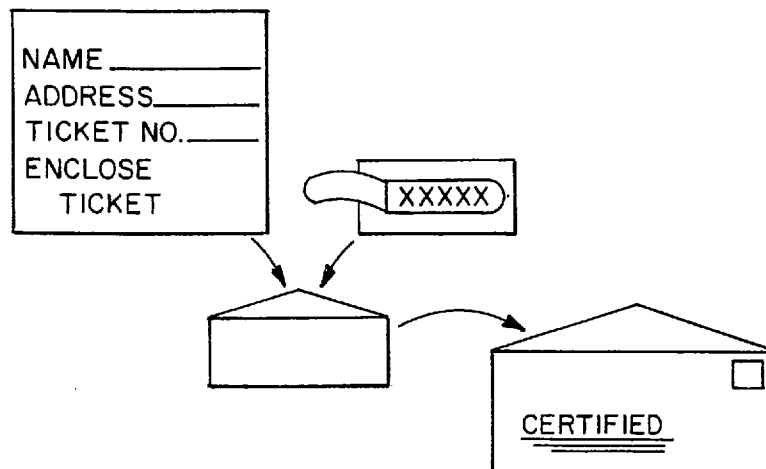




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(54) **TROUSSE DE JEU DE HASARD**
(54) **GAME OF CHANCE KIT**



(57) Trousse de jeu de loterie comprenant un contenant pour les billets, qui, lorsqu'ils sont ouverts, révèlent des marques cachées dont certaines donnent droit à des gains instantanés et/ou à l'admissibilité à un prix de loterie; et une trousse pour transmettre par envoi recommandé à l'adresse du lieu du tirage un billet de participation incluant le billet d'admissibilité. L'acheteur recevra par la suite un reçu indiquant la date de réception du billet de participation.

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GAME OF CHANCE KIT

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A lottery game kit comprises a container of tickets, the tickets, when opened, revealing hidden indicia, some of which will entitle a purchaser to instant winnings and/or eligibility for a sweepstakes prize; and a kit for transmitting by certified or registered means a sweepstakes entry including the ticket indicating eligibility to a sweepstakes drawing location whereby the purchaser will receive a receipt indicating the date the sweepstakes entry was received.

GAME OF CHANCE KIT

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

This invention is directed to a game of chance kit and, more particularly, to a game kit for use by charitable organizations, clubs, taverns and the like whereby members or customers can purchase a ticket and instantly win a prize if the ticket is a "winner". These kits are sold through licensed distributors in states and provinces where such games are legal. Typically, the kit is purchased by the charitable organization, club or tavern, the tickets are sold and the instant prizes are paid by the kit purchaser. The number of winners is precisely controlled so that the income from ticket sales will exceed the total cost of the instant prizes and so that the ticket purchasers will know in advance the payout if all tickets are purchased.

Game kits have been designed which give the impression of additional levels of play. See, for example, United States Patent No. 5,046,737. However, the additional levels of play permitting the customer to win a bonus or sweepstakes prize requires the bonus or sweepstakes to be funded entirely by the charitable organization, club or tavern selling the sweepstakes winning ticket. Also, it is normally necessary for all tickets in the set to be sold before the winning bonus number can be uncovered on a master game board for the organization to recover its expected return. Since the winning sweepstakes number is predetermined, albeit hidden behind a tab on a master game board, the selection of the sweepstakes winner is not a truly random event. If the first ticket drawn indicating a right to participate in the sweepstakes matches the hidden number, it is simply a matter of time and not a matter of chance before the sweepstakes prize is awarded to that ticket holder.

It is an object, according to this invention, to provide a game kit that overcomes the drawbacks described

above. It is an advantage, according to this invention, that the sweepstakes prize can be much larger since it is funded by numerous charitable organizations, clubs or taverns, each contributing to the prize at the time of the purchase of the kit. In this way, the sweepstakes prize can be much grander. The sweepstakes prize can take the form of cash, goods or even a vacation trip, for example. It is a further advantage, according to this invention, that a true additional level of play is provided in that the sweepstakes winner is not predetermined at the time the kits are distributed but only at the time of the sweepstakes drawing.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Briefly, according to this invention, there is provided a lottery game kit comprising a container for a set of game tickets of a preselected number which tickets can be purchased by game players. Each ticket has concealed indicia (symbols or numbers), some of which indicate entitlement to an instant prize and/or eligibility for a remote sweepstakes drawing. Each ticket contains indicia of a particular game set and indicia of a master game. A game set comprises all tickets in one container including both winners and losers and tickets indicating eligibility for the sweepstakes drawing. A master game comprises all game sets associated with a single sweepstakes drawing. The lottery game kit further comprises a prize board indicating the correspondence between ticket indicia and instant prizes. The game kit further includes a sweepstakes poster setting forth the sweepstakes prize and instructions for transmitting sweepstakes eligible tickets to the drawing. Each sweepstakes poster will include the final date for receipt of the name and address of a sweepstakes ticket purchaser and the winning ticket to the drawing location. Finally, the game kit will include one or more mailing envelopes and entry forms for transmitting the name and address of the sweepstakes eligible ticket holders and their winning tickets by certified or registered means. Preferably, the sweepstakes entry form and ticket will be

enclosed in a double envelope so that when the tickets arrive at the drawing location and after the receipt date is confirmed, the outer envelope can be removed and the inner envelope tossed into the hopper from which the winning
 5 sweepstakes eligible ticket is drawn while still in the inner envelope. In this way, the drawing cannot be prejudiced by information indicating the source on the outer envelope.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

10 Further features and other objects and advantages of this invention will be made clear by the following detailed description made with reference to the drawings in which:

Figs. 1a and 1b disclose single game tickets;
 15 Fig. 2 shows a triple game ticket;
 Fig. 3 is a flair or rules board;
 Fig. 4 is a sweepstakes board with attached sweepstakes entry form and envelope kits; and
 Fig. 5 shows one embodiment of a sweepstakes entry
 20 form and envelope kit.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Referring now to Figs. 1a and 1b, there is shown tickets which include a laminated upper and lower layer of material such that until torn apart by removing a tab, the
 25 indicia (symbols or numbers) hidden therein are not visible. Alternately, the ticket may be folded and sealed such that until the seal is broken and the ticket unfolded, the hidden indicia are not visible. The particular ticket illustrated in Figs. 1a, 1b and 2 are referred to in the industry as
 30 pull-tabs. Other types of tickets are suitable for use in game kits according to this invention.

The indicia of the game set and master game on each sweepstakes eligible ticket enables an audit of the drawing to reduce the opportunity for fraudulent entries.

35 Referring to Fig. 3, there is shown a flair or rules board which sets forth the rules and the value of instant winning tickets. The rule board displays a number

of winners and the number of total tickets in each game set and any other information required by state laws.

Referring now to Fig. 4, there is displayed a jackpot poster which announces and advertises the jackpot prize, the sweepstakes drawing date and may, for example, include instructions for transmitting sweepstakes eligible tickets to the drawing location. It may also describe the drawing process and procedures for independent verification of the random selection of the winning sweepstakes ticket. The flair and jackpot poster may be combined, if desired.

Also included in the lottery game kit, according to this invention, is a kit for transmitting the sweepstakes eligible tickets along with the name and address of the purchaser to the drawing location.

Referring to Fig. 5, according to one embodiment, the kit includes an entry form for the entry of the name, address and ticket number of the sweepstakes ticket, an inner envelope which is blank into which the entry form and the sweepstakes ticket can be sealed and an outer envelope designed for certified or registered transmission of the entry form and ticket to the drawing location whereby the purchaser can receive a receipt indicating the date of receipt at the drawing location.

Having thus described my invention with the detail and particularity required by the Patent Laws, what is desired protected by Letters Patent is set forth in the following claim.

I CLAIM:

1. A lottery game kit comprising:
a container of tickets, said tickets, when opened,
revealing hidden indicia, some of which will entitle a
purchaser to instant winnings and/or eligibility for a
5 sweepstakes prize; and
a kit for transmitting by certified or registered
means a sweepstakes entry including the ticket indicating
eligibility to a sweepstakes drawing location whereby the
purchaser will receive a receipt indicating the date the
10 sweepstakes entry was received.
2. The lottery game kit according to claim 1,
further comprising a flair for explaining the game rules.
3. The lottery game kit according to claim 1,
further comprising a poster for displaying the sweepstakes
prize and the last date for receipt of sweepstakes tickets
at the drawing location.

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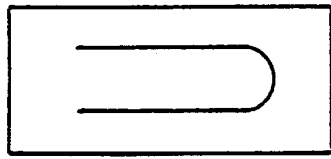


FIG. 1a

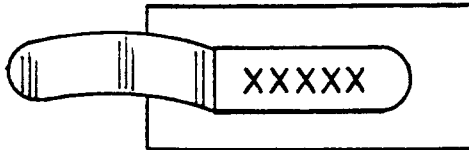


FIG. 1b

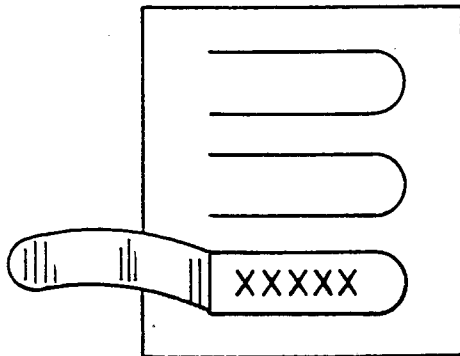


FIG. 2

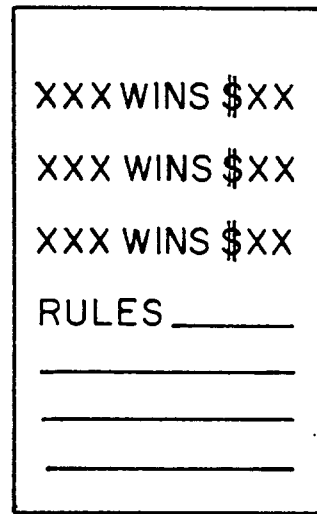


FIG. 3

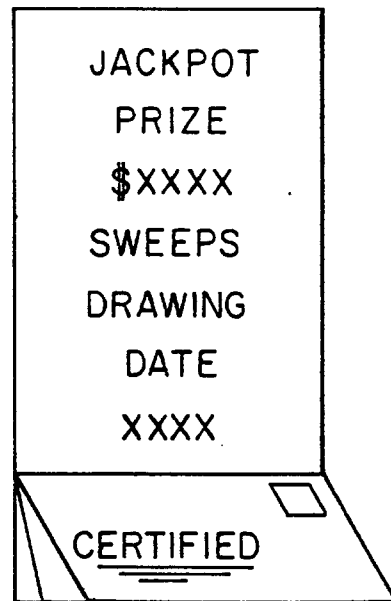


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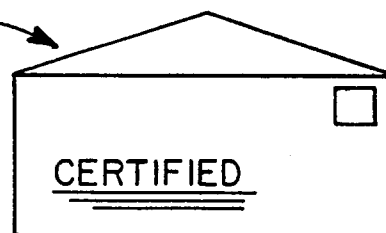
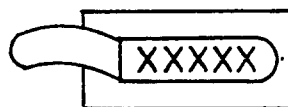
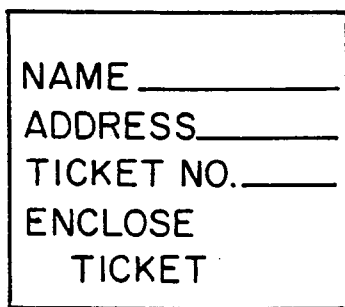


FIG. 5

