

Investment Analysis for Intelligent Investors

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Shoal Games Ltd. (TSXV: SGW / OTCQB: SGLDF) - Q1 Strong / Trophy Bingo Gaining Traction

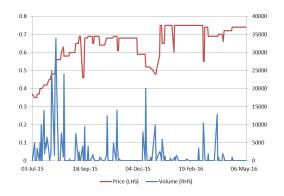
Sector/Industry: Mobile Games www.shoalgames.com

Market Data (as of May 11, 2016)

Current Price	C\$0.75
Fair Value	C\$1.60
Rating*	BUY
Risk*	5 (Highly Spec)
52 Week Range	C\$0.35 - C\$0.75
Shares O/S	57,702,303
Market Cap	C\$43.28 mm
Current Yield	N/A
P/E (forward)	N/A
P/B	N/A
YoY Return	N/A
YoY TSXV	-23.1%

^{*}see back of report for rating and risk definitions

^{*}All the figures are in US\$ unless otherwise specified.



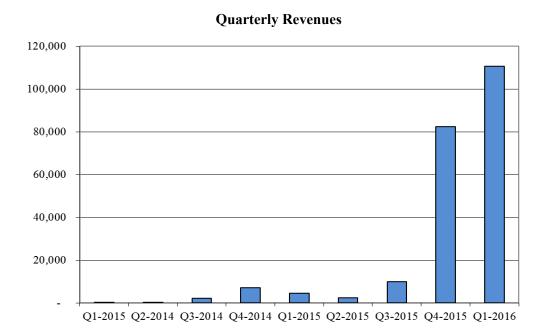
Highlights

- > Shoal Games Ltd. ("company", "Shoal", "SGW") reported strong results in Q1-2016 (quarter ended March 31, 2016) this Monday.
- ➤ In Q1-2016, revenues grew by 34% QOQ to \$110,559, up from \$82,540 in Q4-2015. The full launch of Trophy Bingo was in Q3-2015.
- > All of the Key Performance Indicators ("KPIs") showed strong improvements. Daily Active Users ("DAUs") increased from 13,870 in Q4-2015, to 18,122 in Q1-2016. The Monthly Gross Average Bookings per Paying User ("MGABPPU") increased QOQ from \$17.51 to \$22.38. Player acquisition cost also dropped QOQ. All these metrics, we believe, clearly indicate that Trophy Bingo is gaining traction.
- > In April 2016, the company announced that it has secured brand rights to produce Garfield Bingo. This deal allows Shoal to launch a new bingo game, using the same platform as Trophy Bingo, and capture the attention of the 17 million Facebook fans of Garfield. We believe this is a very pragmatic strategy as it allows the company to capture a wide range of players with two games. Management estimates the new Garfield Bingo game will be launched in late 2016.
- ➤ Shoal recently announced that it has closed the first tranche of a C\$2 million financing by issuing 1.50 million units for gross proceeds of C\$0.90 million. Management expects to close the second tranche by the end of May, followed by a rights offering in Iune.
- ➤ We reiterate, the company has a strong management team, led by Mr. T.M. (Tarrnie)Williams Ex President and CEO of Electronic Arts (Canada) Inc. (Nasdaq: EA). Shoal is the only publicly listed micro/small company in Canada offering investors the opportunity to participate in the growing mobile games market in the social casino segment.

Key Financial Data (FYE - Dec 31)			
(US\$)	2015	2016E	2017E
Cash	570,086	988,225	2,171,557
Working Capital	454,447	779,636	2,527,867
Total Assets	1,129,526	1,155,664	3,020,179
LT Debt to Capital	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Revenues	111,521	1,739,955	6,930,438
Net Income	(2,965,307)	(2,015,613)	1,748,717
EPS	-0.05	-0.03	0.03

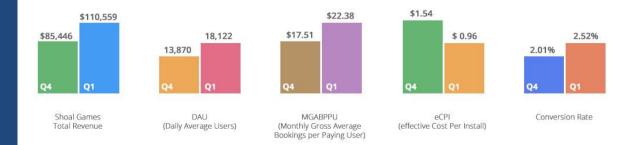


Key Performance Indicators In Q1-2016, Trophy Bingo's revenues were \$110,559, up from \$82,540 in Q4-2015, and \$9,914 in Q3-2015. The following chart shows the company's revenues since Trophy Bingo's launch.



Trophy Bingo has been downloaded over 440,000 times from the Apple iOS and Google Play app stores, up from 325,000 times at the time of our initiating report in March 2016.

All of the key KPIs improved QOQ in Q1-2016, as shown in the chart below.



Source: Company

- > DAUs increased from 13,870 in Q4 to 18,122 in Q1-2016
- > Monthly Gross Average Bookings per Paying User ("MGABPPU") increased QOQ from \$17.51 to \$22.38.
- > Effective cost per install ("eCPI") decreased from \$1.54 to \$0.96. Management's goal is to bring this cost down to \$0.80 by December 2016, and to \$0.60 by December 2017.



Development Plans

The company's key areas of focus at this time are the following:

- > Deliver content & feature expansions
- > Release social & viral feature set (Q1 release)
- > Release 20 new levels every month (commencing in Q2)
- > Develop tools for build-your-own content (Q3 release)
- > Develop innovative multi-player game play (Q3 release)

By achieving the milestones above, Shoal believes they will be able to:

- ➤ Increase the average ARPDAU by 100% by December 2017.
- > Increase long-term player retention beyond 180 days.
- ➤ Increase LTV by 100% 200%
- > Reduce UAC by 50% through increased virality by December 2017.
- > Significantly increase the number of DAUs from the current 18,000 to 140,000+ by December 31, 2016.
- > Start paying dividends to investors upon achieving profitability.

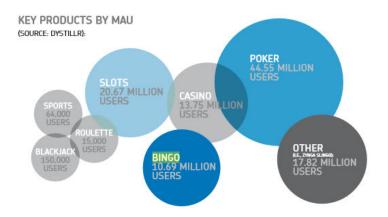
Secures brand rights to produce Garfield Bingo On April 18, 2016, Shoal announced that it licensed the rights to Garfield, the iconic cartoon cat and the protagonist of the Garfield comic strips. Paws Inc. is the sole owner of the copyrights and trademarks of Garfield.

This deal allows Shoal Games to launch a mobile game that will feature Garfield and the rest of the famous Garfield cast. **Shoal estimates that the new Garfield Bingo game will be launched in late 2016.** According to management, the game will instantly appeal and capture the attention of the 17 million Facebook fans of Garfield. As a result, management expects a much lower player acquisition cost for the new game. They estimate that Garfield mobile apps have generated over 30 million downloads since inception.

As per the company's press release, Paws Inc. the VP Digital Marketing of Paws Inc. commented that "We chose Shoal Games to be the developer of Garfield Bingo because of their success with Trophy Bingo and commitment to quality software development and unique game design." This is a very encouraging sign and is a testament to the quality of Shoal's team.

Review of the Bingo Gaming Market The social bingo market is estimated to have approximately 11 million MAUs. The market is currently dominated by two games – Bingo Bash and Bingo Blitz, each with more than 1 million DAUs, and 4.5 million MAUs. These two games, we estimate, account for over 90% of the total market.





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Caesars Interactive Entertainment (Nasdaq: CZR) acquired Buffalo Studios (owner of Bingo Blitz) for approximately \$53 million in December 2012. GSN Games acquired Bash Gaming (owner of Bingo Bash) for approximately \$160 million in 2014. GSN Games is a joint venture between Sony (NYSE: SNE) and AT&T Inc. (NYSE: T). Using the estimates of 11 million MAUs and 3.5 million DAUs, we estimate the social bingo market is worth approximately \$150 million per annum.

Shoal's plan with Trophy Bingo is to offer an innovative product that engages bingo players in new and challenging ways. Management's objective is to attract users by offering an innovative new type of bingo game that is fun, challenging, and most importantly, requires players to act strategically to win. Management believes that these traits will allow them to attract players away from Bingo Bash and Bingo Blitz, which are built in a more traditional format and are becoming dated (both launched in 2010). Market research firm, Newzoo indicates that social casino gamers play an average of 5.6 titles in a genre. Given the advanced marketing techniques, and the narrow demographic profile of bingo players, we believe, the company will be able to target the players of other social bingo games (including Bash & Blitz) with precision.

Trophy Bingo is a 120-level puppy themed social bingo game. The game is free to download and generates revenue when players make in-app purchases and through advertisements.





Shoal's team is currently focussed on enhancing game play, expanding content, and delivering innovative game modes so that players will become immersed in Trophy Bingo. The game is currently live in three languages – English, Spanish and French. Management plans to add Swedish, Dutch, Portuguese, and Italian once the content plans for Trophy Bingo are completed in the third quarter of 2016.

Q1-2016 Performance In Q1-2016, the company's revenues, net of fees to Google (GOOGL), Apple (AAPL) and Amazon (AMZN), were \$110,559, up by 34% QOQ. EBITDA was -\$0.63 million in Q1-2016 versus -\$0.70 million in Q1-2015. Operating expenses were \$0.62 million in Q1. Management estimates operating expenses to be approximately \$4 million in 2016 (subject to the availability of capital), which includes \$1.7 million in marketing (player acquisition) costs.

The net loss in Q1-2016 was \$0.63 million (EPS: -\$0.01) versus \$0.72 million (EPS: -\$0.01) in Q1-2015.

The following table shows a summary of the company's cash flows. Free cash flows were - \$0.42 million in Q1-2016 versus -\$0.62 million in Q1-2015.

Summary of Cash Flows	2015 (3M)	2016 (3M)
Cash Flows from Operations	(617,330)	(418,389)
Cash Flows from Investing	(272)	-
Cash Flows from Financing	-	-
Net Change	(617,602)	(418,389)
Free Cash Flows	(617,602)	(418,389)

At the end of Q1-2016, the company had \$0.15 million in cash, with no debt. Working capital and the current ratio were -\$0.06 million, and 0.8x, respectively.



Liquidity Analysis	2015	Q1-2016
Cash	\$570,086	\$151,697
Working Capital	\$454,447	-\$59,042
Current Ratio	3.56	0.79
Debt / Capital	0.0%	0.0%
LT Debt / Capital	0.0%	0.0%

Financing – The company is currently pursuing a C\$2 million private placement by issuing up to 3.33 million common shares at C\$0.60 per share. Upon completing this financing, the company plans to pursue a rights offering to holders of the common shares, wherein shareholders will receive one right for each common share held. Ten rights will entitle the shareholder to purchase one common share at a specified exercise price within a fixed time period. The time period and pricing will be announced by the company within one month of closing of the current financing. The rights are expected to be listed on the TSX Venture Exchange. To further sweeten the offering to investors, shareholders who exercise all their rights will have the option to purchase additional shares at the same price without requiring the purchase of additional rights.

On May 5, 2016, the company announced that it has closed the first tranche by issuing 1.50 million units for gross proceeds of C\$0.90 million. Management expects to close the second tranche by the end of May, followed by the rights offering in June.

Stock options and warrants: At the end of 2015, the company had no options or warrants outstanding.

Valuation

As the company's marketing budget and user acquisition strategy are contingent on the proposed financings, to be conservative, we have slightly adjusted downwards our near-term EPS estimates as shown below. As a result, our Discounted Cash Flow valuation dropped slightly from C\$1.60 to C\$1.56 per share.



STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS						
(in US\$)- YE Dec 31st	2015	2016E	2017E	2018E	2019E	2020E
Net Revenues	111,521	1,739,955	6,930,438	15,234,188	24,687,688	34,013,438
Cost of Sales	482,012	482,013				
Gross Profit	-370,491	1,257,942	6,930,438	15,234,188	24,687,688	34,013,438
Expenses						
Selling & Marketing	549,726	1,188,828	2,138,723	4,403,253	6,667,783	8,932,313
Trophy Bingo development	1,230,216	1,086,915	1,195,607	1,315,167	1,446,684	1,591,352
Compensation & Consulation	438,572	548,215	603,037	663,340	729,674	802,642
G & A	356,647	445,809	490,390	539,429	593,371	652,709
EBITDA	-2,945,652	-2,011,824	2,502,682	8,312,999	15,250,175	22,034,422
Amortization	3,467	3,788	4,515	4,806	4,922	4,969
EBIT	-2,949,119	-2,015,613	2,498,167	8,308,192	15,245,252	22,029,453
Interest & Bank Charges	1,089					
Exchange rate and Unusual items	-33,582					
EBT	-2,981,612	-2,015,613	2,498,167	8,308,192	15,245,252	22,029,453
Gain from sale of domain name	16,305					
Income Taxes		-	749,450	2,492,458	4,573,576	6,608,836
Net Earnings for the period	-2,965,307	-2,015,613	1,748,717	5,815,735	10,671,677	15,420,617
EPS	-0.05	-0.03	0.03	0.10	0.18	0.26

We reiterate our BUY rating and maintain our fair value estimate at C\$1.60 per share.

The following risks, though not exhaustive, may cause our estimates to differ from actual results:

- The social games sector is highly competitive. There are over one million apps each available on both the App Store and Google Play stores.
- The social bingo gaming market is currently dominated by two established players.
- Keeping players engaged is critical and requires continuous development and innovation.
- Trophy Bingo is in its early stages and has yet to start to generate significant revenues.
- The company may have to pursue equity financings, which may dilute existing shareholders.
- The social games sector is not subject to any material regulations. Any unfavorable changes in regulations in the future may impact the company's business.
- Management and insiders own 81% of the outstanding shares. Therefore, the liquidity and the average daily trading volume of SGW's shares are low at this time.

We assign a risk rating of 5 (Highly Speculative).

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BALANCE SHEET						
(in US\$)- YE Dec 31st	2015	2016E	2017E	2018E	2019E	2020E
Assets						
Cash	570,086	988,225	2,171,557	7,239,991	17,028,802	31,584,448
Accounts receivable	44,948	125,794	693,044	1,523,419	2,468,769	3,401,344
Prepaid expenses	17,205	25,159	138,609	304,684	493,754	680,269
Current Assets	632,239	1,139,178	3,003,209	9,068,093	19,991,325	35,666,061
Property and equipment	6,314	7,526	8,010	8,204	8,282	8,313
Other Assets	482,013	-	-	-	-	-
Security Deposits	8,960	8,960	8,960	8,960	8,960	8,960
Total Assets	1,129,526	1,155,664	3,020,179	9,085,257	20,008,566	35,683,333
Liabilities & Shareholders' Equity						
Accounts payables & accrued liabilities	145,226	326,977	442,776	692,119	943,751	1,197,902
Related parties	32,566	32,566	32,566	32,566	32,566	32,566
Current Liabilities	177,792	359,543	475,342	724,685	976,317	1,230,468
Loans payable						
Shareholder's Equity						
Share Capital	19,334,290	21,194,290	21,194,290	21,194,290	21,194,290	21,194,290
Foreign Currency Translation	24,580	24,580	24,580	24,580	24,580	24,580
Deficit	-18,407,136	-20,422,749	-18,674,032	-12,858,298	-2,186,621	13,233,996
Total Liabilities & Shareholders' Equity	1,129,526	1,155,664	3,020,179	9,085,257	20,008,566	35,683,333



STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS						
(in US\$)- YE Dec 31st	2015	2016E	2017E	2018E	2019E	2020E
Operating Activities						
Net earnings for the period	-2,965,787	-2,015,613	1,748,717	5,815,735	10,671,677	15,420,617
Items not involving cash						
Depreciation	3,467	3,788	4,515	4,806	4,922	4,969
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Gain on sale of domain name	-16,305					
	-2,496,613	-1,529,811	1,753,232	5,820,541	10,676,599	15,425,586
Accounts Receivable	77,213	-80,846	-567,250	-830,375	-945,350	-932,575
Other Assets	1,682	00,010	307,230	030,373	715,550	752,575
	-2,838	7.054	112 450	166.075	100.070	107 515
Prepaid Expenses		-7,954 181,751	-113,450 115,799	-166,075 249,343	-189,070	-186,515
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	37,518				251,632	254,150
Changes in working capital	113,575	92,951	-564,901	-747,107	-882,788	-864,940
Cash from (used in) operations	-2,383,038	-1,436,861	1,188,331	5,073,434	9,793,811	14,560,646
Financing activities						
Private Placement		1,860,000				
Exercise of Stock Options	77,250					
Cash provided by financing activities	77,250	1,860,000	-	-	-	-
Investing activities						
Acquisition of Equipment	-512	-5,000	-5,000	-5,000	-5,000	-5,000
Cash used in investing activities	-512	-5,000	-5,000	-5,000	-5,000	-5,000
Increase (decrease) in cash	-2,306,300	418,139	1,183,331	5,068,434	9,788,811	14,555,646
Cash beginning of period	2,876,386	570,086	988,225	2,171,557	7,239,991	17,028,802
Cash end of period	570,086	988,225	2,171,557	7,239,991	17,028,802	31,584,448



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