FRIENDS OF TOURNAMENT

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£327,000+ RAISED TO DATE

Friends of Tournament October 2023

- Gross amount raised to date £327,408
- Jill Howard Legacy Fund £205,695
- Prize Money £88,466
- After Prizes £238,942
- Spend to Date £202,947
- Skier & Team Grants £118,715
- Development Days £22,311
- 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 £35,994
- FoT Bank Account @ 14/11/23 £48,851
- Jill Howard Legacy Fund £205,695

Final Spend 2022 - £50,543

Carry over into 2023 - £60,423

- **Projected Spend 2023 £66,462**
- Projected carry over into 2024 £38,078
- 200 balls in the bag this month with prizes of £1,625.00

1st - £541.67

2nd - £433.33

3rd - £325.00

4th - £216.67

5th - £1108.33

So far 304 prizes have gone to 120 different winners.





The 200 Club Draw

The 82nd 200 Club, September 2023 prize draw has taken place at the FoT Waterski Ball in Northampton with "200 Balls in the Bag" and the lucky winners are:

1st Dusko Lukic	£541.67 No.72
2nd Team Blubird	£433.33 No.83
3rd Bill Atkins	£325.00 No.74
4th Sylvia Phillips	£216.67 No.123
5th Colin Moynihan	£108.33 No.120

Congratulations to them and a big thank you to everyone who supports FoT through the 200 Club. A video of the draw can be seen via the following link:

https://www.facebook.com/100063587380602/videos/360632489767378

THE 200 CLUB

We have had 200 balls in the bag each month except one since August 2022. This month we managed to sell all the spare numbers and once more had 200 Balls in the draw. We have now hit over £327,000 raised to date. After 200 Club prizes this amounts to over £235,000 available to support competitive waterskiing. Of this £203,000 has been spent as outlined in the statistics column on this page.

We want to keep membership of the 200 Club at 200 but we have some numbers available from the October draw 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 signup form can be downloaded here:



The FoT Waterski Ball 2023

The Ball took place at the Hilton Hotel Northampton on 18th November. It was an enjoyable evening with Record Certificates being awarded. (27 new British Records achieved in 2023 by 9 different Skiers) The Mapple Outstanding Achievement Trophy was awarded jointly to Joel Poland and Freddie Winter.

Our Skiers who represented BWSW on the World and European stages this year were also acknowledged.

Jill Howard Legacy Fund



Please let us know if you have any thoughts about how we might use £15k - £17k of Jill's Fund each year. We have a number of ideas that we are considering but would welcome other input from all of you. The first of the fund payouts will be in 2024.

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 £60,000. Our spend for this year has so far been £61,538.23 but our full year spend is now forecast at around £66,500.

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

Gavin, Dusko and Stuart

FoT Committee



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.

Who can Join?

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

LOTTERY PRIZE DRAW





