



On September 1, 2003, the 78th Texas Legislature enacted House Bill 2519, which added Sections 2001.313 and 2001.314 to the Bingo Enabling Act (Act), Texas Occupations Code, Chapter 2001. These new sections direct the Texas Lottery Commission ("Commission") to create a Registry of Approved Bingo Workers (Registry), and provide the Commission with the authority to issue identification cards to individuals listed on the Registry. The Registry is a list, maintained by the Commission, of persons whom the Commission has conducted a criminal history background check and who are approved to be involved in the conduct of bingo or to act as a bingo operator. With the addition of these new sections in the Act and the adoption of Charitable Bingo Administrative Rule 402.530, relating to the Registry of Approved Bingo Workers, the Charitable Bingo Operations Division would like to direct your attention to some of the changes that will impact licensed authorized organizations, bingo workers and operators.

An individual may not be involved in the conduct of bingo or act as a bingo operator until that individual is listed on the Registry. To be listed on the Registry, an individual must complete a Texas Application for Registry of Approved Bingo Workers Form (Application) and undergo a criminal history background check. Completed applications may be mailed to the Charitable Bingo Operations Division, Texas Lottery Commission, P.O. Box 16630, Austin, TX 78761-6630 or faxed to (512) 344-5142.

Licensed authorized organizations are no longer required to submit the names of its workers on *Supplement Forms, Schedule B* or *Additional Individual Sheets*. Each applicant for a bingo license must continue to submit a list of its workers on its original application. In addition, each licensed authorized organization must submit a list of its current registered workers when renewing its license. Please note that each licensed authorized organization must continue to identify its operators, officers and directors on the prescribed Commission forms.

If listed on the Registry, an individual may serve as a worker for any licensed authorized organization. To serve as an operator, an individual must be a member of the licensed authorized organization and be listed on the bingo record in this capacity. An individual may not be added as an operator to a licensed authorized organization's bingo record unless listed on the Registry.

Registrants submitted on or before February 1, 2004, as a worker or operator for an authorized organization are considered listed on the registry if the prescribed form listing the individual was postmarked on or before February 1, 2004. These individuals must then verify their intent to remain on the registry by no later than June 1, 2004. Each individual must submit a completed Texas Application for Registry of Approved Bingo Workers as prescribed by the commission to remain on the Registry of Approved Bingo Workers.

All individuals listed on the Registry must report changes to information contained on their application within thirty days of the change. *Schedule N-3 Notice of Change for Registered Worker* is a form that was developed to assist registered workers and operators in this notification process. This form is available on the Commission's website at www.txbingo.org.

ALL BINGO WORKERS MUST BE LISTED ON - The Bingo Worker Registry



Each individual who completes an application and is approved to be listed on the Registry will receive six identification cards. Registered workers and operators will be required to wear an identification card while on duty after June 1, 2004.

Additional identification cards may be ordered from the Commission.

Identification cards worn by a registered worker or operator while on duty must be legible, visible, on a commission approved form, and list the individual's name and unique registration number. Identification cards are not transferable. In order to verify the identity of the individual wearing the identification card, personal photo identification must be presented when requested by a Commission employee.

A licensed authorized organization may verify whether a worker or operator is or is not registered by accessing the Registry on the Commission's website at www.txbingo.org or by calling the Charitable Bingo Operations

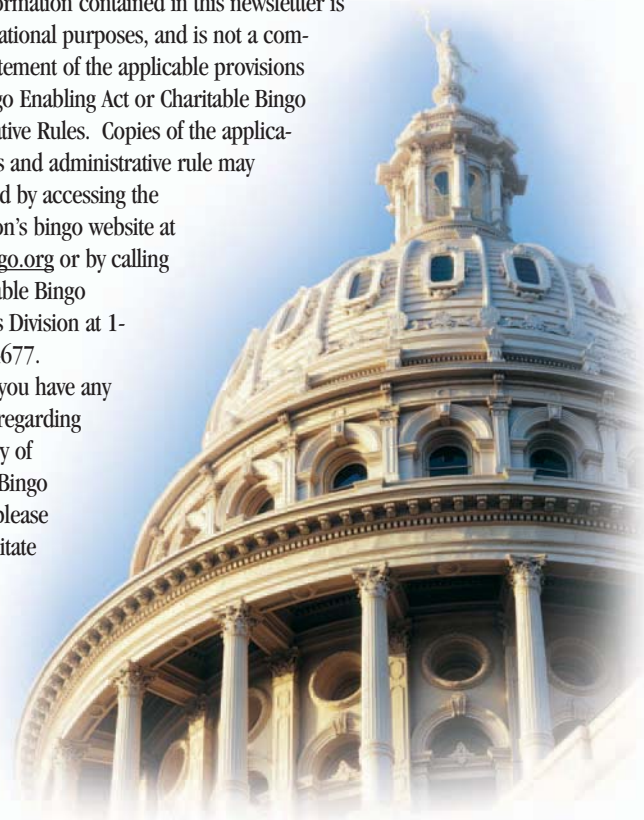
Division during business hours.

Once registered, an individual may remain on the Registry for three years. The individual must timely submit a renewal form to remain on the Registry without interruption.

The Texas Application for Registry of Approved Bingo Workers Form can be obtained by contacting the Charitable Bingo Operations Division as indicated in the "How To Contact Us" section on the last page of this newsletter and it is also available on our website at www.txbingo.org.

The information contained in this newsletter is for informational purposes, and is not a complete restatement of the applicable provisions of the Bingo Enabling Act or Charitable Bingo Administrative Rules. Copies of the applicable statutes and administrative rule may be obtained by accessing the Commission's bingo website at www.txbingo.org or by calling the Charitable Bingo Operations Division at 1-800-246-4677.

Should you have any questions regarding the Registry of Approved Bingo Workers, please do not hesitate to contact our office.



Registry of Approved Bingo Workers FAQs

What is the Registry of Approved Bingo Workers?

The Registry is a list, maintained by the Commission, of persons whom the Commission has conducted a criminal history background check and who are approved to be involved in the conduct of bingo or to act as a bingo operator.

When did the Registry go into effect?

On September 1, 2003.

Who has to be listed on the Registry?

Any person who will act as an operator, manager, cashier, usher, caller, or salesperson for a licensed authorized organization.

Our organization gets one temporary bingo license each year for our annual carnival. Do all of our workers and operators need to be listed on the Registry to work this bingo occasion?

No. Charitable Bingo Administrative Rule 402.530 (1) exempts individuals associated with an authorized organization that does not have an annual license to conduct bingo who receives a temporary license to conduct bingo from being listed on the Registry. The organization however must list all of its workers and operators on the bingo license application.

How do I get added to the Registry of Approved Bingo Workers?

To be added to the Registry, an individual must complete a Texas Application for Registry of Approved Bingo Workers and undergo a criminal history background investigation. Completed applications may be mailed to the Charitable Bingo Operations Division, Texas Lottery Commission, P.O. Box 16630, Austin, TX 78761-6630 or faxed to (512) 344-5142.

Is there a fee to be listed on the Registry?

Currently, there is no fee associated with the Registry.

I want to work for all five licensed authorized organizations in the bingo hall. Do I need to complete five Registry Applications?

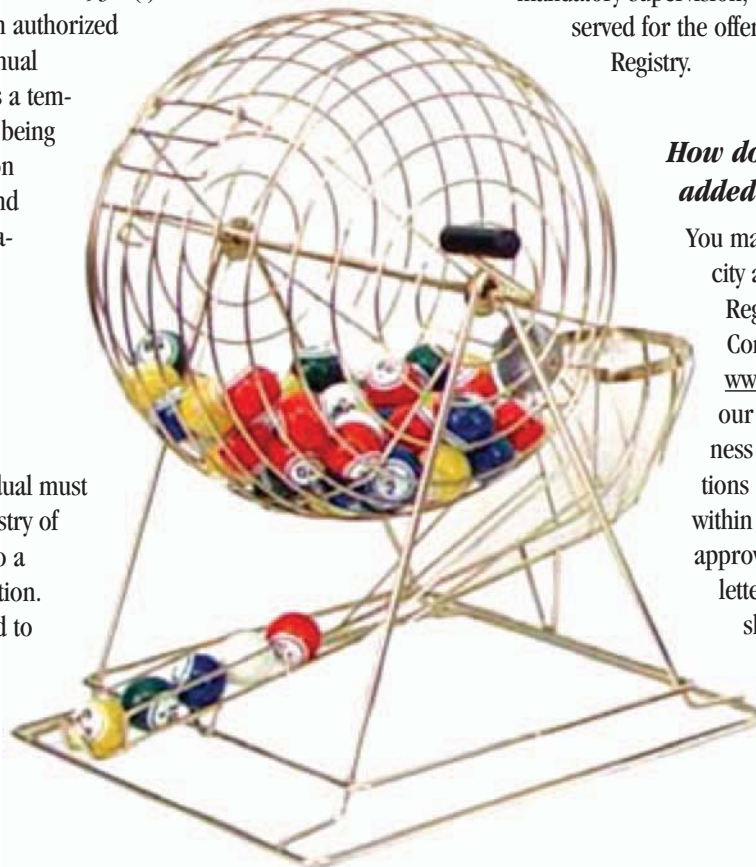
No. To become listed on the Registry, only one application should be submitted. Once an individual is listed on the Registry, the individual may serve as a worker for any licensed authorized organization.

I've filled out my Registry Application, can I start working?

Under Section 2001.313 an individual may not act as an operator, manager, cashier, usher, caller, or salesperson without being listed on the Registry.

What criminal offense would disqualify someone from being listed on the Registry?

A person who has been convicted of a felony, a gambling offense, criminal fraud, or a crime of moral turpitude if less than 10 years has elapsed since the termination of a sentence, parole, mandatory supervision, or community supervision served for the offense may not be listed on the Registry.



How do I know I've been added to the Registry?

You may check for your name, city and registry number on the Registry file available on the Commission's website at www.txbingo.org or contact our office during normal business hours. Registry applications are normally processed within 7-10 days. Once approved, you will be mailed a letter of notification and a sheet of six registered worker identification cards.

Is there a penalty for working without being listed on the Registry?

Yes, an individual found to have worked for an organization with an annual license to conduct bingo as an operator, manager, cashier, usher, caller, or salesperson without being listed on the Registry, will be prohibited from working in bingo, anywhere in the state, for one year from the date of that determination.

Can you send my registration notification and identification card to the bingo ball when I am approved?

If the registration notification and identification cards should be sent to an address other than the home address of the applicant, then Item J on the Texas Application for Registry of Approved Bingo Workers should be completed.

When do I have to wear my identification card?

Registered workers and operators will be required to wear an identification card while on duty after June 1, 2004.

Can I get more identification cards?

A registered worker may request an additional sheet of identification cards by calling 1-800-BINGO-77(246-4677). Additionally, blank Identification Cards may be requested by completing a Registry of Approved Bingo Workers Blank Identification Card Request Form.

Can a person be removed from the Registry?

An individual may remove himself from the Registry at any time by submitting a request in writing. In addition, the Texas Lottery Commission may take administrative action to remove an individual from the Registry pursuant to Section 2001.313(e) of the Bingo Enabling Act.

How long am I registered for once I am listed on the Registry?

Once registered, an individual may remain on the Registry for three years. The individual must timely submit a renewal form to remain on

the Registry without interruption. The expiration date of the registration is listed on the identification cards issued by the commission.

My phone number is changing. Is there anything I need to do?

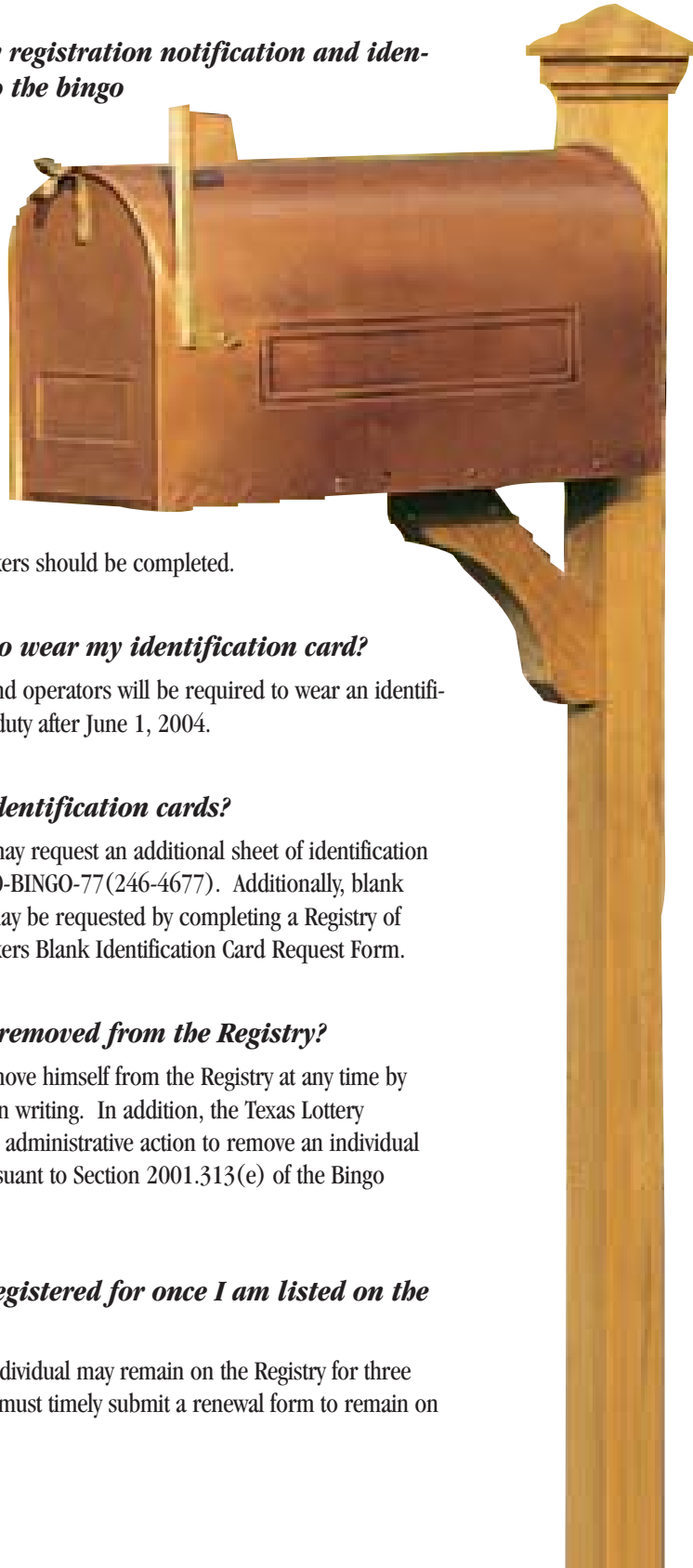
All individuals listed on the Registry must report changes to information contained on their application within thirty days of the change. *Schedule N-3 Notice of Change for Registered Worker* is a form that was developed to assist registered workers and operators in this notification process.

Do I need to continue to submit my WORKERS on Supplement Forms, Schedule B or Additional Individual Sheets?

No. Licensed authorized organizations are no longer required to submit the names of its workers on *Supplement Forms, Schedule B or Additional Individual Sheets*. These forms have been revised to incorporate this change. Each applicant for a bingo license must continue to submit a list of its workers on its original application. In addition, each licensed authorized organization must submit a list of its current registered workers when renewing its license. *Schedule B3 Registered Workers for License to Conduct Bingo* is included in all application packets to assist applicants in meeting this requirement.

Do I need to continue to submit my OPERATORS on Supplement Forms, Schedule B or Additional Individual Sheets?


Yes. Before an individual may serve as an operator he/she must be listed on the organization's bingo record as an operator through a form prescribed by the commission. In addition, an operator must be a bona-fide member of the organization and be listed on the Registry. An operator may not be added to a licensed authorized organization's bingo record unless he/she is listed on the Registry.




Bingo Allocations - Third Quarter 2003

On November 24, 2003, 80 local jurisdictions received their bingo allocations for the third quarter of 2003 and another 75 local jurisdictions received their allocation by direct deposit. The third quarter 2003 allocations are up 1.15% from the second quarter of 2003 and up 4.5% from the third quarter of 2002.

The top five counties and cities receiving bingo allocations in the third quarter of 2003 were:




Counties		Cities	
Tarrant	\$154,569.60	San Antonio	\$84,578.23
Dallas	\$152,781.86	Fort Worth	\$84,493.05
Harris	\$118,281.94	Dallas	\$78,000.66
Bexar	\$103,676.39	Houston	\$64,526.57
Hidalgo	\$ 73,810.68	Lubbock	\$60,114.42




Bingo Allocations - Fourth Quarter 2003

On February 27, 2004, 85 local jurisdictions were mailed their bingo allocation checks for the fourth quarter of 2003 and another 79 local jurisdictions received their allocation by direct deposit. The fourth quarter 2003 allocations are up 4.49% from the third quarter of 2003 and up 5.93% from the fourth quarter of 2002.

The top five counties and cities receiving bingo allocations in the fourth quarter of 2003 were:




Counties		Cities	
Dallas	\$164,172.73	San Antonio	\$87,160.59
Tarrant	\$151,077.52	Dallas	\$85,800.85
Harris	\$118,654.60	Fort Worth	\$83,852.91
Bexar	\$105,842.28	Houston	\$64,082.96
Hidalgo	\$ 82,617.98	Lubbock	\$61,519.27



Total Licenses Issued By Category In 2003

Unaudited Figures As Of February 13, 2004

Application Type	Conductor	Distributor	Lessor	Manufacturer	System Service Provider	Total
Amendment	930		19			949
Original	44	3	21	1		69
Renewal	1,236	18	399	15	1	1,669
Temporary	3,154					3,154
Total	5,364	21	439	16	1	5,841



Alcoholic Services Knocks for Women, Inc. (ASK House)

Alcoholic Services Knocks for Women, Inc. (ASK House) in Lubbock has been conducting charitable bingo since 1988. Since that time, the organization has realized approximately \$9,271,837 in bingo gross receipts and \$932,441 in charitable distributions from bingo activities. The organization conducts bingo three times a week at Goldstar Charity Bingo in Lubbock. **Note:** Statistics are as of January 26, 2004 and are unaudited

ASK House was established in 1981 to provide a safe place for women to live while dealing with substance abuse issues. Residents are provided with a safe place to live, free from outside influences, so that they can concentrate on rebuilding their lives. The goal of the program is to assist each resident in finding employment and developing personal and financial management skills that will ultimately enable them to lead independent and productive lives.

Lisa Blake, Executive Director said, "In addition to a place to live, each resident is referred to job training, social service agencies, training in parenting skills, and GED classes as deemed appropriate. Transportation is provided to training and meetings as required. Each resident is required to attend 12-step meetings. Residents contribute to the running of ASK House, they plan and prepare meals and clean and maintain the facility. From 1981 to January 2003 ASK House has provided assistance to 1,149 women. Charitable bingo distributions pay for 75% of the operating expenses of ASK House."

What contributes to the success of the charitable bingo operations of the organization? Clark Lilly, Primary Operator of the organization's charitable bingo activities said, "The bingo hall is kept clean and the restrooms are nice and kept very clean. Off-duty sheriff's deputies are hired to provide security in the parking lot and

in the hall. The snack-bar serves good food, including great chicken-fried steak, tacos and nachos-grande. We announce the birthdays of players who consent to our doing so. The hall provides a party room, at no extra charge, for players that want to combine special events, such as birthday parties, with bingo. We advertise in the Thrifty Nickel and by word-of-mouth. For those players that wish to be recognized, we maintain a display board in the hall that has a photograph of winners and indicates how much they won. At the end of each occasion all employees stand at the door and thank the players for coming."

Clark said that the new style of play pull-tab tickets (event tickets) have been very profitable for the organization, increasing pull-tabs sales by 50%. All ushers sell pull-tabs, so that players don't have to get up to purchase the tickets. They sell three to four different pull-tab tickets per occasion, 75% of the pull-tab sales are event tickets and 25% are instant pull-tab tickets.

Charitable Bingo Celebrates Its 22nd Anniversary

In November 1980, Texas voters approved a Constitutional Amendment authorizing Charitable Bingo on a local option basis. The amendment requires all bingo proceeds to be spent in Texas for charitable purposes. The first bingo licenses were issued in the spring of 1982; at that time Charitable Bingo was a division at the Comptroller of Public Accounts. In January 1990, the regulation and administration of Charitable Bingo was transferred to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission. In April of 1994, the administration of Charitable Bingo was transferred to the Texas Lottery Commission where it remains today.



Charitable Bingo Statistics 1982 – 2003

Unaudited Figures As Of 02/12/04

Year	Annual Gross Receipts	Total Prizes Awarded	Charitable Distributions	Note	Allocations for Cities and Counties	Attendance
1982	\$ 66,488,368.00	\$45,102,756.00	\$ 3,536.00	(1)	\$ 657,184.00	No Record
1983	\$ 163,172,767.00	\$117,391,473.00	\$ 3,646,181.00	(2)	\$ 1,193,376.00	No Record
1984	\$ 221,814,070.00	\$161,408,850.00	\$ 17,993,595.00		\$ 4,047,322.00	No Record
1985	\$ 255,293,746.00	\$183,271,397.00	\$ 27,731,430.00		\$ 4,103,469.00	239,703
1986	\$ 302,657,186.00	\$220,248,666.00	\$ 18,814,743.00		\$ 3,745,303.00	21,928,014
1987	\$ 368,025,355.00	\$270,767,707.00	\$ 20,464,169.00		\$ 6,042,654.00	24,720,392
1988	\$ 467,011,652.00	\$346,072,600.00	\$ 28,082,676.00		\$ 7,935,380.00	27,435,271
1989	\$ 550,811,546.00	\$407,431,323.00	\$ 35,773,768.00		\$ 9,390,573.00	30,764,729
1990	\$ 621,879,347.00	\$447,891,674.00	\$ 47,649,251.00		\$ 9,560,443.00	33,548,539
1991	\$ 673,255,647.00	\$482,658,277.00	\$ 54,547,842.00		\$ 9,825,017.00	36,977,501
1992	\$ 668,893,217.00	\$485,427,481.00	\$ 48,213,993.00		\$ 5,961,898.00	35,386,644
1993	\$ 654,405,578.00	\$483,111,634.00	\$ 51,440,053.00		\$ 7,278,829.00	34,757,522
1994	\$ 634,490,473.00	\$473,177,902.00	\$ 48,927,873.00		\$ 10,812,176.00	33,910,337
1995	\$ 636,183,901.00	\$480,418,723.00	\$ 46,453,749.00		\$ 10,882,677.00	33,981,012
1996	\$ 605,211,196.00	\$456,606,617.00	\$ 40,476,599.00		\$ 10,583,249.00	32,333,978
1997	\$ 593,978,610.00	\$437,842,092.00	\$ 38,401,962.00		\$ 10,071,442.00	30,899,739
1998	\$ 605,133,093.00	\$432,298,907.00	\$ 42,591,004.00		\$ 9,895,196.00	29,851,704
1999	\$ 606,232,632.00	\$430,325,209.00	\$ 40,017,364.00		\$ 9,910,962.00	27,868,001
2000	\$ 582,251,696.00	\$413,580,727.00	\$ 36,853,241.00		\$ 9,474,278.00	25,801,478
2001	\$ 562,787,008.00	\$399,489,354.00	\$ 34,279,915.00		\$ 9,163,984.00	24,365,855
2002	\$ 556,696,184.00	\$397,634,931.00	\$ 31,765,127.00		\$ 9,182,649.00	23,684,148
2003	\$ 572,631,300.00	\$414,927,091.00	\$ 29,606,646.00		\$ 9,653,051.95	23,718,893
Total	\$ 10,969,685,853.00	\$7,987,085,391.00	\$ 743,734,717.00		\$ 169,371,112.95	532,173,460

Notes: (1) The amount of allocations for 1982 includes the last three quarters. No Information is available for the first quarter 1982.

(2) 1983 allocations do not include the third or fourth quarter amounts. The total amount of the third and fourth quarters have been included in the 1984 total amount. The amounts were unable to be separated by year.

Information Reports Available Through Open Records Requests

The Charitable Bingo Operations Division brought the new Automated Charitable Bingo System (ACBS) database system online in December 2003. The old system was deactivated and the associ-

ated batch reports (PN 396, PN 304, PN 305, PN 397, PN 398 etc.) are no longer available. There are five reports which the ACBS offers which are very similar to the reports that were generated by the old system. The name of the new report, with the specific data fields contained in each report, is listed below.

When requesting one of these reports through Open Records, **please refer to the report titles listed below** because the reports by number, such as PN 396, no longer exist.

1. REPORT TITLE: Conductor Return Details for Quarter by County:

DATA FIELDS: County, taxpayer number, organization name, occasions per quarter, persons attending, card sale entrance fee, electronic card sales, instant bingo sales, gross receipts, rent income, loan proceeds, interest earned, merchandise prize donated value, prize fee withheld, previous proceeds undistributed, total proceeds, regular prizes, instant prizes, cost of goods sold, repayment approved loans, charitable distribution, prize fee paid, rent payments, mortgage payments, lease payments to distributors, other expenses, total expenses proceeds distributed, proceeds undistributed.

Note: This report provides financial activity information per conductor per quarter available with 28 columns of information. This MS Excel-formatted report is available in paper, e-mail attachment (file size for "all counties" report averages 900 KB) or CD format.

2. REPORT TITLE: Average Attendance Increase / Decrease for Filing Period:

DATA FIELDS: Audit region, taxpayer number, organization name, occasions, persons attending, average quarterly attendance, average spent per person.

Note: This report lists and sorts data by the 5 Charitable Bingo Audit Regions in Texas. This MS Excel-formatted report will compare a maximum of two quarters and is available in paper, e-mail attachment (file size for "all counties" report averages 250 KB) or CD format.

3. REPORT TITLE: Management Return Statistics: (Prize Fee or Rental Tax) Quarter to Quarter:

DATA FIELDS (Prize Fee): Occasions, persons attending, regular, electronic, instant, total gross receipts, rent income, loan proceeds, interest earned, merchandise prize donated value, prize fee with-

held, previous proceed undistributed, total proceeds, regular prizes, instant prizes, total prizes, cost of goods sold, repayment approved loans, charitable distribution, prize fee paid, rent payments, mortgage payments, lease payments to distributor, other expenses, total expenses proceeds distributed, proceeds undistributed.

DATA FIELDS (Rental Tax): Rental income, total tax.

Note: This MS Excel-formatted report provides only aggregate statewide data and will provide data for a maximum of four quarters per report (Prize fee report) and is available in paper, e-mail attachment (file size is approximately 10 KB) or CD format. Rental tax report is approximately 4 KB for a report covering 8 quarters.

4. REPORT TITLE: Management Return Statistics for a Taxpayer by Quarter

DATA FIELDS: Occasions, persons attending, regular, electronic, instant, total gross receipts, rent income, loan proceeds, interest earned, merchandise prize donated value, prize fee withheld, previous proceed undistributed, total proceeds, regular prizes, instant prizes, total prizes, cost of good sold, repayment approved loans, charitable distribution, prize fee paid, rent payments, mortgage payments, lease payments to distributor, other expenses, total expenses proceeds distributed, proceeds undistributed.

Note: This MS Excel formatted report provides data for a single taxpayer and is identical to the information reported by conductors in the quarterly reports and is available in paper, e-mail attachment (file size is approximately 18 KB) or CD format.

5. REPORT TITLE: Playing Location Information

DATA FIELDS: Conductor county name, county code, lessor address number, lessor taxpayer number, conductor taxpayer number, organization name, location name, conductor location street address, city, state, zip code, mailing street address, mailing city, mailing state, mailing zip code.

Note: This MS Excel formatted-report provides information by county on lessor locations and the licensed conductors playing there. This is available in paper, e-mail attachment (file size for an "all counties" report averages 450 KB) or CD format.



Operator Training Program - Future Classes

Location	When	Phone
Region: Dallas		
Elks Lodge 0138 Temple - 2613 Airport Rd., Temple	06/19/2004 • 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM	254-773-1311
Fort Worth Bingo, Inc. - 412 N. Sylvania Avenue, Fort Worth	07/14/2004 • 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	817-801-8892
Lake Brownwood Lions Club - 6751 Highway 279, Brownwood	08/12/2004 • 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM	325-625-4978
Region: Houston		
American Legion Post 560 (North Houston) - 3720 Alba Road, Houston	05/13/2004 • 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM	713-682-9287
Elks Lodge 1981 Huntsville - 3400 Elks Drive, Huntsville	06/09/2004 • 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM	936-295-2881
Region: Odessa		
Lawndale Bingo- 3520 E. 27th, Amarillo	06/12/2004 • 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM	888-829-0865
Palm Plaza Bingo - 9740 Dyer, El Paso	07/10/2004 • 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM	888-829-0865
Region: San Antonio		
Catholic War Veterans Hall - 1501 N. International, Weslaco	05/12/2004 • 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	888-829-0865
VFW Post 8800 Startz Memorial - 7755 FM 2673, Canyon Lake, Canyon Lake	07/13/2004 • 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM	830-899-7774



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