

COUNTY/CITY LOTTERY COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES REPORT

SCOTTSBLUFF COUNTY

07/01/11 THROUGH 06/30/12

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Title 316, Chapter 35, Section 616 of the Nebraska Administration Code requires a county, city, or village to perform, on an annual basis coinciding with the fiscal year of the county, city, or village, compliance procedure of its keno lottery prescribed by the Nebraska Department of Revenue. The compliance procedures are set forth in Revenue Ruling 35-2006-04 issue by the Department on January 3, 2006.

Section 616 further requires a report outlining the findings from the performance of the compliance procedures to be submitted by the county, city, or village to the Department within 90 days of the end of the fiscal year of the county, city, or village. In the event a county, city, or village cancels its license or allow such license to expire prior to the end of the reporting period, a final report shall be filed with the Department within 90 days of the date the license was canceled or expired.

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COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES AND FINDINGS

#1 & #2 COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENT (MANUAL BALL DRAW METHOD): An unannounced observation of the keno activity shall be made at least annually for all Sponsors who utilize a manual ball draw method for selection of winning numbers during the conduct of a keno lottery.

FINDINGS: An unannounced observation of the number selection process was performed for the following games:

	Date	Location	Time	Game Number
a.	07/18/11	Main	09:59 am	443
b.	07/18/11	Main	10:04 am	444
c.	07/18/11	Main	10:09 am	445
d.	07/18/11	Main	10:14 am	446
e.	07/18/11	Main	10:18 am	447
f.	12/02/10	Main	10:30am	636
g.	12/02/10	Main	10:45am	637
h.	02/24/11	Main	09:38am	032
i.	02/24/11	Main	09:43am	033
j.	02/24/11	Main	09:48am	034
k.	02/24/11	Main	09:53am	035
l.	02/24/11	Main	09:59am	036
m.	02/24/11	Main	10:05am	037

During an unannounced observation, the following licensed lottery workers were present and participated in the winning number selection process.

07/18/11 - Name of Lottery Worker (Caller) Dennis Baynes (Game 443)
Name of Lottery Worker (Marker) Erin Reifenate (Game 443)
Name of Lottery Worker (Keno Manager) Sherri Dostal (Game (631))

07/18/11 - Name of Lottery Worker (Caller) Erin Reifenate (Games 444-447)
Name of Lottery Worker (Marker) Dennis Baynes (Games 444-447)
Name of Lottery Worker (Keno Manager) Sherri Dostal (Games 444-447)

12/16/11 - Name of Lottery Worker (Caller) Sherri Reifenate (Games 041-044)
Name of Lottery Worker (Marker) Brittany Pierce (Games (041-044))
Name of Lottery Worker (Keno Manager) Pat Bloyd (Games 041-044)

12/16/11 - Name of Lottery Worker (Caller) Brittany Pierce (Games 045)
Name of Lottery Worker (Marker) Pat Bloyd (Games 045)
Name of Lottery Worker (Keno Manager) Sherry Reifenate (Games 045)

1. The number of the game being drawn was recorded on a blank keno draw ticket.
2. Once lottery worker called the ball numbers as they were selected and entered the number into the keno system.
3. A different lottery worker (marker) recorded the ball numbers on the draw ticket.

4. The keno manager verified the number drawn by visually comparing the ball number in the rabbit ears to the number entered into the keno system prior to computing the game.
5. The keno manager signed the draw ticket as the evidence of his or her review.
6. The method of winning number selection used at the time of the unannounced observation agreed with the designated method on file with the Department.

EXCEPTIONS/COMMENTS:

I also visited the Main Keno Parlor at other times during the year and observed games such as 08/01/11, 12/3/11, 03/16/12 and 07/20/2012 at which times there were always a minimum of 3 people. Most of the time there were 4 to accept wagers in a timely manner.

#3 COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENT (AUTOMATED BALL DRAW METHOD):

Verify that keno management personnel have performed on a next day basis a review of all "no read" and duplicate number occurrences. Sponsors must also verify that keno management personnel of the Lottery Operator or Sales Outlet Location have performed on the next day basis a review of the game draw for a minimum of ten percent of the games run for the previous day. A written log of such reviews must be maintained by the Lottery Operator or Sales Outlet location where the automated ball draw equipment is in use.

FINDINGS:

Scotts Bluff County Keno does not have an Automated Ball Draw system only a manual draw. So this procedure is not applicable to us.

#4 COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENT (MANUAL AND AUTOMATED BALL DRAW METHODS):

View the video tape or digital recording for a minimum of five games for each month (from at least two different weeks within each month) to determine that the following items are in compliance with the regulations:

- a. The video tape or digital recording must have a clear image to show the empty rabbit ears or wheel, date and time, and full rabbit ears or wheel. The video tape or digital recording must also show the game number or the time and date which will relate to the game number.
- b. The winning numbers drawn per the video tape or digital recording must agree with the draw ticket prepared by a lottery worker, in the case of a manual ball draw ticket prepared by a lottery worker, in the case of a manual ball draw, and the winning numbers recorded on the transaction log. Verify that all discrepancies were reported to the Nebraska Operator Sales Outlet Location, or Sponsor. Report all discrepancies not previously reported directly to the Nebraska Department of Revenue Chartable Gaming Division. Compare the time of the video tape or digital recording to the transaction log; also examine any procedure which would allow the Lottery Operator or Sales Outlet Location the opportunity to affect the outcome of the keno game.
- c. The video tapes must be retained and may not be reused until the Sponsor has performed the compliance procedures on the tapes and has released the tapes.

FINDINGS: The digital disc for the following dates and game numbers were reviewed:

	Date	Game Numbers		Date	Game Numbers
a.	07/03/11	388	af.	01/06/12	873
b.	07/09/11	254	ag.	01/15/12	171
c.	07/15/11	139	ah.	01/15/12	233
d.	07/24/11	387	aj.	01/28/12	098
e.	07/28/11	110	ak.	01/28/12	105
f.	08/01/11	544	al.	02/04/12	099
g.	08/05/11	074	am.	02/07/12	467
h.	08/12/11	070	an.	02/10/12	862
i.	08/20/11	201	ao.	02/17/12	925
j.	08/26/11	050	ap.	02/23/12	749
k.	09/03/11	267	aq.	03/02/12	981
l.	09/07/11	829	ar.	03/11/12	333
m.	09/11/11	375	as.	03/13/12	649
n.	09/15/11	959	at.	03/18/12	311
o.	09/25/11	485	au.	03/31/12	346
p.	10/01/11	395	av.	04/04/12	868
q.	10/05/11	884	aw.	04/14/12	414
r.	10/15/11	311	ax.	04/27/12	363
s.	10/21/11	171	ay.	04/29/12	605
t.	10/24/11	547	az.	04/30/12	690
u.	11/01/11	767	ba.	05/03/12	118
v.	11/04/11	238	bb.	05/04/12	289
w.	11/20/11	519	bc.	05/15/12	929
x.	11/26/11	281	bd.	05/22/12	999
y.	11/29/11	861	be.	05/31/12	341
z.	11/30/11	866	bf.	06/01/12	456
aa.	12/03/11	296	bg.	06/01/12	456
ab.	12/04/11	449	bh.	06/08/12	519
ac.	12/26/11	377	bi.	06/19/12	126
ad.	12/26/11	421	bj.	06/22/12	644
ae.	12/29/11	829			

1. The digital disc that I reviewed had a clear image to show the empty rabbit ears, date and time, and full rabbit ears. The recording showed the game number and the time and date which related to the game number.
2. The winning numbers drawn per the digital disc reviewed agreed with the draw tickets prepared by a lottery worker, and the winning numbers recorded on the transaction log.
3. There were not any ball draw irregularities identified which were not previously report to the Department
4. There were no games recorded over by the Lottery Operator or Sales Outlet Location prior to the performance of the Compliance Procedures.

EXCEPTIONS/COMMENTS:

As of March 17, 2008 the VCR tapes were replaced with DVDs for reviewing and the quality was much better. New cameras were added this year.

#5 COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENT: Verify the accuracy of monthly game summary information provided by the Lottery Operator by tracing the gross proceeds and prize payouts from the keno systems transactions log to the monthly summary information.

FINDINGS: The gross proceeds and prize payouts from the monthly summary information provided by the Lottery Operator were compared to the totals recorded on the keno system transaction logs. The monthly summary information agreed with the totals recorded on the keno System transaction logs.

EXCEPTIONS/COMMENTS:

The monthly summary reports are traced to the daily transactions logs. The monthly summary report is also traced to the Weekly Revenue Report entered by the Keno Director and used in reconciliations for Procedure #6.

#6COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENT: Determine that the gross proceeds of the keno lottery less prizes paid in cash are deposited into a separate bank account of the Sponsor or Lottery Operator. Monthly trace the deposits per the daily cash summary and the transaction log to the keno operations bank account to determine that the proper amount has been deposited within a commercially reasonable time frame and report any discrepancies.

FINDINGS: The gross proceeds of the keno lottery were deposited to the Operator's banks. The deposits per the daily cash summary and the transaction log were traced to the keno operations bank account by the Sponsor and the Keno Operator and no discrepancies were detected.

All deposits were made in a commercially reasonable time frame.

EXCEPTIONS/COMMENTS:

The Keno Contractor made all daily deposits and provided me with the reconciled monthly bank statements. I also reconcile Luck Keno's bank accounts monthly for comparison and to categorize the expense, transfers and deposits. The Contractor made the calculations and wrote a check to Scotts Bluff County, which was deposited into the Keno Fund (Community Betterment) monthly. I rechecked all his calculations while doing the monthly financial reports. All deposits appear to have been made in a timely manner.

The Keno Contractor paid the vendor the royalties and the Management Accountant calculated the amounts owed to the Cities/villages for royalties and State of Nebraska. As mentioned above the Contractor made the calculations and wrote a check to Scotts Bluff County and was deposited into the Keno Fund (Community Betterment). I rechecked all his calculations while doing the monthly financial reports.

Each month, the monthly summary report for each location is traced to the daily transaction log. The monthly summary reports are also tied to the "Weekly Revenue Report" for each location to ensure that the sales and payouts entered into the spreadsheets are accurate. This gives assurance that the "Weekly Revenue Report" information is correct and that the reconciliation of the deposits is also correct.

The Keno Contractor has all the deposit accounts which can not earn interest by law because he is an LLC. The Reserve Fund is the only account that can and does draw interest, but is retained in that fund. The Platte Valley Bank account for the Rustic Tavern and the Pinnacle Bank account for the Company Bar & grill make monthly transfers to the Main Checking Fund, which

is where Lucky One pays all royalties and expenses. The Prize Fund receives transfer as needed to pay all prizes and fills. The Reserve Fund is where Lucky One deposits all unclaimed wins.

#7 COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENT: Examine any cash overage or shortage in excess of \$25 per keno writer per shift/day and report unexplained and unresolved discrepancies and irregularities.

FINDINGS: There were not overages or shortage in excess of \$25 per keno writer per shift/day which were not previously report to the Department.

EXCEPTIONS/COMMENTS:

I get a report each month outlining the overage/shortages at all the locations. This report outlines who and how much. I am not aware of any overages/shortages that have not been reported to the Department.

#8 COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENT: The computer-generated prize tables(s) for all types of wagers must agree with the published prize pay table(s). Verify that the Lottery Operator has a procedure to maintain a log of all updates and changes to the prize pay tables and that the active prize pay table(s) on the keno system agree with the published prize pay table(s).

FINDINGS: The active prize pay tables on all the keno systems were examined at the following locations Main Parlor, Sugar Club, Rustic Tavern, Company Bar & Grill and Valley Bowl Family Fun Center and agreed with the published prize pay tables. The Lottery Operator maintains a log of all updates and changes to the prize pay tables and it must inform the Scotts Bluff County Board of Commissioners before making any changes or updates.

EXCEPTIONS/COMMENTS:

Pay tables are also checked if a computer malfunctions or goes down due to hard drive failure.

#9 COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENT: Examine the financial security provided for prize payments to verify that the funds are guaranteed and in compliance with the regulations.

FINDINGS: I receive a verified copy from Valley Bank located in Gering NE of an irrevocable letter of credit for Lucky One, LLC in the amount of \$75,000.

EXCEPTIONS/COMMENTS:

#10 COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENT: Ensure that all lottery records are maintained as prescribe in Schedule 59-County/City Lottery Records approved by the Records Management Division of the Secretary of State's office and Regulation 35-622.

FINDINGS: Lottery records are maintained as prescribed in Schedule 59-County/City Lottery Records. The printed and electronic medium transaction logs are stored at 1825 10th Street Gering NE 69341 which is the Administration Building away from all Keno locations. Outside tickets with pay tickets (net winning of \$1,500 or more) and void ticket are also stored at County Administration Building 1825 10th Street Gering NE 69341.

EXCEPTIONS/COMMENTS:

The records are stored in Management Accountant's locked storage room

#11 COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENT: Sponsor must file a Nebraska County/City Lottery Report, Form 35K, for the annual period corresponding to the Sponsor's fiscal year. The report must be filed with the Charitable Gaming Division within 90 days of the end of the Sponsor's fiscal year.

FINDINGS: The Nebraska County/City Lottery Annual Report, Form 35K, covering the period 07/01/11 through 06/30/12 is attached.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Additional procedures are done as requested and approved by the County Board of Commissioners. These additional procedures are as follows: checking game time intervals, opening and closing times, W-2G s figured correctly and filled out completely/correctly, voided tickets are attached to transaction logs, outside and inside tickets are attached to transaction logs, major wins are calculated correctly and traced to transaction logs, audit all wins of \$1,500 and more and 5 – 6 smaller amounts randomly selected per location per month.

Company Bar & Grill started Keno Operation in November 2010. Dad's Bar & Grill was sold and become Two Crazy Cooks Bar & Grill in late June 2011 and it closed earlier in this fiscal year. Valley Bowl Family Fun Center just sold in July 2011 and closed mid fiscal year. Rack's Wine & Spirits just received a license in August 2012 as a true Satellite of the Main.

On September 3, 2011 local resident Bob Henkel won \$49,348.50 by having all seven numbers in his "Group" ticket come up. It was the largest win at the Main Parlor since 2000 when \$50,000 was won.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cc: County Commissioners