

FRIENDS OF TOURNAMENT

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£388,230 RAISED TO DATE

Friends of Tournament - September 2024

- **Gross amount raised to date – £388,230**
- **Prize Money – £105,244**
- **After Prizes – £282,986**
- **Spend to Date - £252,175**
 - Skier & Team Grants - £141,005
 - Development Days – £37,615
 - Training Camps - £15,445
 - Backyard Events - £2,189
 - Trick/Jump Skis/Medals - £10,315
 - Squad Training - £23,057
 - Coaching Vouchers & JC Award - £7,605
 - Paintings and Prints - £2,425
 - Promotional Merchandise - £12,482
- **Available Funds – £30,811**
- **FoT Bank Account @ 05/10/2024 £26,219**
- **Jill Howard Legacy Fund Balance - £216,327**
- **Final Spend 2023 - £64,048**
- **Carry over into 2024 - £40,157**
- **Projected Spend 2024 - £51,358**
- **Spend to Date - £45,966**
- **Projected carry over to 2025 - £34,533**
- **185 balls in the bag this month with prizes of £1,503.13**
 - **1st - £501.04**
 - **2nd - £400.83**
 - **3rd - £300.63**
 - **4th - £200.42**
 - **5th - £100.21**
- **So far 354 prizes have gone to 134 different winners.**



The 200 Club Draw

The 93rd 200 Club, September 2024 prize draw has taken place. The draw took place at the BWSW Office in Chertsey. 184 numbers this month and the lucky winners are:

1st Paul Nott	No.15	£501.04
2nd Dan Brooks	No. 58	£400.83
3rd Andy Wrennall	No. 37	£300.63
4th Mike Burke	No. 35	£200.42
5th Simon Poole	No. 30	£100.21

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/477388668665422>

THE 200 CLUB

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.

Friends of Tournament 2024

The 2024 season has almost come to an end so thought it was worth reflecting on the FoT achievements this year.

- Firstly, FoT has so far spent over a quarter of a million pounds on its activities since it started.
- This year our 21 skiers (16 individuals) attending World and European Championships have received £22,290 in Participation Grants. These grants were £900 for Worlds and £700 for Europeans plus expenses for Team Captains and Team expenses.
- 10 Development Days have been held with over 60 individual young skiers involved.
- 10 Backyard Events have been supported with £300 worth of support each from the JHLF with FoT Merchandise and cash.
- 2 days of Squad Training took place at Hazelwoods Ski World.
- 2 Trick Training Camps coached by Nicholas Le Forestier
- A training camp at Gosfield before the Youth Trials.
- Winter Trick Training funded by 7 Squad Skier parents and the Coach provided by FoT.
- 85 Coaching Vouchers have been awarded worth £35 each
- From the JHLF 5 Squad Skiers received a grant of £1,000, 5 D Day skiers, £500, 5 Clubs a £500 Technical Upgrade Grant. In addition, an Officials Seminar took place funded by the JHLF.
- Loan Kit scheme is being relaunched.
- The second Youth Festival event took place at the National Championships with 24 participants. 19 2023 D Day participants entered National Championships events.

So, a lot of initiatives and all in all a successful year. We know that perhaps some may not agree with aspects of what we do but we think very carefully before deciding how to spend the money that you all contribute to make this possible. We welcome ideas for future initiatives so please let us you're your thoughts.



Jill Howard Legacy Fund

It is one year since the bulk of the Jill Howard legacy was invested in interest bearing accounts on the Ignisis Savings Platform. To set this up a minimum of £250,000 was required so the JHLF money was topped up with some FoT funds and some Waterski Committee reserve funds. The interest earned on the JHLF money in this first year less Corporation Tax of 19% has been £8,542.07. £17,000 has been withdrawn from the platform to fund JHLF initiatives in 2025. So, the current balance of the JHLF including this £17k is £222,421.40.

This balance has been reinvested on the savings platform over 1 year, 2 year and 3 year fixed interest accounts.

One of the initiatives that we hope to do annually is a Jill Howard Memorial Ranking List competition. We have not been able to organize it for this year but are looking for a club to host it in 2025. Please get in touch with us if your Club is interested.

Development Days 2025

To run a Development Day the following is required from the Club:

1. Exclusive lake and boat access for the day - boat could be provided by our sponsor, Midlands Nautique - or else an equivalent club boat.
2. **Qualified and Insured** driver - usually from the club. Relevant lake/club insurance in place.
3. Ropes and ski kit - some skis available from FoT (up for discussion).
4. Coach provided by FoT – Will be someone with an international pedigree as either skier, coach, or both.
5. Timetable is key here - mainly weekends or school holidays
6. Club House access for colder days/ability to provide access to some food/shelter/loos for skiers.
7. Slalom course
8. Jump is optional
9. Club to provide a light lunch for the participants.
10. **Willing Under-17 aged skiers of any standard below international. The younger the better. Primarily people who are prepared to commit to skiing regularly rather than just turn up for a free set. Beginners welcome, but then must show willingness to pursue a pathway into competitive skiing. Supportive parents are key ingredient.**
10. FoT ambassador to chat and advise parents and run the dock - could be any FoT committee member or a recognised skier.

If your Club is interested in hosting a Development Day in 2025 please email Dush at dushlukic@hotmail.com.

FoT Loan Kit Scheme

Cora Coster and Adele Fearn assisted by Lexie Coster are in the process of relaunching the Loan Kit Scheme and there will be a communication to all Clubs and Waterski members in due course. If you have skis or other kit to donate please contact them. Our main storage for Loan Kit stock is at Hazelwoods. Cora : cora.coster@carpolinsurance.co.uk and Adele : adelefearn99@gmail.com. Ski's and other equipment can be loaned for up to six months to young skiers wanting to try a new discipline, usually tricks or jump. After the loan period the kit can be returned or purchased from FoT.

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.



Projected Spend 2024



Our projected spend in 2024 is now around £53,120. This together with £16,200 from the JHLF this year means a total spend of around £69,320.

We are working on budgets and plans for 2025 and will update in future newsletters.

Grants for European and World Events	£22,290
Development Days	£12,050
Training Camps	£6,750
Youth Squad Training	£3,750
Training Vouchers	£4,800
Equipment/Merchandising/Nationals Medals	£3,480

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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.



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