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200 CLUB RESULTS – April 2026

 Prize Pot: **£1,365.00**

168 members took part this month. Congratulations to our winners:

-  **Martin Winter** (No. 90) – £455.00
-  **Nicky Caine** (No. 55) – £364.00
-  **The Porter Family** (No. 108) – £273.00
-  **Nick McGarry** (No. 26) – £182.00
-  **The Waterski Academy** (No. 143) – £91.00

 Thank you to everyone supporting FoT through the 200 Club.

FoT IMPACT SNAPSHOT

 **Total Raised**  **Prize Money**  **Invested in Sport**  **Available Funds**

£474,450

£131,561

£315,970

£26,920

 Celebrating the **10th year of FoT** and over **£474k raised** for waterski.

HELP US GROW THE 200 CLUB

Membership has dipped since 2024 when we managed to sell 200 tickets for 14 months— and we want to build it back stronger.

Why join?

- Support grassroots and elite athletes
- Help clubs benefit financially
- Be part of something growing the sport

👉 Join here:

www.tournamentwaterskiing.org.uk/200-club

Clubs are especially encouraged to get involved.



📈 WHERE THE MONEY GOES

- 🏂 **Skier & Team Grants** – £177,305
- 🏠 **Development Days** – £42,892
- 🏕️ **Training Camps** – £19,195
- 🎯 **Squad Training** – £25,893
- 🏆 **Loan Equipment & Medals** – £15,771
- 🎓 **Coaching Support** – £11,885
- 🛍️ **Promotional Merchandise** – £17,379

🔍 DID YOU KNOW?

- 454 prizes have been
- 149 different winners
- £342k+ reinvested into the sport

● FEATURE: BACKYARD EVENT SUPPORT

It's great to see the growth in Backyard Events. Following in the very successful footsteps of the Cotswold Aeries (6 events this year) we have the second year of the London Series with 5 planned events and the Scotland Series launched this year with 6 events. FoT supports these events with a £200 package consisting of merchandise for prizes and some cash to help enhance the events with a free BBQ for example. Details can be found on Facebook where they all have dedicated pages.

● FEATURE: DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING DAYS 2026

Confirmed activities are:

- Two Development Days in Scotland, Town Loch and Aboyne 23rd and 24th May
- An invitational two-day Training Camp at Dams Watersports with Damien Ackerer on 26th and 27th May

- Development Day at Tallington Lakes on 27th June – Preference to Tallington based skiers but contact Danny Jays on 07364 127340 if you would like to register.
- The FoT Youth Festival at Tallington on 25th July – A Bulletin with information will be published soon.
- Development Day at Denham Waterski Club. 4th August – email Steven Plumridge at steve@denhamwaterski.com to register

Development Day participation costs £20 per day and participants must be Under 17.

If your club is interested in hosting a Development Day please contact Dush at dushylukic@hotmail.com

● FEATURE: COMPETITION CALENDAR 2026

Apart from Backyard events there are many Ranking List competitions on the calendar, plus of course our National Championships. Many of these events are already almost fully subscribed but there are also spaces to be filled on some. The calendar can be accessed via the IWWF Event Management System (EMS) which can be found at <https://ems.iwwf.sport>

● FEATURE: NEW FoT PUBLICITY PUSH

A new FoT poster has been distributed to all clubs and is part of this Newsletter.

✦ Please display it in your clubhouse to help:

- Raise awareness
- Attract new supporters
- Showcase the impact of FoT

● FEATURE: 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. If you have equipment on loan that should be returned, please contact Adele or Cora. An extension to the loan period can also be requested. If anyone is looking for kit, please contact Adele or Cora to see what is available. Cora Coster at cora@carpolinsurance.co.uk or Adele Fearn at adelefearn99@gmail.com

Donations of kit and equipment would be gratefully accepted

● FEATURE: FINANCE

The final spend for 2025 was £49,106.

The projected spend for 2026 is as follows:

Participation Grants	£25,800
Development Days	£10,000
Training Camps	£5,000
Training Vouchers	£3,500
Squad Training	£5,000
Merchandise Purchases	£1,000
Loan Equipment	£2,000

Total Spend

£52,300

£12,560 spent so far in 2026. We are projecting a carry-over of about £7k into 2027

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 2026 the plan is :

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| • Five Youth Squad Grants | £5,000 | In progress |
| • Three D Day Skier Grants | £1,500 | |
| • Backyard Event Support | £3,600 | Done |
| • Jill Howard Youth Festival | £1,000 | |
| • Technical Support Grants | £4,500 | Done |
| • Officials Support/Training | £1,400 | Done |
| | £17,000 | |

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200 CLUB



Take part, download
and register today!

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 £305,000 spent supporting elite youth skiers and various development activities with over £127,000 in prize money.

In December 2025 the 5 prizes were:

1st £450.00, 2nd £360.00,
3rd £270.00, 4th £180.00,
5th £90.00.

LOTTERY PRIZE DRAW

Who can Join?

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



**FUNDING THE ATHLETES
OF THE FUTURE together.**