

## TAP and FEU present FEC awards

**T**ourist Attractions & Parks (TAP) magazine along with Foundations Entertainment University (FEU) teamed up at the Amusement Expo to present awards to 11 family entertainment centers (FECs), recognizing new standards for excellence in the industry.

After tallying over 8,000 votes from online participants in 11 categories, this year's Excellence in Family Entertainment Center Awards were presented to: Best Bowling Anchored Center, Shenaniganz, Rockwall, Texas; Best Indoor FEC, The Funplex, East

Scottie's Fun Spot, upon finding out they had won for Best Roller Skating Center, said, "We would like to say thank you to AEM for their consulting along the way to make our transformation a success. We'd also like to extend a big thanks to all our fellow operators and customers who voted for us, and TAP magazine for this award. We are so gratified for even being nominated in this category and then to win is so very much appreciated. Scottie, who started this facility in 1936 with a small portable rink, would be extremely proud of everything that has been accomplished over the past 75 years."

Parker Coddington, Partner of Shenaniganz, said, "First, we'd like to thank FEU and TAP for even considering us to be nominated in this category. We are graduates of FEU, and we subscribe to TAP magazine. Second, we need to thank all those who voted for us. Without our Shenani-Fans, we obviously wouldn't have won."

He continued, "You should know we are a family owned and operated business. There are six siblings total, and three of us actively run and manage Shenaniganz. When we opened in December 2008, we had exactly zero years combined experience in the FEC business. Thus, we must also thank two partners who were and continue to be so instrumental to any successes we've had to date: Mike Auger and the folks at Trifecta Management Group, and Beth Standlee and her team at Trainer-Tainment. We'd be remiss not to mention the guys at Brunswick, Neil Farren at Strike's in Frisco, Texas, and Brian Smith and Jay Trietly at Alley Cats in Arlington, Texas."

Congratulations to all the nominees and award winners. Their hard work and dedication to providing family entertainment in an outstanding and fun-filled environment has been recognized throughout the industry. ▲



### PHOTOS FROM LEFT:

From left: Jerry Merola presented the Excellence in FEC Award for Best Redemption Prize Center to Lisa Chapman of the Enchanted Castle in Lombard, Ill.

Randy (c) and Alex (r) Lahn, pictured with Jerry Merola, accepted the award for Best Indoor FEC.

Hanover, N.J.; Best Outdoor/Indoor FEC Fun Spot, Orlando, Fla.; Best Roller Skating Center Scottie's Fun Spot, Quincy, Ill.; Best Birthday Parties, Heros, Toledo, Ohio; Best Facility Web site, The Children's Museum of Denver, Denver, Colo.; Best Facility Maintenance Program Paradise Park, Lee's Summit, Mo.; Best Facility Food Operation, America's Incredible Pizza Co., San Antonio, Texas; Best Laser Tag Center, Laser Tag & Games, Metairie, La.; Best Games Zone (Arcade), Boomers!, Dania Beach, Fla.; and Best Redemption Prize Center, Enchanted Castle, Lombard, Ill.

Larry White of TAP magazine and Jerry Merola, presenter for FEU, CFO for Alpha-Omega Amusements and Sales and partner of Amusement Entertainment Management (AEM) LLC, were on hand to present the awards.