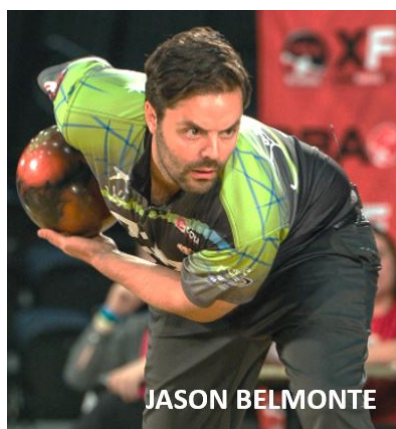




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**BOWLING'S GREATEST STARS TO SET TARGET SCORES AT THE  
61ST BEAT THE CHAMPS CONTEST, JANUARY 18, POPLAR CREEK BOWL**



**JASON BELMONTE**



**KELLY KULICK**



**RANDY PETERSON**

Three of the greatest bowlers and personalities in bowling today will be coming to **Poplar Creek Bowl**, Hoffman Estates, Illinois, to set the target scores for the **61st Beat The Champs Target Score Show**. "We are so excited to have **Jason Belmonte** and **Kelly Kulick** coming to our bowling center for the livestreaming broadcast of the **Beat The Champs Target Score Show**," said **Pete Albert**, Operations Manager of **Poplar Creek Bowl**, who went on to add, "we are also so appreciative that Randy Peterson will be the featured commentator for the live streaming audience to enjoy."

In addition to the star power of Belmonte, Kulick and Peterson, two youth bowlers, **Jos Weems** and **Abigail Starkey**, will be setting the target scores for the youth division which is now entering its second year. All competitors will bowl three games during the same time with the adults on one pair and on the youth bowlers on an adjacent pair. In addition to the bowling, each person attending the event will receive a special commemorative ticket and are invited to attend the social reception at the conclusion of the show where the stars will be available to sign autographs.

For ISBPA Members, please let us know if you would like to have a seat(s) for the show by January

11 by sending an email to Executive Director, **Keith Hamilton**, by [clicking here](#).

January 18, 2024  
**Poplar Creek Bowl**  
2354 W. Higgin Road  
Hoffman Estates, IL 60169

Doors Open: 3:30 p.m.  
Seating By: 4:30 p.m.  
First Ball: 5:00 p.m.  
Social Reception follows

## THE PBA LBC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AND PETERSEN CLASSIC TO BE HOSTED BY ISBPA MEMBER CENTERS



**Mike Sledz**, Director of Membership / PBA, has announced that two high profile events will be hosted by ISBPA member centers in 2024. **Bowlero Mt. Prospect** will be hosting the **2024 PBA LBC National Championships** and the **Petersen Classic** is returning to the Chicago area and will be held at **Bowlero Vernon Hills**.

The 2024 PBA LBC National Championships is an event for all bowlers of all skill levels with winners from eight divisions competing for the coveted **Duke Trophy**. The winner will also have a chance to bowl in the **PBA LBC Clash** on FOX Sports. The event runs

weekends from June 1 through July 14. For more details, please visit <https://www.pba.com/lbctournament>.

The famed **Petersen Classic**, which has awarded more than \$31 million in prize money since its inception in 1921, will begin in early May and run through Labor Day, with the squad organizers being eligible to win numerous cash prizes. For more information, feel free to access the tournaments Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/petersenclassic>

If you would like entry forms for your center, or more details on either of these events, please reach out to Mike Sledz by [msledz@pba.com](mailto:msledz@pba.com).

## ISBPA CENTERS GEARING UP TO HOST *BEAT THE CHAMPS*

The **61st Beat the Champs Contest** is set to take place on December 3 - 9. By now, all the participating centers should have received the packet of information to run the event. **Tom Sims**, ISBPA's new Tournament Coordinator, is thrilled by the interest in the number of centers willing to host the event, which now includes bowling center participation held throughout the state, not just the Chicagoland area. Sims recalled that there are 50 bowling centers are currently

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**BEAT THE CHAMPS**

FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN DECEMBER THRU SATURDAY

CHANCE TO WIN  
**\$10,000**  
IN BOTH MALE & FEMALE DIVISIONS

CASH & OTHER PRIZES ISSUED TO  
**TOP 32**  
IN BOTH DIVISIONS

**\$4,000**  
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**\$5 ENTRY FEE (Youth)**  
SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION

there are 60 bowling centers are currently

signed up to host the event, which is an increase of more than 30% compared to last year. There is still time to register. If you are interested, please contact Tom ASAP by [clicking here](#). Below is a list of centers who will be hosting the 61st BTC:

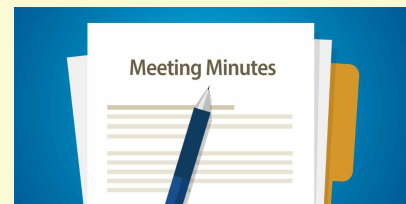
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BOWLERO DEER PARK  
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STRIKER LANES  
SUBURBANITE BOWL  
SUNSET BOWL  
THE CHERRY BOWL  
TINLEY PARK BOWL  
TIVOLI BOWLING LANES  
TOWN & COUNTRY LANES  
WAVELAND BOWL  
WOOD DALE BOWL  
FOX BOWL

## ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

To access the minutes from the November 6, 2023 ISBPA Annual Meeting, please [click here](#).



## INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP

In case aren't one of the 400 centers that have done so, it is time for you to renew your BPAA membership. BPAA has provided the following information to help you navigate through the new CRM to help you access your account.

**FROM BPAA....** To access your account with BPAA's new CRM, your center needs to establish a Primary Contact. For security reasons, access to your account is currently limited to the Primary Contact using their specific email address. Please define who your center would like to designate as its Primary Contact and the email address they would like to use. ***Once we update your account with this information, you will receive an email to set your password.***

Please email [membership@bpaa.com](mailto:membership@bpaa.com) with the following information to set up your account.

1. Center Name
2. Primary Contact Name
3. Primary Contact Position

#### 4. Primary Contact Email

Thank you for your support of BPAA and ISBPA.

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### **LEGISLATION FROM MICHAEL BEST REPORT FROM DAVID RAMIREZ**

Internet gaming (I-gaming) continues to be a major focus for the Association. This initiative poses a threat to the video gaming industry and the economic support our establishments benefit from VGTs. In response to the emergence of igaming legislation, the Main Street Coalition was formed. The Main Street Coalition consists of Illinois-based small businesses, labor groups, and other Associations that will be negatively impacted by internet gaming. If you have not signed the petition urging legislators to oppose I-gaming, we encourage you to do so. You can find the petition here: [Home-Join - Support Main Street Illinois](#)



#### **Problem Gambling Signage (for proprietors that have video gaming terminals)**

There is a new requirement from the Illinois Gaming Board to post responsible gaming signage in licensed video gaming locations. This is similar to the responsible gaming information that casino and sportsbook operators are required to post. The video gaming terminal operator (TO) will be providing the signage.

#### **Workplace and Employment Law News**

Governor Pritzker signed PLAWA into law last March --- here is a synopsis of PLAWA: an employee who works in Illinois is entitled to earn and use up to a minimum of 40 hours of paid leave during a 12-month period or a pro rata number of hours accrued at 1 hour per 40 hours worked. An employer may provide a greater amount. Paid leave begins to accrue at the commencement of employment or on January 1, 2024, whichever is later. Employees shall be entitled to begin using paid leave 90 days following commencement of their employment or 90 days following January 1, 2024, whichever is later. Paid leave required under the PLAWA may be taken by an employee for any reason of the employee's choosing. An employee is not required to provide an employer a reason for the leave and may not be required to provide documentation or certification as proof or in support of the leave. An employee may choose whether to use paid leave provided under the PLAWA prior to using any other leave provided by the employer or State law. *(Note: this would include unpaid leave mandates such as that provided under the Victims Economic Security & Safety Act AKA VESSA.)* Illinois Department of Labor FAQ: [Paid Leave for All Workers Act FAQ \(illinois.gov\)](#)

#### **Grant Opportunities**

Here is a list of grant opportunities throughout the State of Illinois. If you would like more information on a grant, please do not hesitate to reach out to the MBS team: [CSFA \(illinois.gov\)](#)

#### **CDBG COVID-19 Business Resiliency Program**

**What:** This program will reimburse businesses for equipment purchased or rented to respond to the COVID-19 emergency. Examples include tests, other outbreak prevention equipment, and business

COVID-19 emergency. Examples include tents, other outdoor seating arrangements, plexiglass partitions, and cashless payment systems.

**How Much:** \$24.2 million total. Grants will be up to \$20k per business.

**Deadline:** December 31, 2023, at 5 p.m.

**Apply:** Apply [HERE](#).

Illinois Back to Business New Business Grant (B2B NewBiz)

**What:** Grant program to help businesses that were started during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**How Much:** Maximum \$30k per eligible business.

**Deadline:** January 11, 2024, at 11:59:59 p.m. CT.

**Apply:** More information and application [HERE](#).



### ISBPA TO KICK OFF ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

The **Illinois State Bowling Proprietors'** first opened its doors in 1949. To recognize and celebrate the longstanding history of the association, **ISBPA** is in the process of forming a committee to choose the "75 Illinoisians who have had a major impact in bowling throughout the state and/or at the national level. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please [click here](#). The list will be rolled out sometime throughout the year with the top five spots being unveiled at the 2024 Annual Meeting. There will be other surprises rolled out throughout the year.

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