

# FRIENDS OF TOURNAMENT

## £410,000+ RAISED TO DATE

### Friends of Tournament February 2025

- **Gross amount raised to date – £410,625**
- **Prize Money – £112,354**
- **After Prizes – £297,904**
- **Spend to Date - £261,798**
  - Skier & Team Grants - £143,705
  - Development Days – £38,364
  - Training Camps - £19,195
  - Backyard Events - £2,189
  - Trick/Jump Skis/Medals - £10,315
  - Squad Training - £23,057
  - Coaching Vouchers & JC Award - £8,586
  - Paintings and Prints - £2,425
  - Promotional Merchandise - £12,840
- **Available Funds – £36,106**
- **FoT Bank Account @ 28/02/2025 - £31,899**
- **FoT Funds in Insignis Funds - £17,722**
- **Jill Howard Legacy Fund Bank - £17,899**
- **JHLF Investments - £204,582**
- **Final Spend 2024 - £50,275**
- **Carry over to 2025 - £35,521**
- **Projected Spend 2025 - £62,200**
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- **174 balls in the bag this month with prizes of £1,413.75**
  - **1st - £471.25**
  - **2nd - £377.00**
  - **3rd - £282.75**
  - **4th - £188.50**
  - **5th - £94.25**
- **So far 384 prizes have gone to 139 different winners.**



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#### The 200 Club Draw

The 98th 200 Club, February 2025 prize draw has taken place. With 174 numbers this month and a prize pot of £1,413.75 the lucky winners are:

- 1st Andy Phillips No. 79 £471.25
- 2nd Sylvia Philips No. 66 £377.00
- 3rd Sarah Mead & Family No.182 £282.75
- 4th Julie Crudden No. 65 £188.50
- 5th Glen Campbell No.177 £94.25

Congratulations to them and a big thank you to everyone who supports FoT through the 200 Club.

We are now into our 8<sup>th</sup> year of FoT and have raised a gross amount of over £410,000, a fantastic achievement thanks to the generosity of all the FoT supporters.

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

[hwww.facebook.com/100063587380602/videos/550193207443075](https://www.facebook.com/100063587380602/videos/550193207443075)

We want to keep membership of the 200 Club at 200 if possible but we have dropped down a few since the start of 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.**

## **Development and Training Days 2025**

### **Development Days**

The following Development days have been confirmed:

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May - [Town Loch](#)

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May - [Cotswold](#)

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May - [Southlake](#)

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May - [White Rose](#)

These will be traditional Development Days, available to the usual cohort of skiers.

### **Invitational 'Talent Spot' Trick/Slalom Days**

We have decided to refine the offering this year and propose to run an invitational 'talent spot' day at [Rickmansworth](#) and possibly at an additional site this year. This initiative will focus on strong, young skiers who may have the potential to ski for Britain in the future. More details to come.

### **Invitational Jump Camp**

We shall also offer an invitational jump event to create a cohort of young competitive skiers in the jump event. This will focus primarily on those skiers we have already taught to jump from prior Development Days, and we hope will create a strong bond between those skiers too. More details to come.

### **Youngsters' Intro' Days**

We are also proposing one or two intro days for young skiers feeding into clubs. Again, more details to follow as plans are finalised.

### **Under-21 Slalom/SBD3/Coaching/Judging Camp**

Finally, we have agreed that we should run a day, for promising under-21(non-team) skiers who have much to offer as both skiers and officials in the future. The idea would be to enhance their skiing and competition preparation whilst also preparing them for SBD3 Driver qualifications alongside coaching and judging qualifications. This might be a one or two day affair and is work in progress.

So, an ambitious programme for 2025 building on 7 years of Development Day experience

## **Technical Grants**

FoT offers Technical Grants to Clubs seeking to upgrade their technical kit required to run competitions. With technology constantly evolving this can be off putting to competition organisers, whether "commercial" or members clubs. Last year we received four applications for the four available grants. This year have had nine applications for the four grants which is terrific. After reviewing the applications which are all commendable, we have decided to award a £500 grant to all nine.

The nine clubs involved are:

Bluebird Deaf, Denham, Cirencester, Gosfield, Hazelwoods, Wiremill, Town Loch, Thorpe, and Longside Lake.

Their projects include, new digital cameras and transmitters, a boat mounted jump distance display, repairs to a jump to make it competition ready. The FoT grant is at best a contribution towards the cost of these projects but hopefully a welcome one.

## **Squad Training**

FoT has organized Squad Training days every year focused on our U21 and Youth Squad skiers. These sessions have allowed our skiers who will be representing Team GB at European and world titled events to spend time training together. This year the European Youth Championships are in mid July and it is proving difficult to find suitable dates for Squad training in advance of this event and outside school time.

So, for this year FoT will give each UK based Squad skier from all categories, five Coaching vouchers that can be used at Hazelwoods, Gosfield, Thorpe, Dams or Oxford. Of course, this enables the skiers to have a little bit of subsidized training at their chosen time.

## **Backyard Event Support**

There are more Backyard events on the calendar this year with the successful Cotswold Series expanding to six events, Scotland with their usual four and the new four stop London Series.

FoT will provide £300 worth of support for each event in the form of merchandise for prizes, cash for specific items such as new handles for the competitions of a free BBQ for participants.

The Backyard events are providing a great entry into the competition world for club skiers and hopefully many will progress to Ranking List events and National Championships

## **Loan Kit Scheme**

The Loan Kit Scheme is now being managed by Cora Coster and Adele Fearn. The arrangements are that a piece of equipment can be borrowed for six months but then must either be returned or purchased. An extension to the loan period can also be requested. Adele and Cora will be available for any kit donations at the 1<sup>st</sup> comp/conference at Hazelwoods over the May Bank Holiday weekend. If anyone is looking for kit please contact Adele or Cora to see what is available. Cora Coster at [cora@carpolinsurance.co.uk](mailto:cora@carpolinsurance.co.uk) or Adele Fearn at [adelefearn99@gmail.com](mailto:adelefearn99@gmail.com)

## **Projected Spend 2025**

### **FoT Basic**

The FoT Committee, Dush, Stuart and Gavin met recently to discuss activities for 2025. Of course, most activities carry on from Year to Year but our projected spend for 2025 is £62,200. This is only possible because of the war-chest we accumulated during the Covid years, which is reducing every year. With a £62k spend we are forecasting a carryover amount into 2026 of around £16k.

Participation Grants for World and E&A Championships	£34,000
Development Days	£12,500
Development Day Individual Grants	£1,500
Training Camps	£2,500
Squad Training Vouchers	£5,000
Nationals Medals	£1,000
Coaching Vouchers 2024/25	£2,700
Equipment/Merchandise Purchases	£3,000

**Grand Total Spend**

**£62,200**

**Jill Howard Legacy Fund**



Although flexible the general plan is to spend around £17k each year on projects that Jill would have appreciated. This would mean the fund lasting for about 15 years. So for 2025 the plan so far is as follows:

Five Squad Grants	£5,000
Backyard Event Support	£4,200
Jill Howard Youth Festival	£1,000
Technical Support Grants	£4,500
Officials Support/Training	£2,000
To be allocated	£300
	<b>£17,000</b>

The Youth Festival this year will be a stand-alone event and not part of the National Championships. It will be renamed the Jill Howard Youth Festival. More details will be published in later Newsletters.

Details of these various programmes will be announced as they are finalised.

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# 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?

If fully subscribed, a 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 £112,000 has been paid out in prizes and the remainder builds the fund.

### In February 2025 the winners took:

1st £471.25, 2nd £377.00,  
3rd £282.75, 4th £188.50,  
5th £94.25. Over £410,000  
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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OF THE FUTURE together.**