

Announcing – The Bingo Services Center

The Charitable Bingo Operations Division is pleased to announce the roll out of the *Bingo Services Center* currently scheduled for September 1, 2005. The *Bingo Services Center* is an Internet-based application created by the Charitable Bingo Operations Division to enable licensees and the public to access information related to charitable bingo activity in Texas. To use the *Bingo Services Center*, you must have access to a personal computer and have Internet access through an Internet service provider. The link to the *Bingo Services Center* is located on our Web site at www.txbingo.org. There are two types of access to the *Bingo Services Center*: licensee access and general public access.

Individuals required to be listed on an application for a conductor, lessor, manufacturer or distributor license will be able to access information available for the license on which they are listed. To establish individual access to information on the *Bingo Services Center*, individuals will be required to create a personal account on the *Bingo Services Center* Web site.

Individuals listed as primary operators on conductor applications and business contacts on lessor, manufacturer, or distributor applications may grant access to their license information to other individuals such as bookkeepers, etc. If a primary operator or business contact is removed from a license, the access of all individuals granted access to licensee information by the primary operator or business contact will automatically be revoked.

The following is a list of positions, by license type, that will have access to licensee information by creating a personal account on the *Bingo Services Center* Web site: The individuals whose positions are listed in bold may grant access to other individuals, not required to be listed on the license, as they deem appropriate.

Conductor License:

- Director
- Officer
- **Primary Operator**
- Operator
- Designated Agents (Units Only)
- Authorized Representative

Lessor License

- Sole Owner
- Partner
- Director
- Officer
- Shareholder
- **Business Contact**
- Authorized Representative

Manufacturer or Distributor License

- Sole Owner
- Partner
- Director
- Officer
- Shareholder
- **Business Contact**
- Representative/Agent
- Credit Interest Holder
- Authorized Representative

Organizations will be able to access a variety of licensing and financial information specific to the license type, with the exception of “State Wide Financial Information” that is available to all licensees and the general public.

In addition, the *Bingo Services Center* will include a “Bingo Hall Locator” that will provide robust search capabilities that will allow the general public to customize searches using a variety of parameters and a mapping feature.

The *Bingo Services Center* will allow access to a wide variety of information twenty-four hours a day including some information that was previously available only through the Open Records Request process. We hope you find the *Bingo Services Center* a useful tool.

Legislative Update 79th Regular Session

The 79th Legislature ended its regular session on Monday, May 30, 2005. Eleven bills related to charitable bingo or charitable raffles were filed during this session. Three bills were passed and eight bills did not pass. The following is a summary of these bills:

11 bills filed during this session

Bill Number	Primary Author	Brief Description of Bill	Status	Effective Date
HB 541	Krusee	Relating to the types of nonprofit organizations that may conduct raffles.	Passed	06/18/05
HB 659	Hupp	Relating to authorizing a qualified organization under the Charitable Raffle Enabling Act to conduct a reverse raffle.	Passed	09/01/05
SB 766	Wentworth	Relating to allowing a lodge or other local organization affiliated with a grand lodge or similar charitable or benevolent institution or order incorporated under state law to hold a charitable raffle.	Passed	05/09/05
HB 118	Yvonne Davis	Relating to the repeal of certain tax exemptions and deductions.	Not Passed	
HB1112	Flores	Relating to bingo accounts and the disposition of revenue from charitable bingo.	Not Passed	
HB 1138	Flores	Relating to the operation and regulation of charitable bingo.	Not Passed	
HB 1434 Companion	Hamric	Relating to the continuation and functions of the Lottery Commission.	Not Passed	
SB 405	Mike Jackson	Note: These bills contained the agency's Sunset recommendations. Neither bill made it through the legislative process. However, a provision was added into HB 1116, authored by Representative Burt Solomons, maintaining the administrative functions and operations of the agency and extends the Sunset date to September 1, 2011.		
HB 2715	Menendez	Relating to authorizing licensed bingo organizations to conduct charitable poker games.	Not Passed	
HB 2797	Chavez	Relating to the authority of federally recognized Indian tribes along the Texas-Mexico border to engage in bingo.	Not Passed	
HB 3540	Pitts	Relating to the certain fiscal matters affecting governmental entities.	Not Passed	

To view additional information related to the above bills go to the Texas Legislature's Web site at www.capitol.state.tx.us.

Please, Keep Information on Individuals Required to be Listed on Your Organization's Bingo License Current

We frequently receive conductor applications that are signed by individuals as officers of the organization or operators of the organization's bingo activities who are not listed on the organization's bingo record as officers or operators. When this occurs the application cannot be processed until the issue is resolved, which can significantly increase the time it takes to process the application. To help ensure your applications are processed in a timely manner, please keep all information required to be listed on your organization's

bingo record current, as required by Charitable Bingo Administrative Rule 402.400(p).

When you receive your renewal application, please review the *Individuals List* which provides a detailed summary of all individuals listed on your organizations bingo record and update the information if needed. The renewal application gives detailed instructions for updating information in the renewal period.

To add a director, officer, or operator to an organization's conductor license outside the renewal period please submit *Schedule B1 - Texas Supplement To Bingo License (Conductor)*.

To delete an individual from a director, officer or operator position on a conductor license, outside the renewal period, please submit *Schedule N2 Notice to Remove Individual or Individual Positions From Organization's Bingo Records*.

If you are changing the primary operator on a conductor license outside the renewal period, you must submit a *Texas Application to Amend a License to Conduct Charitable Bingo*.

Please note: Charitable Bingo Administrative Rule 402.400(p) requires **all** licensees, not just conductor licensees, to promptly notify the Commission in writing within ten working days of any change to information contained in a filed application. Examples of such changes may include the name of the organizational officers, the amount of rent charged for leased premises, the name of a member responsible for the conduct of games, or the name of an individual connected with a commercial lessor.

Additionally, in the case of lessors, the name of a licensed authorized organization that intends to lease premises for the purpose of conducting bingo.

If you are unsure of the individuals currently listed on your organization's bingo record or have questions related to updating information on any type of license please contact us and we will be happy to assist you. (See the *How To Contact Us* section on the last page of this document.)

\$1 Billion in Charitable Distributions Here We Come!

From 1982 to June 30, 2005, organizations conducting charitable bingo in Texas have reported over \$789 million in charitable distributions. With \$1 Billion in sight the countdown has started. From now until we reach the \$1 Billion mark we will update reported charitable distributions quarterly in the Bingo Bulletin and on our Web site at www.txbingo.org. To check the progress of charitable distributions on the Web site click on the yellow starburst.



2004 Top Ten Texas Counties Based on Charitable Bingo Gross Receipts

The following ten counties generated the highest dollar amount of charitable bingo gross receipts in calendar year 2004.

County	Gross Receipts
TARRANT	\$66,716,069
DALLAS	\$66,010,526
BEXAR	\$51,161,391
HARRIS	\$49,615,497
BELL	\$27,882,977
LUBBOCK	\$27,192,424
NUECES	\$25,986,732
TRAVIS	\$25,244,175
HIDALGO	\$23,445,372
ECTOR	\$14,183,583
MCLENNAN	\$14,072,984

Reported figures as of April 18, 2005. Unaudited.

2004 Top Ten Cities Based on Charitable Bingo Gross Receipts

The following are the ten cities that generated the highest dollar amount of charitable bingo gross receipts in calendar year 2004.

City	2004 Gross Receipts
SAN ANTONIO	\$50,230,774
FORT WORTH	\$38,538,651
DALLAS	\$32,146,245
HOUSTON	\$31,617,761
LUBBOCK	\$27,192,424
CORPUS CHRISTI	\$25,449,926
AUSTIN	\$24,974,457
KILLEEN	\$15,487,533
ODESSA	\$14,183,583
MCALLEN	\$12,126,478

Reported figures as of April 18, 2005. Unaudited.

2004 Top Ten Organizations Based on Charitable Distributions

The following are the top ten organizations reporting the highest total charitable distributions in 2004.

Organization Name	City Name	Total Charitable Distributions 2004
ST GEORGE MARONITE CENTER	SAN ANTONIO	\$440,800
SOUTH PARK KIDS INC	KILLEEN	\$244,000
YOUTH BENEFIT INCORPORATED	KILLEEN	\$220,000
RED MEN COUNCIL 3 WANONAH	COPPERAS COVE	\$210,230
VFW POST 6873	ABILENE	\$209,000
HUMANE SOCIETY UPPER VALLEY HIDALGO COUNTY	MCALLEN	\$185,770
MIDTOWN YOUTH INC	KILLEEN	\$182,000
MISSION LIONS CLUB INC	MCALLEN	\$170,949
AMERICAN LEGION POST 133 TEMPLE	TEMPLE	\$164,733
ST GEORGE LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY	SAN ANTONIO	\$162,400

Reported figures as of May 25, 2005. Unaudited.

Web Site News: Interactive Adobe Forms and Applications Being Added to the Web Site

We are adding interactive Adobe forms to our Web site. When using an interactive Adobe form you don't have to print the form and fill it out by hand or with a typewriter, you save the form to your computer, complete it on your computer, print it and send it to us. The interactive Adobe forms include instructions and guides to assist you in completing the forms. Remember, you still have to sign and date the form and send it to us. The interactive Adobe forms will be placed on the Web site as the testing and approval process is completed. If you have questions or need assistance please contact our office—we will be happy to assist you!

How do you quickly tell if a particular form is in interactive Adobe format? The icon has a bold black "I" indicating interactive. See the example of the icon indicated by the arrow below.



Application for Registry of Approved Bingo Workers

Final Administrative Actions

Note: "Act" refers to Bingo Enabling Act, TEX. OCC. CODE ANN. Ch. 2001 "Bingo Administrative Rules" or "Charitable Bingo Administrative Rules" refers to 16 TEX. ADMIN. CODE (TAC).

FOE AERIE 0228 Port Arthur

Conductor – License Application Denied

The Commission entered an order adopting the recommended Finding of Fact and Conclusions of Law of the Administrative Law Judge that the organization:

- Violated § 2001.504 of the Act and 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 402.580, which requires the timely filing of a Bingo Conductor's Quarterly Report (Quarterly Report) with the commission and payment of a prize fee.
 - The organization failed to timely file the Quarterly Report and pay the prize fee, penalties and interest in the amount of \$3,645.92 for the second quarter of 2004

VFW Post 2205 Phil Miller

Conductor – Memorandum of Agreement and Consent Order

The Commission entered a Memorandum of Agreement and Consent Order based on the Agreed Findings of Fact and Agreed Conclusions of Law that the organization:

- Violated § 2001.411(b) of the Act and 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 402.002(6), by not having an active member as an operator responsible for conducting, promoting, or administering bingo during a bingo occasion.

- Violated Tex. Admin. Code § 402.548(e) by failing to maintain, keep current and make available for review to any person upon request a copy of the Bingo Enabling Act or the Charitable Bingo Administrative Rules.

Terms of the Memorandum of Agreement –

The organization agrees to:

- Have only an active member of the organization as an operator responsible for conducting, promoting, or administering bingo during a bingo occasion.
- Maintain, keep current and make available for review to any person upon request a copy of the Bingo Enabling Act and Rules of the Commission.
- Accept an administrative penalty in the amount of \$175.00. The sum of \$175.00 shall not be paid from any bingo revenue and is due and payable within sixty (60) days of the date of entry of the Order.
- The current officers and operators of VFW Post 2205 Phil Miller acknowledge and agree, within sixty (60) days of the date of entry of the Order, to attend and provide proof of attendance at a Bingo Training Program (Operator Training Program), and to submit such proof to the Charitable Bingo Operations Division. The organization also agrees that it will provide a list of current officers and operators to the Charitable Bingo Operations Division with the signed Memorandum of Agreement and Consent Order to be attached as an exhibit.

Quarterly Report Statistics – First Quarter 2005 (20051) and Second Quarter 2005 (20052)

	20051	20052	Change From 20051 to 20052	Percent Change From 20051 to 20052
Occasions	36,364	36,062	-302	-0.83%
Persons Attending	5,299,517	5,015,459	-284,058	-5.36%
Card Sale Entrance Fee	\$68,286,834	\$63,996,906	-\$4,289,928	-6.28%
Electronic Card Sales	\$39,155,072	\$36,863,420	-\$2,291,652	-5.85%
Instant Bingo Sales	\$55,507,550	\$55,954,509	\$446,959	0.81%
GROSS RECEIPTS	\$162,949,456	\$156,814,835	-\$6,134,621	-3.76%
Regular Prizes	\$76,732,141	\$77,248,653	\$516,512	0.67%
Instant Prizes	\$40,943,215	\$41,076,924	\$133,709	0.33%
BINGO PRIZES	\$117,675,356	\$118,325,577	\$650,221	0.55%
Cost Of Goods Sold	\$2,997,160	\$2,926,917	-\$70,243	-2.34%
Lease Payments To Distr	\$5,394,198	\$5,052,589	-\$341,609	-6.33%
COST OF GOODS PURCHASED	\$8,391,358	\$7,979,506	-\$411,852	-4.91%
ADJUSTED GR RECEIPTS	\$36,882,742	\$30,509,752	-\$6,372,990	-17.28%
RENT INCOME	\$1,200,215	\$1,218,633	\$18,418	1.53%
Loan Proceeds	\$93,725	\$80,523	-\$13,202	-14.09%
Interest Earned	\$19,999	\$29,492	\$9,493	47.47%
Merchandise Prize Donated Value	\$27,232	\$18,779	-\$8,453	-31.04%
Prize Fee Withheld	\$5,761,549	\$5,778,118	\$16,569	0.29%
OTHER INCOME	\$5,902,505	\$5,906,912	\$4,407	0.07%
TOTAL PROCEEDS THIS QUARTER	\$43,985,462	\$37,635,297	-\$6,350,165	-14.44%
Repayment Approved Loans	\$47,142	\$39,966	-\$7,176	-15.22%
Rent Payments	\$10,152,959	\$9,865,082	-\$287,877	-2.84%
Mortgage Payments	\$497,367	\$320,758	-\$176,609	-35.51%
Prize Fee Paid	\$5,351,973	\$5,729,243	\$377,270	7.05%
Advertising Expense	\$467,721	\$479,218	\$11,497	2.46%
Bingo Equipment Expense	\$201,177	\$156,418	-\$44,759	-22.25%
Premises Equipment Repairs	\$306,614	\$342,467	\$35,853	11.69%
Security Legal Accounting Expense	\$2,022,213	\$2,075,263	\$53,050	2.62%
Callers Cashiers Ushers Expense	\$8,761,102	\$9,176,681	\$415,579	4.74%
Janitorial Expense	\$2,361,991	\$2,447,785	\$85,794	3.63%
License Fees Expense	\$665,315	\$765,572	\$100,257	15.07%
Bingo Training Expense	\$44,336	\$29,837	-\$14,499	-32.70%
Debit Card Bank Fees Expense	\$112,339	\$139,187	\$26,848	23.90%
Other Expenses	\$1,544	0	-\$1,544	-100.00%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$30,993,793	\$31,567,477	\$573,684	1.85%
NET PROCEEDS	\$12,991,669	\$6,067,820	-\$6,923,849	-53.29%
Previous Proceed Undistributed	\$25,238,367	\$30,674,925	\$5,436,558	21.54%
AVAILABLE NET PROCEEDS	\$38,230,036	\$36,742,745	-\$1,487,291	-3.89%
Charitable Distribution	\$7,663,236	\$7,947,962	\$284,726	3.72%
PROCEEDS UNDISTRIBUTED	\$30,566,800	\$28,794,783	-\$1,772,017	-5.80%

Reported figures as of August 25, 2005. Unaudited.

First Quarter 2005 Bingo Allocations

On May 16, 2005, 69 local jurisdictions were mailed their bingo allocation checks for the first quarter of 2005 and another 79 local jurisdictions received their allocation by direct deposit.

	1st Quarter 2005	4th Quarter 2004	1st Quarter 2004
Total Prize Fee Collected	\$5,636,922.34	\$5,424,672.77	\$5,580,328.40
Cities	\$1,266,096.64	\$1,200,162.94	\$1,239,821.21
Counties	\$1,366,614.61	\$1,349,497.18	\$1,357,138.79
State	\$3,001,720.29	\$2,876,513.15	\$2,980,786.97
TOTAL	\$5,634,431.54	\$5,426,173.27	\$5,577,746.97

The current first quarter allocation is up 3.84% from the previous quarter. The current first quarter allocation is up 1.01% from the same quarter last year.

The top five counties and cities receiving bingo allocations were:

COUNTIES		CITIES	
Bexar	\$176,370.48	San Antonio	\$154,370.92
Tarrant	\$163,456.45	Fort Worth	\$96,971.74
Harris	\$123,918.19	Corpus Christi	\$72,795.18
Dallas	\$103,738.84	Houston	\$71,493.95
Hidalgo	\$78,083.07	Lubbock	\$66,280.30



Upcoming Bingo Advisory Committee Vacancies

The Texas Lottery Commission is accepting nominations for a Commercial Lessor representative and a Manufacturer/Distributor representative to serve on the Bingo Advisory Committee (BAC). The terms of these two representatives will be 02/01/2006 – 02/01/2009.

The purpose of the BAC is to advise the Commission on the needs and problems of the state's bingo industry.

A nomination form, in PDF format, is available for download and printing from our Web site at www.txbingo.org, or can be obtained by contacting the Charitable Bingo Operations Division using one of the options listed in the "How To Contact Us"

section on the last page of this document.

For more information on the BAC, please go to the Charitable Bingo Operations Division Web site at www.txbingo.org. The Web site has the following information related to the BAC: current members, general information, workplans, the nomination form, and minutes of previous meetings. To access BAC information on the Web site, click on the "About Us" tab in the top left portion of the screen. The drop-down box will show a Bingo Advisory Committee link to the information.

In addition to the information required on the nomination form, nominees are encouraged to submit some brief

biographical information or a resume, along with the nomination form. The additional information will be used by the Commission in making its decision. Only nominations submitted on the nomination form will be accepted. Please do not submit multiple nomination forms for one individual. Appointment to the Bingo Advisory Committee is not based on a voting process, but on the qualifications of the nominee. All appointees must undergo a criminal background investigation.

Nomination forms and biographical information must be submitted by October 28, 2005.

Charitable Bingo Operator Training Program

Section 2001.107 of the Bingo Enabling Act (Act) *requires* an active member of the organization who is responsible for the conduct of bingo (operator) to attend the training program and §§ 2001.437(h) and 2001.438(e) of the Act requires unit managers and designated agents to attend training. Other officers and members may also attend the training program. All attendees must read the Bingo Enabling Act and the Charitable Bingo

Administrative Rules prior to the training session. The number of participants is limited and registration will be confirmed on a first come, first served basis.

You may register on-line using our Web site (www.txbingo.org), by e-mail (bingo.services@lottery.state.tx.us), by phone (1-800-246-4677) or by mail: Texas Lottery Commission, P.O. Box 16630, Austin, TX 78761-6630

OPERATOR TRAINING PROGRAM - FUTURE CLASSES

Location	When	Phone
Region: Dallas		
Flamingo Bingo – 743 N. Main St., Cleburne	09/13/2005 • 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	817- 517-6700
Franklin Avenue Bingo – 3406 Franklin Avenue, Waco	10/04/2005 • 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM	254-744-3113
American Legion Post 507 – 11401 Elam Rd., Suite 115, Balch Springs	11/03/2005 • 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	972-557-7798



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