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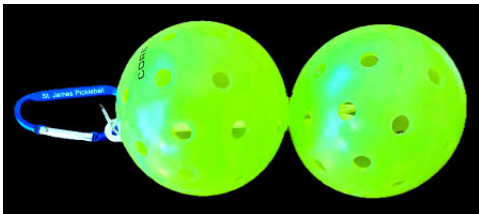
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Welcome to SJPA's Weekly Pickle, 37th edition.

We hope you are enjoying it and finding the information useful. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact us by hitting reply to this email.

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WHITEBOARD -- REALLY, PEOPLE ???

While the majority of players understand and play by the rules of Whiteboard, there are still some who either have not reviewed the rules or, perhaps, don't think the rules apply to them. So, let's review the one rule that seems to be causing the most angst at the moment:

What happens when a square on the board is not filled?

One of the purposes of using the whiteboard to allocate courts during open play is to allow players to find games at a level that is comfortable for them. Occasionally there are not enough players (four) at a particular level to fill a square. This square remains unfilled while others after it are filled (four players).

The rules state that "the square must be filled before any other square can play." This means if a square does not have four players, no square subsequent to that square may take a court until the prior square is complete and those players have taken their court. The one exception is if the player(s) who have signed up in that incomplete square agree to let the next square start their play.

If this situation occurs, players signed up on a subsequent square will, hopefully, be gracious enough to fill that square, so that play may continue. If play isn't at the level you would like to play at, it could be fun, for one game, to play at a different level. Take this opportunity to work on particular aspects of your game – try to extend the point, not end the point.

The alternative is having the people who have signed up in the unfilled square feeling disrespected, unworthy, or unwelcome. That is not how most of us would want our neighbors to feel. Remember, we were all novices at some point, for many of us that not long ago!

Thank you for helping keep pickleball at St. James the fun and welcoming game that we all love.

[Click here](#) to review the Whiteboard Rules.

Thanks for taking the time to read the Weekly Pickle. We welcome your feedback and any ideas you have for future issues of the newsletter.

See you at the courts!