

Bingo Bulletin October/November 2000

Message From The Director

Whenever I travel around the state and visit your bingo halls or have the opportunity to make presentations to organizations, I am always impressed with the folks that make the effort to talk with me and express their appreciation for the quality of work that the staff of the Charitable Bingo Division is doing. It is a real honor for me to work with a group of professionals as conscientious and dedicated as the people in the Charitable Bingo Division.

I wanted to take this opportunity to let you know that I always pass your kind remarks on to the appropriate staff person. And yes, I'll admit that sometimes the comments aren't always positive (if you know what I mean). Those comments get addressed also. However, by far the majority of the comments I get about staff are very supportive and they are appreciated.

Recodified Bingo Enabling Act and Charitable Bingo Administrative Rules Now Available On Our Website – www.txbingo.org

Need a copy of the Bingo Enabling Act or Charitable Bingo Administrative Rules? You can access and print current copies on our website by going to www.txbingo.org. The Bingo Enabling Act is the recodified version. What does recodified mean? It means the Bingo Enabling Act has been rewritten in a format that is easier to read and understand and therefore more user-friendly. The Charitable Bingo Administrative Rules on the website are the most current version. The rules are on the website in an easy to use format – rules can be accessed individually or as a group. We hope you find this addition to our website useful.

If you don't have access to the Internet and need a copy of the Bingo Enabling Act or Charitable Bingo Administrative Rules, you can request one or both by calling 800-BINGO-77 (246-4677). There may be a minimal charge.

New Licenses Issued February 1, 2000 through May 31, 2000

<u>Organization Name</u>	<u>License Type</u>	<u>Location</u>
Alamo Heights Lions Club	Conductor	San Antonio
American Legion Unit 54 Auxiliary Hanson	Conductor	Amarillo
American Legion Unit 81 Auxiliary	Conductor	Duncanville
Cedar Creek Lake Optimist Club	Conductor	Seven Points
Ella Austin Community Center	Conductor	San Antonio
Hales Sellar American Legion #312 Auxiliary	Conductor	Livingston
Knights of Columbus 10995 St. Francis de Sales	Conductor	Houston
Lulac Information Referral Resources Assistance, Inc.	Conductor	McAllen
Military Order of the Cooties Pup Tent 44	Conductor	Dallas
Northwest Tarrant County Neighborhood Advisory Council	Conductor	Fort Worth
Planned Parenthood of West Texas, Inc.	Conductor	Odessa
Red Men Council 25 Shosone	Conductor	Keller
St. Cecilians School	Conductor	San Antonio
South Plains Detachment Marine Corps League	Conductor	Lubbock
American Legion Post 312 Hale Sellars	Lessor	Livingston

Texas Charitable Bingo Quarterly Report Statistics for the Second Quarter of 2000 and Comparison of 2nd Quarter 2000 to 2nd Quarter 1999 – Statistics As Of August 1, 2000

Category	2nd Quarter 2000	2nd Quarter 1999	Change
Regular	\$ 87,223,361	\$ 96,801,418	(\$ 9,578,057)
Electronic	\$ 33,531,216	\$ 30,154,913	\$ 3,376,303)
Instant	\$ 22,490,274	\$ 24,572,649	(\$ 2,082,375)
Total Gross Receipts	\$143,244,851	\$151,528,980	(\$ 8,284,129)
Regular Prizes	\$ 87,115,117	\$ 91,012,029	(\$ 3,896,912)
Instant Prizes	\$ 15,625,213	\$ 17,015,313	(\$ 1,390,100)
Total Prizes	\$102,740,330	\$108,027,342	(\$ 5,287,012)
Charitable Distributions	\$ 9,765,552	\$ 10,853,664	(\$ 1,088,112)
Attendance	6,410,628	6,910,770	(500,142)

Please Help - Halls Needed For Operator Training Programs

We are in need of locations to conduct future Operator Training Programs. If your organization would like to volunteer a location, please contact us at one of the following locations:

Austin – Roy Gabrillo, Senior Audit Supervisor

- Call 800-BINGO-77 (246-4677)
- FAX to (512) 344-5142
- E-mail Roy Gabrillo at Roy.Gabrillo@lottery.state.tx.us

Dallas Regional Office – Jody Mehaffey, Bingo Audit Manager, Extension 232

- 888-829-0862 (Toll Free)
- (214) 631-7711
- FAX to (214) 631-5128

Houston Regional Office – Sharon Johnson, Bingo Audit Manager, Extension 231

- 888-829-0864 (Toll Free)
- (713) 802-9381
- FAX to (713) 802-2367

Odessa Regional Office – Lynn Rader, Auditor V

- 888-829-0865 (Toll Free)
- (915) 552-0399
- FAX to (915) 363-0266

San Antonio Regional Office – Tom Lieck, Bingo Audit Manager, Extension 222

- 888-829-0863 (Toll Free)
- (210) 593-8052
- FAX to (210) 593-0320

Reminder Regarding Changes In Lease Amounts

If there is a permanent or temporary change in your organization's lease amount per occasion, you must promptly notify the Commission in writing as required by *Charitable Bingo Administrative Rule* 402.545(g). You can notify us as follows:

Mail To: Charitable Bingo Division
Texas Lottery Commission
PO Box 16630
Austin, TX 78761-6630

FAX: (512) 344-5142
email: info@txbingo.org

Note: Please include the following in all correspondence related to changes in lease amounts:

- Organization name
- Taxpayer number
- New Lease Amount
- Date the change in lease amount becomes effective
- Indicate if the change is permanent or temporary

What's New On The Charitable Bingo Website www.txbingo.org

Bingo Bulletin In Text Only Format - The July/August 2000 issue of the Bingo Bulletin and subsequent issues will be placed on the website in text only format. This change is done as a convenience to you, as it will significantly reduce the amount of time it takes to download the Bingo Bulletins.

Manufacturers, Distributors and System Service Providers – Provides the names, addresses, names of contacts, and telephone numbers of all licensed manufacturers, distributors and system service providers.

Is There Anything You Would Like To Have Added To The Charitable Bingo Website?

If there is anything you would like to have added to our website (www.txbingo.org) please let us know and it will be considered. Please send your suggestions to us as follows:

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