the UKs largest pay as you go shared user network which delivers market leading service, capacity, and value. This is underpinned by an investment in the class leading technology required to deliver service in these demanding market conditions.

Operating 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, Stobart specialise in the Retail, Consumer, and e-commerce sectors, and work with some of the world's most well-known brands.

We are delighted and very appreciative for this generous support and will profile the company at many FoT events during the year.

David Pickering, CEO of Eddie Stobart Ltd said that the company was pleased to support the BWSW Friends of Tournament initiative and hoped that in particular the sponsorship would help FoT continue with its Youth Development initiatives.

Jill Howard Legacy Fund



How we use Jills legacy going forward has now been agreed. £15,000 will be spent from the fund each year. With some interest earned the fund will last for about 16 years. Jill was first and foremost an Official, International Judge, Scorer and Homologator as well as having a keen interest in Youth Development, the spending plans reflect her interests.

1. Officials Training. - £2,000
2. The Jill Howard Youth Development Grants
 - a. 3 x £1,000 for U21/U17/U14 Squad Boys and Girls. Application Form available here:
a. <http://www.tournamentwaterskiing.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Jill-Howard-Legacy-Youth-Development-Grants.docx>
 - b. 6 x £500 for Development Day participants from 2023. Application Form available here:
<http://www.tournamentwaterskiing.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Jill-Howard-Legacy-Youth-Development-Grants.docx>
3. Backyard Event Support - £3,000
4. Youth Festival Funding - £1,000
5. Technical Grant for Clubs - £2,000

- a. 4 x £500 grant to clubs needing support to start holding events. Application Form available here:

<http://www.tournamentwaterskiing.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/JHL-Technical-Grants-2024.docx>

6. The Annual Jill Howard Cup Event - £1,000

- a. This would be an Open competition but with a focus on Youth Skiers.

More details about these projects will be communicated in the coming months.

Development Days 2024

We are now developing the programme for 2024. Potentially we will have eleven or twelve Development Days this year. Provisional details are:

Date	Site	Coach	Host Name
26/05/2024	Town Loch	Glenn Campbell	Chris Heron
27/05/2024	Cotswold	Tom Parkin	Meg Poulton-Stowe
29/05/2024	Lound	Glenn Campbell	Marc Grinhaff
31/05/2024	Southlake	Damien Ackerer	Damien Ackerer
08/06/2024	Ellingham	Tom Parkin	James Winwood
22/06/2024	Llangorse	Tom Parkin	Martyn Reakes
05/08/2024	Chichester	Tom Parkin	Duke Hazzard
07/08/2024	Rickmansworth	Tom Parkin	James Timothy
13/08/2024	Gosfield	Ben Turp	Ben Turp
August tbc	Oxford	Steve Glanfield	Steve Glanfield

These events will shortly be loaded onto the IWWF Event Management System where Bulletins and sign up forms can be found. <https://ems.iwwf.sport/>

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

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.

Our projected spend in 2024 will be around £63,100

Projected spend 2024

Grants for European and World Events	£33,100
Development Days	£12,500
Training Camps	£5,000
Youth Squad Training	£5,000
Training Vouchers	£4,200
Equipment/Merchandising/Nationals Medals	£3,300

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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