

# RAL Tennis 2018-19 report

## 1. General

The tennis club has had a very successful 2018 season. We've seen massive increase in the total number of members, with players of all abilities getting involved with sessions, competitions and friendly matches. Free coaching sessions were the most popular offering this year, drawing in roughly 60% of the overall foot fall. The season ran from March 19<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> October, but we still saw some play outside of these dates despite the weather.

## 2. Organisation

Elliot Oram was chairman and head coach for the 2018 season, and will continue to hold this role for the 2019 season. Gemma Guest has taken on the role of Event Organiser helping with many of the clubs internal affairs. Gbenga Omirinde, Geoff Burton and Peter Hicks are handling the organisation of competitions at the club. We have chosen these roles over more standard committee roles (e.g. chair, secretary, treasurer, etc.) as they better suit the needs of our club. We are hoping to expand to have more roles soon to better divide tasks.

## 3. Membership

Year	Members	Difference
2016	25	-
2017	23	-2
2018	63	+40
2019	26	-37

Note: Sign up for the new 2019 season has been open since 20<sup>th</sup> March. We expect a large increase in members once the courts are returned, and sessions start again.

## 4. Activities

### 4.1. Coaching

Coaching has proven incredible popular this year with running 3 sessions a week for all abilities. Unfortunately, some session attendance has been limited by the amount of available court space as we only had access to a single court last year. We are hoping to extend the coaching in 2019 to 4 sessions a week.

### 4.2. Competitions

We had one competition this year which was the Box league. This ran for 4 months and was very successful. We plan to run this again in the 2019 season, but in addition we are considering the possibility of a mixed double competition as well as entering external leagues (or inter club friendly matches).

### 4.3. Merchandise

The new RAL tennis hoodies have been available since the end of the 2018 season and we have already fulfilled our first order. We are continuing to receive requests for hoodies and plan to get a second round made soon.

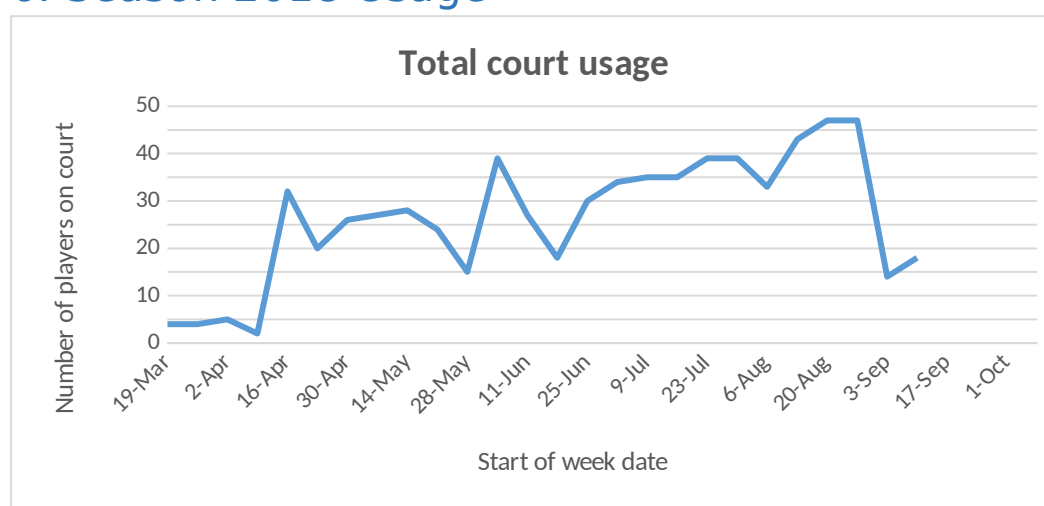
## 4.4. Advertisement

New fliers have been made and have started to be distributed around site. These were also distributed at the SHE Fayre in March 2019. We will continue to push advertising again this year in the hopes of growing the club further.

## 5. Facilities

2018 Season had one accessible court all season. The RecSoc are in support for not only the second court to be repaired, but also the much needed refurbishment of the surface. Unfortunately, these plans have seen various delays the most recent of which being the requirement for the courts to be used as temporary parking. The plan is that the courts will return. As of writing this (26/03/2019) we are waiting for a payment arrangement for STFC to pay for the use of Frome road carpark which once agreed should allow the tennis courts to reopen.

## 6. Season 2018 Usage



Total Bookings	242
Total No. of players in sessions	401
Total No. of players from private bookings	341
Total time court was in use (hrs)	227
Total time from sessions (hrs)	58
Total time from private bookings (hrs)	169
Total footfall	711

## 7. Season 2019

Going forward, we are planning more competitions, events, coaching sessions and taster days. In addition we are also hoping to send a team to the CSSC games in September to represent the club. We will continue to push for the refurbishment of the tennis courts but prioritise the repair of the 2<sup>nd</sup> court over a full surface refurb. Once we have 2 courts up and running we plan to host competition days in the summer (one day events with prizes!) as well as a mixed doubles tournament. We hope to build on our success in 2018 and attempt to grow the club even further in the 2019 season.