



**NATIONAL™
BINGO GAME**

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LIGHTENING STRIKES TWICE! Beginners Luck at Roman Bank, Skegness

Majestic Bingo in Roman Bank, Skegness was the place to be the last week of July, as two very lucky winners scooped a total of £45,000 on the National Bingo Game. Both winners were new to bingo and the Skegness club and had not expected to win so big so soon.

The two lucky winners were thrilled by their good fortune. Frederick Vine, whose win occurred on the day he joined, said “I really couldn’t have been any luckier. This was my first ever game here and I managed to win this fantastic sum of money. My partner and I are planning to move in together later in the year so it’s perfect timing for us.”

The second winner, Julie Boltwood, who had only played bingo once before and won six days after Frederick Vine said “I’m so surprised that I’ve won this money! I couldn’t believe it when the manager confirmed it for me. My partner and I are planning to use the money for a new caravan and we’ll definitely be sharing some of the winnings with our daughter too”.

Club Deputy Manager Cheryl Woodcock said “Luck is definitely on our side here! I can’t believe that in the space of six days, we’ve had two winners especially since both new players. It’s definitely beginner’s luck that these two players have won the National Game twice in the space of a week and in the same club!”

Club staff members planned a celebratory night on Thursday 13th August to celebrate the big wins, where both winners were treated to an event at the club where they and their families and friends enjoyed a night of bingo and some bubbles.

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 www.nationalbingo.co.uk. 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, Mecca Bingo Wrexham and Mecca Bingo Luton winning £115,000, £110,000, £56,000, £91,000, £91,000, £74,000, £154,000, £132,000, £250,000, £250,000, £250,000, £73,000, £250,000, £190,000, £250,000, £250,000, £107,000, £250,000, £73,000, £216,000, £136,000, £250,000, £250,000, £229,000, £230,000, £113,000, £118,000 and £197,005.31 respectively.
- 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.