

BOYD GAMING CORP  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**BOYD WILLIAM S**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2950 INDUSTRIAL ROAD

(Street)

LAS VEGAS, NV 89109

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**BOYD GAMING CORP [BYD]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/09/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

Chief Executive Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/09/2005		M	140,000 A \$ 13.625	14,205,779	I	Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	03/09/2005		M	50,000 A \$ 11.5	14,255,779	I	Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock					34,245	I	Corporation <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock					28,000	I	Corporation <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock					761,178	I	Limited Partnership <sup>(4)</sup>

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Common Stock		2,064,010	I	Limited Partnership <u>(5)</u>
Common Stock		2,591,207	I	Limited Partnership <u>(6)</u>
Common Stock		229,808	I	Annuity Trust <u>(7)</u>
Common Stock		262,554	I	Annuity Trust <u>(8)</u>
Common Stock		109,243	I	Annuity Trust <u>(9)</u>
Common Stock		114,768	I	Annuity Trust <u>(10)</u>
Common Stock		12,934	I	Annuity Trust <u>(11)</u>
Common Stock		23,712	I	Annuity Trust <u>(12)</u>
Common Stock		2,608,686	I	Limited Partnership <u>(13)</u>
Common Stock		2,664,178	I	Limited Partnership <u>(14)</u>
Common Stock		12,801	I	Annuity Trust <u>(15)</u>
Common Stock		22,545	I	Annuity Trust <u>(16)</u>
Common Stock		9,920	I	Annuity Trust <u>(17)</u>
Common Stock		17,421	I	Annuity Trust <u>(18)</u>

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
			Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares		
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.625	03/09/2005	M		140,000	(19) 04/21/2005	Common Stock	140,000		
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.5	03/09/2005	M		50,000	(19) 08/28/2006	Common Stock	50,000		

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BOYD WILLIAM S 2950 INDUSTRIAL ROAD LAS VEGAS, NV 89109	X	X	Chief Executive Officer	

## Signatures

William S. Boyd                      03/09/2005  
 \*\*Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting Person

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) By William S. Boyd Gaming Properties Trust, of which reporting person is the trustee, settlor and beneficiary.
- (2) By W.S.B., Inc., the reporting person's wholly owned corporation.
- (3) By William S. Boyd Family Corporation, the reporting person's wholly owned corporation.
- (4) By W.M. Limited Partnership, of which W.S.B., Inc. is general partner.
- (5) By BG-99 Limited Partnership, of which W.S.B., Inc. is general partner.
- (6) By BG-00 Limited Partnership, of which W.S.B., Inc. is general partner.
- (7) By William S. Boyd Retained Annuity Trust #2, of which the reporting person is the grantor and trustee.
- (8) By William S. Boyd Retained Annuity Trust #3, of which the reporting person is the grantor and trustee.
- (9) By BG-99 Retained Annuity Trust #2, of which the reporting person is the grantor and trustee.
- (10) By BG-99 Retained Annuity Trust #3, of which the reporting person is the grantor and trustee.

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- (11) By BG-00 Retained Annuity Trust #2, of which the reporting person is the grantor and trustee.
- (12) By BG-00 Retained Annuity Trust #3, of which the reporting person is the grantor and trustee.
- (13) By BG-01 Limited Partnership, of which W.S.B., Inc. is general partner.
- (14) By BG-02 Limited Partnership, of which W.S.B., Inc. is general partner.
- (15) By BG-01 Retained Annuity Trust #2, of which the reporting person is the grantor and trustee.
- (16) By BG-01 Retained Annuity Trust #3, of which the reporting person is the grantor and trustee.
- (17) By BG-02 Retained Annuity Trust #2, of which the reporting person is the grantor and trustee.
- (18) By BG-02 Retained Annuity Trust #3, of which the reporting person is the grantor and trustee.
- (19) Options granted under Boyd Gaming Corporation 1993 Flexible Stock Option Plan. Vesting plan calls for options to become exercisable at the rate of 33.333% per year on the first day of each successive 12 month period commencing one year from grant date.

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