



January 2026

PWYF AUCTION

FEBRUARY 19 - 25, 2026



One of our biggest PwYF fundraisers is coming up! The PwYF Auction is just around the corner... Join the Auction Facebook group and learn more. Each team can donate items and then after the online auction is complete, each team will be credited for the amount that their items raised! Last year, the auction raised over \$12,000 and we're hoping for even more this year! Get involved and get bidding! Auction items are being accepted until February 1st, so don't delay!



HOW A BEER IN THE BACKYARD BUILT A COMMUNITY... THANK YOU TO MAC GRASSICK!



In the summer of 2012 Mac Grassick was having a beverage with some friends in the backyard at Matt & Kathy's place. Matt Robertson had been looking for a public venue to host a weekly board game event when Mac innocently shared that he used the "team room" at the Boston Pizza where he worked to host a staff board game event. That sparked a conversation that led to the creation of ChewsDay Challenge. The success of ChewsDay Challenge led to the creation of Play with Your Food. Conversations are catalysts for great things.

After 24 years of working at Boston Pizza (North Albert St.) in Regina, Mac has decided step down from his role of General Manager to pursue new adventures. The gaming community owes Mac a debt of gratitude. He has been a strong supporter and advocate of ChewsDay Challenge and Play with Your Food and the wonderful community of people who are involved in those endeavours. The first ChewsDay Challenge game night occurred on October 2nd, 2012 and had 21 attendees. It has grown substantially and connected so many people since then. There have been over 575 ChewsDay Challenge game nights bringing folks together in camaraderie. By our estimates, close to 1000 people have attended ChewsDay Challenge over the years. Thanks Mac for all that you have done, there is always room at the game table for you to join us in fellowship. Best of luck in your new pursuits.





MEEPLE IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

ALI THOMPSON - PWYF SOCIAL MEDIA COORDINATOR



For Ali Thompson, tabletop gaming is more than a hobby, it's a way to build community and give back. Her journey with Play With Your Food (PwYF) began through friendship, when current chair Chelsea Steenbock reached out after seeing Ali's interest in the organization's work. What started as a business donation quickly turned into something much more.

Ali offered to photograph PwYF's annual 24-hour board gaming marathon last year, not fully knowing what to expect. Within the first hour of the event, she knew she'd found something special. The energy, enthusiasm, and sense of purpose in the room made an immediate impression; so much so that she texted her husband saying they had to be involved the following year.

Although she's only participated in one event so far, Ali is firmly part of the PwYF family. With a background in communications, marketing, photography, and writing, she's passionate about using her skills to support non-profit organizations and make a positive impact in the community.

Ali's love of games goes back to childhood, with fond memories of family game nights that grew into a lifelong passion. These days, she and her husband, who live in Lumsden with their rescue pets, are seasoned two-player gamers, often gravitating toward cooperative games featuring charming art and cute animals. For Ali, games offer a much-needed escape and a way to connect.

Outside of PwYF, Ali owns Ali Lauren Creative Services and works full-time as Communications and Marketing Manager with the Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan. She's also an avid reader and lifelong learner.

For Ali, the best part of Play With Your Food is simple: giving back to the community while having a whole lot of fun doing it.

[Read more about Ali and her experiences with Play with Your Food on our website!](#)



IT'S COMING...

MARCH 28-29, 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS - JANUARY & FEBRUARY

We're in the final stretch of our fundraising season as we approach the 24 hour event at the end of March! We've got variety of upcoming events to feature! Check your calendars and support our teams as they push to the finish!

Nachos and Card Games - Mitakuyé Owâs'â Centre - January 17, 2026 - 1:00 p.m. - \$10 - Mitakuyé Owâs'â Centre
The Wildcards is hosting a Nachos and Card Games Party! Come on down to support a great cause, play some awesome card games and feast upon delicious nachos made fresh by John himself. We'll have a library of card games available to play but folks are encouraged to bring their favourites as well. Recipe cards will be available to customize your nachos! Pop is complimentary! (*The Wildcards*)

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*)

Crok'n'ale - Rebellion Brewery - January 29, 2026 - 5:45 p.m. - \$20 - It's back! Join us for a fun, social crokinole tournament! This is a limited seating event, so secure your spot early. Enjoy an evening of crokinole, good cheer, camaraderie, and exciting prizes, all while supporting a great cause. (*My Kinda Meeples / The Grim Reaples*)

Wingspan Tournament - Lab Commons, U of R, January 31, 2026 - 12:30 p.m. - \$25 / person - You will play two games of multiplayer Wingspan (all expansions) to determine your ranking and then shift to Wingspan Asia Duet (all cards) for elimination games. You are guaranteed 3 games, but the more you win, the more games you play! (*The Middle Aged Gamers*)

Charcuterie Class - District Brewing - February 1, 2026 - 1:30 p.m. - \$50 - Join us for a hands-on charcuterie class led by Legacy Catering. You have the choice of two creative board themes: Valentine's Day or Super Bowl. Bring your own essentials: cutting board, paring knife, and charcuterie board (or equivalent). Enjoy beverages from the cash bar while you design your masterpiece! (*Don't Feed the Geese*)

Azul Tournament - Northview Community Church - February 7, 2026 - 12:00 p.m. - \$25 - This tournament is designed to be enjoyable, so please join us regardless of your experience! We'll be playing Azul, Azul : Summer Pavilion, Azul : Queen's Garden and Azul : Stained Glass of Sintra! (*Coloretto's*)

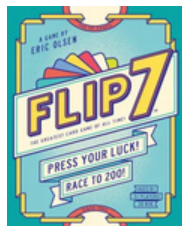
Don't forget to let us know about your upcoming events on the PwYF website!!

\$610 **MINI EVENT RECAP**
BACKGAMMON TOURNAMENT
JANUARY 12, 2026



BEAT THE CLOCK...

Check out these short, fun, easy to learn games that can fill in the gaps in a long marathon session of gaming!



You might even see one or two of these on the Learn to Play table at Chewsday Challenge!



PWYF BY THE NUMBERS!

30 Teams Registered
140 Participants

\$54,188 Raised
72.25% of the campaign goal

