

WINNER WINNER! As one lucky lady scoops £188,508

It was an afternoon to remember on Monday 13th July, as one lady bagged an incredible £188,000 National Bingo Game Jackpot at Mecca Bingo, in Wrexham.

The lady, who wishes to remain anonymous, is a regular player at the club and after initially winning the game prize was told by staff members that she had also won the life-changing Jackpot prize.

The lady said "When I realised I had won on the lucky star I was so filled with emotion, especially after realising I had scooped the National Bingo Game Jackpot. The atmosphere in the room was amazing! Everyone started clapping before the results were called as people heard I had the gold star."

Club staff members are planning a celebratory night for the lady and next month, when she will be treated to an event at the club where they and their family and friends will enjoy a night of bingo and some bubbles.

The General Manager of Mecca Bingo, Wrexham says: "We're absolutely delighted for the lady who is a regular customer. It's always extra special when it's one of our own customers".

Taking part in the National Bingo Game couldn't be easier. Simply visit your local club or go online to find the nearest participating one.

Playing the National Bingo Game: All players must be aged 18 or over. The National Bingo Game is played under the provisions of The Gambling Act 2005 and under National Bingo

Game Rules. Players should always gamble responsibly. For more information and advice visit www.gambleaware.co.uk.

For updates on the National Bingo Game Jackpot follow **Twitter @NationalBingo and visit** <u>www.nationalbingo.co.uk</u>. To stay up to date on bingo news, winners, fun and games join our Facebook page **Facebook/nationalbingo-game**.

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Notes to editors

- Total prize money distributed to date is over £1BILLION!
- There have been 28 National Bingo Game Jackpot winners so far winning over £4.5MILLION from Mecca Bingo Sale, Mecca Bingo Huddersfield and Castle Bingo Nantgarw, The Globe Donnington, Leo Leisure Eastleigh, Mecca Bingo Wishaw, Mecca Bingo Oldbury, Mecca Bingo Thanet, Castle Bingo Barnes Hill, Mecca Bingo Aberdeen, Castle Bingo Nantgarw, Winners Bingo Thetford, Carlton Bingo Hartlepool, Castle Bingo Bridgend, Leo Leisure Ryde, Mecca Bingo Blythe, Apollo Barrow-in-Furness, Mecca Mayfair Leeds, Mecca Bingo Catford, Mecca Bingo ayr, Mecca Bingo Brierley Hill, The Forge Glasgow, Mecca Bingo Southend, Opera Bingo Carlisle, Beacon Bingo Cricklewood, Beacon Bingo Cricklewood and Mecca Bingo Wrexham winning £115,000, £110,000, £56,000, £91,000, £74,000, £154,000, £132,000, £250,000, £250,000, £73,000, £250,000,
- The National Bingo Game is the UK's second largest computer controlled game in the UK, the national lottery being the largest.
- The National Bingo Game offers players at participating clubs the chance to win one or more of three cash prizes including the Jackpot Prize, National Prize and House Prize.
- The biggest bingo win ever was on 23 March 2008, when Soraya Lowell from Motherwell, North Lanarkshire scooped GBP £1,167,795, while playing The National Game at Club 3000 in Coatbridge.
- Between 120 200 clubs link together to play the National Game twice a day, every day, except Christmas day.
- Over three million people play bingo regularly in the UK (at least twice a week).
- A night out at the bingo can cost as little as £15-25 each, including game books, duty, food and drink.
- Most common reasons for playing bingo are because it's fun, it offers companionship and the chance to socialise as well as winning big money.
- Celebrities love bingo! Catherine Zeta Jones can thank bingo for her career after her dad won enough to afford to send her to theatre school; other celebrity fans include: Denise Van Outen, Scott Mills and President Barrack Obama's step-mother!
- A number of celebrities also started their careers in bingo calling including Simon from boy band Blue, EastEnder's Shane Richie, Russell Crowe and Kian from West Life.