FRIENDS OF TOURNAMENT

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November 2026

£500,000+

🏆 200 CLUB RESULTS – October 2026

💰 Prize Pot: **£1,340.63**

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

🥇 Iain Colling : No. 116 - £446.88
🥈 The Porter Family : No. 108 - £357.50
🥉 Ivar Fosse : No. 169 - £268.13
4 Ian Campbell : No. 70 - £178.75
5 Robert Davies : No. 75 - £89.38

You can see the October Prize Draw video via this QR code link.

👏 Thank you to everyone supporting FoT through the 200 Club.

📊 FoT IMPACT SNAPSHOT

💰 Total Raised	🏆 Prize Money	🎯 Invested in Sport	💼 Available Funds
£501,412	£139,682	£345,476	£16,274

👉 Celebrating the **10th year of FoT** and over **£501k 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.

Please print off and display the 200 Club poster in your Clubhouse

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

The cost per month is less than a ski set. If your club doesn't yet have a ticket, please encourage the Club Committee to get one. Good chance of winning a prize for Club funds.

📈 WHERE THE MONEY GOES

- 🎿 **Skier & Team Grants** – £194,929
- 🏁 **Development Days** – £47,891
- 🏕️ **Training Camps** – £21,195
- 🎯 **Squad Training** – £25,893
- 🏅 **Loan Equipment & Medals** – £15,971
- 🎓 **Coaching Support** – £15,020
- 👕 **Promotional Merchandise** – £21,216

🎉 DID YOU KNOW?

- 484 prizes have been won
- 152 different winners
- £361k+ reinvested into the sport

🔵 WHAT HAS FoT PLANNED FOR 2027

The FoT Committee met recently to discuss 2027 and essentially, we plan to do more of the same as we go into our 11th year.

🔵 DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING DAYS 2027

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

Effective from 2027 any club benefitting from a Development Day will be expected to give support to FoT by participating in the FoT 200 Club Lottery

🔵 75th BWSW WATERSKI BALL – 21ST NOVEMBER 2026

Not too late to book your tickets for the 75th Anniversary Year of Waterski in the UK. Why not get a Club Table.



🔵 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

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

We need small trick skis to add to our stock. So, if you have a trick ski you don't use anymore languishing in the back of your garage please let us have it.

Donations of kit and equipment would be gratefully accepted

SOCIAL MEDIA TOOLKIT

Anny Wooldridge has developed some guidelines for using Social Media which have been converted into a Social Media Toolkit. If you have received support from FoT we would ask you to acknowledge this using your Social Media whenever you have the opportunity to do so. You can find the Toolkit at the end of the Newsletter. **Spread the word.**

We now have a new Instagram page. @britishtournamentwaterski Please find and follow. We have 158 followers now, but we want 1,000+. See poster at end of newsletter.

FINANCE

The final spend for 2025 was £49,106.

The projected spend for 2026 is now as follows:

Participation Grants	£22,900
Development Days	£7,000
Training Camps	£2,000
Training Vouchers	£5,000
Technical Grants	£2,500
Merchandise Purchases	£1,700
Loan Equipment	£1,000
Total Spend	**£42,900**

£39,887 spent so far in 2026. We are projecting a carry-over of about £18k into 2027.

If we are to maintain this level of spending in future years' we need to find some more generous people to support us by joining the 200 Club.

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 spend has been :

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

The bulk of the JHLF money is invested for various periods in a number of savings accounts on the Insignis Savings Platform.

INSIGNIS INVESTMENTS					
Matures	**Owner**	**Term**	**Investment**	**Bank**	**Rate**
16/04/2027	JHLF	9 mth fixed term	£17,000.00	Aldemore	4.23%
11/10/2027	JHLF	3 year fixed term	£85,000.00	Cambridge & Counties	4.05%
15/07/2029	JHLF	3 year fixed term	£30,000.00	Aldemore	4.50%
16/10/2030	JHLF	5 year fixed term	£36,391.32	Hampshire Trust	4.20%
16/07/2031	JHLF	5 year fixed term	£28,900.00	Aldemore	4.50%
		Fee Reserve	£531.42		
			£197,822.74		

Friends of Tournament Committee

Gavin | Dush | Stuart | Piers

Facebook – British Tournament Water Skiing

Intagram - @britishtournamentwaterski

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Welcome to the OFFICIAL

FRIENDS OF TOURNAMENT

Instagram!



THIS IS WHERE WE'LL BE SHARING:

- Tournament updates
- Photos and videos from events
- Athlete highlights and achievements
- Volunteer and sponsor recognition
- Behind-the-scenes moments from the waterski community

WE'D LOVE FOR YOU TO BE PART OF THE JOURNEY!

FOLLOW OUR PAGE

TAG US IN YOUR TOURNAMENT PHOTOS AND VIDEOS

SHARE YOUR FAVOURITE MEMORIES FROM COMPETITIONS

HELP US SHOWCASE THE INCREDIBLE PEOPLE WHO MAKE OUR SPORT SO SPECIAL

Whether you're a skier, parent, official, volunteer, sponsor or supporter, this page is for everyone who loves tournament waterskiing.

LET'S GROW OUR COMMUNITY AND CELEBRATE THE SPORT WE ALL ENJOY.

See you at the lake!

www.tournamentwaterskiing.org.uk

Photo by Johnny Hayward

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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.

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BWSW Waterski

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FUNDING THE ATHLETES OF THE FUTURE together.

SOCIAL MEDIA TOOLKIT

SUPPORTING BRITISH WATERSKI THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA

BWSW WATERSKI

FRIENDS OF TOURNAMENT BRITISH WATERSKI

Congratulations on receiving funding from British Waterski and/or Friends of Tournament (FOT).

By acknowledging this support on your social media (age permitting), you help show the impact of the funding, highlight opportunities within tournament waterski, and support future sponsorship. We're happy to share your waterskiing content throughout the season!



GET CONNECTED

Tag or invite these channels as collaborators where possible:

BRITISH WATERSKI & WAKEBOARD

Instagram	@bwswhq
Facebook	@BWSWHQ
YouTube	@BWSWHQ
X	@BWSWHQ

WATERSKI

Facebook	Waterski

CONTENT IDEAS

COMPETITION CONTENT

- Athlete interviews after successful skiing
- Opening ceremonies and team presentations
- Team support and behind-the-scenes
- Podium celebrations and medals
- Personal Best (PB) achievements
- Host site highlights and information
- Boat features and event partners
- Fellow competitors and team camaraderie

TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

- Training sessions and preparation days
- Development squad activities
- Coaching insights and tips
- Technical equipment funded through grants
- Athlete journeys and progress updates

SPONSOR RECOGNITION

- Thank British Waterski, FOT and sponsors
- Explain how funding has supported you
- Showcase equipment and opportunities made possible through funding

CONTENT WE LOVE

- ✓ Short, engaging videos
- ✓ High-quality images and footage
- ✓ Celebrating achievements and sportsmanship
- ✓ Authentic behind-the-scenes content
- ✓ Positive team culture and support

CONTENT TO AVOID

- ✗ Long, unedited videos
- ✗ Poor-quality footage
- ✗ Unsportsmanlike behaviour
- ✗ Excessive build-up before the key moment
- ✗ Content that may compromise safeguarding standards

PLATFORM GUIDE

FACEBOOK

Best for:
- Club updates
- Event promotion
- Community engagement
- Volunteer recruitment

Recommended content:
- Event albums
- Competition updates
- Club news
- Member success stories

INSTAGRAM

Best for:
- Visual storytelling
- Athlete features
- Reels and Stories
- Behind-the-scenes

Recommended content:
- Competition highlights
- Training clips
- Carousel posts
- Athlete takeovers

TIKTOK

Best for:
- Short-form video
- Trends and challenges
- Reaching younger audiences

Recommended content:
- Skills showcases
- Day-in-the-life
- Competition moments
- Trending audio formats

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Best for:
- Live event updates
- Quick news announcements
- Results and achievements

Recommended content:
- Competition results
- Event coverage
- Links to longer content

SAFEGUARDING GUIDANCE

BEFORE TAKING PHOTOS OR VIDEOS

Obtain parental/guardian consent before photographing junior members.

For 16–17-year-olds, consider whether parental consent remains appropriate.

Inform parents where images may be used.

AT EVENTS

Clearly communicate that photography and videography will be taking place.

Use signage where appropriate.

Maintain records of consent.

PROTECTING YOUNG PEOPLE ONLINE

Avoid sharing:
- Personal information
- School details or uniforms
- Exact location information
- Anything that makes a child easily identifiable

CHOOSING APPROPRIATE IMAGES

Use wider shots rather than close-ups.

If using close-ups, aim for side profiles.

Remove metadata and location data before posting.

Ensure images portray participants positively.

SOCIAL MEDIA IMAGE SIZES

	Facebook	Instagram	X	TikTok
Profile Photo	320 x 320 px	320 x 320 px	400 x 400 px	200 x 200 px
Cover Photo	851 x 315 px	–	1500 x 500 px	–
Landscape Post	1200 x 630 px	–	1600 x 900 px	–
Portrait Post	1080 x 1350 px	1080 x 1440 px	1080 x 1350 px	1080 x 1920 px
Square Post	1080 x 1080 px	–	1080 x 1930 px	–
Stories / Reels	1080 x 1920 px	1080 x 1920 px	–	1080 x 1920 px
Videos	–	–	–	1080 x 1920 px

SOCIAL MEDIA BEST PRACTICES

VIDEO CONTENT

Export in 1080p at 30fps.
Use editing tools (e.g. CapCut).
Add captions to all videos with speech.
Keep videos short.

CAPTIONS & SEARCHABILITY

Write descriptive captions using relevant keywords.
Focus on storytelling and context.
Meaningful captions over excessive hashtags.

HASHTAGS

Use up to five niche hashtags.

Choose hashtags with fewer than 500,000 posts where possible.

TAGGING

Tag relevant athletes, clubs, sponsors, venues and governing bodies.

Add collaborators where appropriate.

LOCATION

Add event or venue locations when suitable and safe.

STORIES & REELS

Prioritise Stories for timely updates.
Use Reels to maximise reach and engagement.

CAROUSEL POSTS

Share multiple images in one post to encourage interaction.

POSTING FREQUENCY

Instagram: 3–5 posts/week
Facebook: 3–5 posts/week
Stories: Daily during events
TikTok: Consistent posting where resources allow.
Quality > Quantity.

LINKS

Use "Link in Bio" for Instagram and TikTok.

Share direct links on Facebook and X.

AUDIO

Use trending audio where relevant and appropriate.

UPLOAD QUALITY

Ensure "Upload at Highest Quality" settings are enabled.

QUICK CONTENT CHECKLIST

- ☐ Is the content high quality?
- ☐ Have I obtained appropriate consent?
- ☐ Have I tagged relevant partners and sponsors?
- ☐ Is the caption engaging and informative?
- ☐ Have I added captions to videos?
- ☐ Does the content reflect positive sportsmanship?
- ☐ Have I protected participants' privacy?
- ☐ Is this content something I would be proud for British Waterski to share?

THANK YOU FOR HELPING SHOWCASE THE PASSION, DEDICATION AND ACHIEVEMENTS WITHIN THE BRITISH WATERSKI COMMUNITY.