

Bingo Bulletin January February 2001

Shari Berggren Retires

Shari Berggren, Senior License Examiner retired November 30, 2000. Shari began working in Charitable Bingo in April of 1994, coming to Bingo from the Lottery. Prior to working for the Lottery she worked at the Texas State Comptroller's Office. Shari reviewed all types of license applications, pull-tab artwork, worked on many special projects, conducted precicensing interviews, reviewed and recommended changes to the Bingo Enabling Act and Charitable Bingo Administrative Rules, reviewed and wrote internal procedures, and trained and mentored numerous license examiners. When asked what she would miss most about her job she said, "I'll miss working with the licensees. But, I am looking forward to having time to devote to my husband, 5 children and step-children, 9 grandchildren and 1 cat and my hobby - painting." All of us in Charitable Bingo miss Shari and hope she finds retirement the most enjoyable occupation she has ever had – if she doesn't, we've left the porch light on for her.

Shelby County Legalizes Charitable Bingo

Shelby County Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1 legalized Charitable Bingo on November 7, 2000. Votes were: *For* 2,165, *Against* 1,394

Questions About Raffles

We frequently receive calls from individuals with questions about raffles; however, **we don't regulate or administer the Charitable Raffle Enabling Act**. In Texas, all raffles must be conducted in accordance with the Charitable Raffle Enabling Act. To obtain information about the Charitable Raffle Enabling Act contact the Texas Attorney General's Office as follows:

- Visit our website at www.txbingo.org. This provides a link to the Consumer Protection Division of the Texas Attorney General's Office, the agency governing raffles in Texas.
- Visit the Consumer Protection Division of the Texas Attorney General's Office at www.oag.state.tx.us.
- If you don't have access to the Internet, call the Consumer Protection Division of the Texas Attorney General's Office at 800-621-0508.

Quarterly Reports Are Now Available On The Website – www.txbingo.org

Conductor and lessor quarterly reports are now on the website for your convenience. If you have any questions about the reports or need assistance please call 1-800-246-4677.

Upcoming Operator Training Programs – Remember You Can Register Online At www.txbingo.org or by calling 800-246-4677.

<u>Region</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Time</u>
Odessa	January 20, 2001	Saturday	Big Spring Evening Lions Club, Big Spring Phone - (915) 267-3068	1607 E. 3rd Street	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Dallas	January 22 - 23, 2001	Monday/Tuesday *	Loyal Order of Moose Lodge 1818, Arlington Phone (817) 459-2499	2522 E. Park Row	6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
	January 27, 2001	Saturday	Town & Country Bingo, Fort Worth Phone (817) 625-5150	2514 Jacksboro Hwy.	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
	February 14, 2001	Wednesday	Charity Bingo Hall, Killeen Phone - (254) 628-7740	223 East Hallmark	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
	March 15, 2001	Thursday	American Legion Post 379 Bedford Phone – (817) 267-6047	1245 N. Industrial Blvd	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
	March 24, 2001	Saturday	Town & Country Bingo, Fort Worth Phone - (817) 625-5150	2514 Jacksboro Hwy.	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
San Antonio	February 10, 2001	Saturday	Elks Lodge 2057, Weslaco Phone - (956) 968-7115	201 South Border	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
	March 10, 2001	Saturday	Sacred Heart Catholic Church Rockport Phone - (361) 729-7227	114 N. Church St.	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
	April 12, 2001	Thursday	Circus Bingo San Antonio Phone – (210) 523-1141	8373 Culebra	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Houston	February 17, 2001	Saturday	Richmore Bingo Pasadena Phone - (713) 475-1127	1306 S. Richey	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
	March 21, 2001	Wednesday	Players Bingo Time Houston Phone (713) 523-3511	440 Parker Blvd.	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
	April 26, 2001	Thursday	Boot Kikker's, League City Phone (281) 332-2242	1231 Gulf Freeway	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
* NOTE: Must attend both evenings to receive certification					

Do You Have Current Copies of the *Bingo Enabling Act* and *Charitable Bingo Administrative Rules*?

Current copies of these documents are as follows:

Bingo Enabling Act – Revised September 1, 1999 (Turquoise Cover)

Charitable Bingo Administrative Rules – Revised November 1, 2000 (Light Green Cover)

Both documents are available on our website www.txbingo.org or you can call us at 800-BINGO-77 (246-4677).

Texas Charitable Bingo Quarterly Report Statistics for the Third Quarter of 2000 And Comparison of Third Quarter 2000 to Third Quarter 1999 – Statistics as of November 27, 2000

Category	3 rd Quarter 2000	3 rd Quarter 1999	Change
Regular	\$ 87,592,919	\$ 96,742,464	\$ (9,149,545)
Electronic	\$ 34,115,622	\$ 30,676,604	\$ 3,439,018
Instant	\$ 21,580,387	\$ 23,611,943	\$ (2,031,556)
Total Gross Receipts	\$ 143,288,928	\$ 151,031,011	\$ (7,742,083)
Regular Prizes	\$ 87,799,732	\$ 92,029,646	\$ (4,229,914)
Instant Prizes	\$ 14,969,167	\$ 16,419,479	\$ (1,450,312)
Total Prizes	\$ 102,768,899	\$ 108,449,125	\$ (5,680,226)
Charitable Distributions	\$ 8,962,463	\$ 9,674,077	\$ (711,614)
Attendance	6,369,035	6,984,260	(615,225)

Note: All figures are unaudited

Upcoming Operator Training Programs

Please check our website at www.txbingo.org for upcoming Operator Training Programs. You can also register for upcoming Operator Training Programs on the website.

Administrative Action Taken

Organization Name	Application Type	Action	Findings
Austin Country Club	Conductor Original	License Application Denied June 22, 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Numerous violations of the Bingo Enabling Act and Charitable Bingo Administrative Rules.

Administrative Action Taken by Commission

Organization Name	Application Type	Action	Findings
Geneva G. Graham and Patricia A. Greenfield	System Service Provider Renewal	License Application Denied July 18, 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organization failed to submit supplemental information in violation of the Bingo Enabling Act Sec. 2001.302 Organization failed to submit the entire license fee in violation of the Bingo Enabling Act Sec. 2001.254 and Charitable Bingo Administrative Rule 402.571.
Red Men Tribe 22	Conductor's License	License Revoked July 18, 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organization failed to timely file a quarterly report and failed to timely remit prize fees in violation of the Bingo Enabling Act. Sec. 2001.509.