

# FRIENDS OF TOURNAMENT

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## £383,500 RAISED TO DATE

### Friends of Tournament August 2024

- **Gross amount raised to date – £383,528**
- **Prize Money – £103,749**
- **After Prizes – £279,778**
- **Spend to Date - £244,009**
  - Skier & Team Grants - £135,455
  - Development Days – £36,795
  - Training Camps - £15,445
  - Backyard Events - £2,189
  - Trick/Jump Skis/Medals - £10,315
  - Squad Training - £23,057
  - Coaching Vouchers & JC Award - £5,830
  - Paintings and Prints - £2,425
  - Promotional Merchandise - £12,482
- **Available Funds – £35,770**
- **FoT Bank Account @ 02/09/2024 £31,596**
- **Jill Howard Legacy Fund Balance - £217,973**
- **Final Spend 2023 - £64,048**
- **Carry over into 2024 - £40,157**
- **Projected Spend 2024 - £53,200**
- **Spend to Date - £36,436**
- **Projected carry over to 2025 - £32,916**
- **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 - £108.33
- **So far 354 prizes have gone to 134 different winners.**



### The 200 Club Draw

The 92nd 200 Club, July 2024 prize draw has taken place. The draw took place at the 35+ Worlds in Sesena, Spain. 200 numbers this month and the lucky winners are:

1st No. 187	Lexie Coster	£541.67
2nd No. 182	Sarah Mead	£433.33
3rd No. 67	James Timothy	£325.00
4th No. 173	John Phillips	£216.67
5th No. 82	Lee Jackson	£108.33

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

<https://www.facebook.com/100063587380602/videos/887135823269105>

### 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.**



## Jill Howard Legacy Fund

*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.*

The Annual Jill Howard Memorial Award was initiated at the Nationals in 2022 to recognize an unsung hero who gave much to the sport without any recognition or reward. At this years Nationals there were a number of obvious candidates but after much consideration by the FoT Committee members the award was presented to Derek Young. Derek is a stalwart member at Hazelwoods who helps around the site but is known mostly for his amazing work at every competition as the Jetty Marshall. Derek is always unstinting in his work ethic and his organization of the Jetty ensuring that the event works smoothly. Derek was presented with the trophy by FOT Committee member, Stuart Hills.



## 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 [dushylukic@hotmail.com](mailto:dushylukic@hotmail.com).**

## FoT Youth Festival 2024

The 2024 FoT Youth Festival took place over two days of the National Championships held at Hazelwoods Ski World at the end of August. 23 Development Day youngsters took part in a Slalom Competition on the first day then were treated to a free Aquapark session and various on water training activities on the back lake on Day 2. It will definitely be on the agenda for next year.

## FoT Loan Kit Scheme



The FoT Loan Kit Scheme has been paused for a while now but we are pleased to say that we now have some volunteers who are going to relaunch the scheme and run it going forward. Cora Coster and Adele Fearn assisted by Lexie Coster started at the Nationals and have already received some donations. 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](mailto:cora.coster@carpolinsurance.co.uk) and Adele : [adelefearn99@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:gvnkelly@aol.com).



## Projected Spend 2024



Our projected spend in 2024 is now around £51,350. This together with £16,000 from the JHLF this year means a total spend of around £67,350.

This has reduced compared to the original forecast due to fewer than expected skiers going to European and World Championships.

Grants for European and World Events	£22,600
Development Days	£12,500
Training Camps	£5,000
Youth Squad Training	£3,750
Training Vouchers	£4,200
Equipment/Merchandising/Nationals Medals	£3,300

Gavin, Dusko and Stuart

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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?

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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