



TABLE TALK

A PwYF Newsletter

A WEEKEND IN LIVINGSTON

PHYLLIS'S JOURNEY WITH PWYF

December 2025



Phyllis Ireland, grandmother to Chelsea Steenbock and great-grandmother to Jack Low, shares her story about how she began her volunteer journey with Play with Your Food.

I would say my involvement began with the trip to Livingston. Chelsea invited her other Grandma, Evelyne, and me to spend the weekend there with her and Jack. Eve and I know nothing about gaming, always said we would never play games, but went along anyway because we were always up for a weekend away.

We had such a fun time meeting new friends and attending the wine and beer tasting events. Jack even convinced us to play a simple game, which was a surprise! But our big thrill was hitting all the thrift stores - what a treasure hunt that turned out to be and has since become a new tradition, wherever we go.

When we returned from Livingston, Chelsea and Matt quickly teamed up to re-start PwYF post-pandemic. As a good grandmother, I supported Chelsea's decision and offered to volunteer, so long as I didn't have to play any games! So, Eve and I began our journey with volunteering at the door for the 24-hour event - another highlight! That experience was truly inspirational for me. I'll never forget seeing Chrystal from Carmichael in tears, completely overwhelmed by the amount of money raised last year, more than \$86,000! It was a powerful reminder of the impact this community can have.

Since then, we've attended many other non-gaming events. We enjoyed the Victorian tea tasting afternoon, the Drag Queen breakfast, and the comedy night. Each event brought laughter, joy, and connection. Beyond that, I make items and grow plants for the annual online auction, another way I can contribute.

It didn't take long for me to recognize what a valuable program PwYF is to the community and to Carmichael Outreach, in particular. Supporting Chelsea, Henrik, and Jack has become a part of my life. Honestly, it's the easiest volunteering I've ever done - and I never need to work a bingo! As you've probably gathered, I do not like playing games. But I know gaming is extremely popular, and I've seen firsthand how it brings people together. So if you want to make new friends and help the houseless and hungry, don't hesitate to join this group of wonderful, fun-loving people.

EVENT RECAP : CROK'N'ALE



REBELLION



On Thursday, November 27th, 2025, the team My Kinda Meeple ran a Crokinole tournament at Rebellion Brewery. It had a great turnout with 32 avid (and not so avid) crokinole competitors! Participants got to try their hand at a mixed doubles event, where each participant would play on a two player team and would be assigned a new partner at their next match. We were also lucky to be able to play on some amazing crokinole boards, some of which were made by the world famous Tracey Boards company. Tracey Boards is the supplier for the World Crokinole Championships. The event raised over \$700 for Carmichael Outreach through Play with Your Food and everyone had a blast! We also enjoyed some amazing beers, ales and ciders from Rebellion Brewery. They were an amazing host venue and donated prizes too! Thank you so much to them for their support. Don't forget to support all of our partner venues that help PwYF and all of it's various events.



PRIZE WINNERS!

PwYF food ran some monthly draws for fully registered teams and teams that had met their minimum goal already!

October - Mandy McArther (Catan't Even)

November - Christina Nelson (incrEDIBLES)

We have some exciting upcoming prizes too!

December 16 - Teams Meeting their minimum

January 20 - Teams meeting 2x their minimum

February 17 - Teams meeting 3x their minimum

March 17 - Teams meeting 4x their minimum

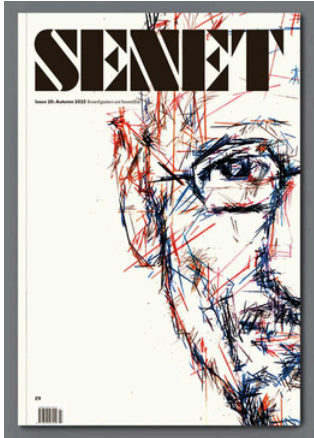
CHEWSDAY CHALLENGE! – WANNA HELP OUT?

Do you attend Chewsday Challenge? Are you interested in being a part of our volunteer team that works behind the scenes as Ambassadors and Learn to Play teachers? If so, send us an email at info@pwyf.ca and learn more about getting involved!





Did you see our very own Chelsea Steenbock on Talk of the Town on Access Now TV?
Learn more about our event and watch the clip here!



SENET : BOARD GAMES ARE BEAUTIFUL

Did you know there is a fabulous board gaming magazine, named after an ancient Egyptian board game? **Senet** is an independent print magazine devoted to the craft, creativity, and community of modern tabletop board gaming. Founded in the Spring of 2020, it was launched by editor Dan Jolin and art director James Hunter in London, UK.

Senet began as a passion project with the goal of treating board games as an art form, rather than merely hobby products. Its creators felt there was room in media for thoughtful, high-quality journalism that delved into the design, artistry, and cultural experiences behind games, beyond the usual reviews and news. The magazine's name references the ancient Egyptian board game Senet, historically one of the earliest known board games, symbolizing a journey, a fitting metaphor for exploring the world of tabletop gaming.

Back issues are available through online stores like Board Game Bliss and you can even obtain subscriptions and merch packs through their website. Perhaps a great Christmas gift for the hard to shop for gamer in your life!

<https://senetmagazine.com/>



UPCOMING EVENTS

Backgammon "Tournament" - Pumpjacks Cathedral - January 12, 2026 - 6:30 p.m. - \$20 - Join us for a night of FUN (beginner friendly) backgammon. This is NOT match play and NOT a typical tournament. Each player will be scheduled 3 – 30 minute slots against three unique opponents. 30 minutes should give enough time for 2 games. (The Sleeples)

Around the World in Flights and Bites - Pile O' Bones Brewery - January 22, 2026 - 5:45 p.m. - \$75 - Oxpecker and Pile O' Bones present a culinary journey around the world with 5 mystery appetizers and beers! Five appetizers from different parts of the world specially prepared by Oxpecker. Five different beer pairings for the appetizers brewed by Pile O' Bones. One beer is a special brew uniquely for this event. Enjoy trivia that helps identify the food regions and beer pairings! (*Don't Feed the Geese*)

Pizza Night FUNdraiser - Cravings All Day Grill - January 24, 2026 - 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. - \$25 - Backstab, Bluff & Dominate presents a Pizza Night FUNdraiser on Jan 24th, 2026 4pm to 8pm at Mr. D's STATS Cocktails & Dreams Cravings All Day Grill. 1832 Victoria Avenue East, Regina Sask. All you can eat pizza buffet with select beverage of choice. All ages welcome. (*Backstab, Bluff & Dominate*)

Don't forget to let us know about your upcoming events on the PwYF website!!



PWYF BY THE NUMBERS!

29 Teams Registered
137 Participants

\$47,178 Raised
62.9% of the campaign goal

