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The juniors at Haworth Hawks have won several trophies in recent weeks, with prospects of more to come. Twelve-year-old Spencer Hurd started the ball rolling by winning both the under 13 and under 17 junior competitions at the Bradford Closed Championships at the start of the month. He is already the Keighley junior champion.

The following week, Joshua Poulsen, also 12, won the plate trophy at the Stiga Blackpool Junior 2 Star competition. This follows on from his win at the 1 star competition at the end of last year.

This week the Haworth Hawks Junior team experienced yet more success as they won the Boothman Plate of the Keighley League, with players Ben Farrar (12), Morgan Reed (11) and Maddy Silberberg (13) winning 9-0 against the adult team of St Wilfs A of Gilstead. Although this is a handicap game and the final score looks convincing, there were many tough games, with the juniors sometimes coming back from two points down to win.



The juniors will also be in the final of the Naylor Cup in the Keighley League with players Spencer Hurd, Grace Fellingham-Webb and Nathan Ward taking on their adult club team mates, the Haworth Hen Harriers.

This will be the Hawks most successful season to date with, for the first time, junior members qualifying for the U11-U14 National Championships held in Doncaster at the end of May. Morgan Reed qualified in the U11, and Joshua Poulsen in the U12 category at the Yorkshire Regionals, whilst Grace Fellingham-Webb and Aliza Khaliq both received a bye as there were not enough female entries in their age groups.



This weekend Haworth Hawks are holding a 24-hour Table Tennis Fundraiser at the Keighley Table Tennis Centre, Knowles Mill, from noon on Saturday 3rd May, to noon on Sunday to raise money for the club and also the Teenage Cancer Trust.

The charity has been selected as it has previously supported one of our members, Jethro Rainford, with his battle with cancer. On Saturday 12-4pm there will be organised games and then a mass top-table game at 6pm before the hard slog of going through the night for the dedicated few – adults and juniors!

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