

and/or means for displaying indicia of a bonus payout indicator, such as a video screen, and/or a payout multiplier.

[0014] The present invention also comprises methods for playing a game of chance. One preferred method comprises the steps of a first displaying a randomly selected combination of indicia, said displayed indicia selected from the group consisting of slot reels, indicia of reels, indicia of playing cards, and combinations thereof; said first gaming unit comprising means for generating at least one signal corresponding to at least one select display of indicia; and providing a second indicia of a bingo-type game.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0015] **FIG. 1** is a perspective view of a gaming device of the present invention.

[0016] **FIG. 2** illustrates a payout chart which may be utilized with one embodiment of the present invention.

[0017] **FIG. 3** illustrates a payline display which can be used with the reel display **110**.

[0018] **FIG. 4** illustrates a payout table which can be utilized with the primary game.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0019] The various embodiments of the present invention are designed to provide added excitement to a gaming device in order to increase the enjoyment to players and to serve as an added attraction to potential players. One preferred embodiment of the present invention, illustrated in **FIG. 1**, comprises a primary gaming unit which comprises three rotatable reels **10**, each of which comprise a plurality of indicia on the periphery thereof, and a bingo-type game. While the illustrated embodiment comprises a base unit having three reels, other forms of randomly selected indicia, such as those commonly found in casino-type gaming devices, can also be used without departing from the scope of the present invention. The bingo game comprises a display of is a bingo card **152** and display of bingo markers **154** which, in this embodiment, comprise movable numbered balls corresponding to the bingo card. According to this illustrated embodiment, when it is desired to dispense a bingo marker, a ball is shown as being expelled from chute **155**. If the ball matches one of the numbers on the bingo card, then the ball is preferably directed to that number and the illumination of that number is changed in some way to indicate that the space is taken. If the ball does not match one of the numbers on the particular display card, then the ball can be directed to a trash bin **158**. If desired, the balls can also be moved around the screen in any particularly desired fashion.

[0020] The illustrated gaming device comprises a coin slot **114**, currency validator **116** and a credit card validator **118**. In a manner which will be recognized by those skilled in the art, each reel **110** is designed to rotate and then stop in order to visually display at least one, and preferably a number of indicia. If the collection of indicia displayed by the three reels is one of a predetermined plurality of winning indicia sets, then the player can typically be provided with a winning payout either through coin chute **120** which deposits winnings into a coin trough or by increasing the player's credits in a credit window **145**.

[0021] According to one aspect of the present invention, when a player wagers the maximum number of coins in the first gaming unit, the player is provided with an opportunity for a second or enhanced payout via the bingo-type game. According to this illustrated embodiment of the present invention, the second payout is dependent on whether or when the player wins bingo. According to the preferred and illustrated embodiments, after the bingo game has been activated, it is played to completion and the payout provided to the player is dependant upon when the player gets a bingo.

[0022] As illustrated in **FIG. 2** on a payout screen which most preferably surrounds the bingo display shown on **FIG. 1**, a player can win a grand prize, for example, \$10,000.00 if a bingo is attained in four-or-five balls. Increasing payouts can be awarded for bingos of greater numbers of balls, for example \$2,500.00 for a bingo in six-or-seven (6 or 7) balls, \$1,000.00 for eight-to-eleven (8-11) balls, \$250.00 for twelve-to-fifteen (12-15) balls and decreasing payment to a payment of forty (40) coins for a bingo in over sixty (60) balls. As indicated in area **210** of **FIG. 2**, if the final ball which generates a bingo forms two (2) bingos or three (3) bingos, then the player's award can be doubled, tripled, respectively. The bingo screen can also indicate other payouts. For example, in **FIG. 2**, it is indicated that a player will receive a progressive jackpot if the player attains a certain outcome on a certain payline with a predetermined number of coins bet. In this embodiment, if a player attains three DOUBLE-BAR DIAMOND indicia on the fifth payline after having wagered six (6) coins, then the player wins a progressive jackpot. The paylines for the primary game are indicated in **FIG. 3**. Furthermore, **FIG. 4** illustrates one example of a payout on the base game.

[0023] According to one preferred embodiment, a gaming device is provided with a base game and an opportunity for a second or enhanced payout wherein the value of the second payout is determined in part upon the number of balls or numbers that have been drawn on a secondary unit displaying a bingo game. According to the preferred illustrated embodiment of the present invention described above, the number of balls drawn is dependent upon the bingo card, i.e., balls are drawn until bingo is won.

[0024] It is also within the scope of the present invention to provide non-monetary prizes or losing spaces wherein no additional prize is provided and/or wherein the prize normally associated with the indicia shown on the primary gaming unit reels **110** is reduced.

[0025] When the game is not in use, the bingo card component, and/or the reels can be set to an attract mode wherein a message is displayed to potential players or play is simulated.

[0026] While separate screens are preferred, both the reels and the bingo game indicator could be displayed on the same video screen. The illustrated embodiment of the present invention is considered most preferable since it is believed that players prefer to see actual slot reels. Other embodiments are also possible while providing the advantages of the present invention. Specifically, it is feasible to replace the spinning reels with other forms of gaming units, for example, a visible indicia of reels or indicia of playing cards, shown for example on a video screen.

[0027] As stated above, the present invention also includes methods of conducting a wagering game of chance com-