



**Press release**

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## **HAMILTON BINGO PLAYER BECOMES SCOTLAND'S THIRD £50,000 JACKPOT WINNER IN TWO MONTHS**

It was a moment to remember for one lucky bingo player who stepped up onto the stage at Mecca Hamilton to collect a £50,000 cheque, making them the third Scottish winner of a **National Bingo Game** Jackpot in just two months!

The winner, who wants to remain anonymous, was enjoying their night at bingo Hamilton, when the evening became far more exciting than they had ever imagined, as they called 'house' on the **National Bingo Game**, successfully claiming the club prize and a whopping £50,000 Jackpot. The Hamilton winner is Mecca Scotland's third **National Bingo Game** Jackpot win in just two months, along with Rutherglen and Glasgow Forge.

The winner, who has been a regular at the club for over 20 years, celebrated as every single customer in the club cheered, clapped and congratulated them.

The lucky **National Game Bingo** winner, said: "I was in total shock when I won, it's such a life-changing amount, I'm still letting it sink in.

"The atmosphere was amazing, everyone was clapping and cheering, it was a truly brilliant feeling! I haven't even thought about what to do with the money yet, but I'd say enjoying a nice family meal tonight would be a good start!"

Alistair Steel, club manager at Mecca Bingo Hamilton, said: "It was great to see such a deserving winner step up and receive their cheque. I still don't think it has sunk in. It was a regular **National Game**, then suddenly it became anything other than regular, especially for the winner. It's just fantastic to see one of our regular players win such a large sum and hope they enjoy their winnings in style!"

“We like to celebrate special wins and involve all our customers in the event and excitement, which everyone has enjoyed tonight.”

Alastair Stewart, Business Development Manager at the **National Bingo Game** said: “We are thrilled for our lucky **National Bingo Game** £50,000 Jackpot winner at Mecca Hamilton. *Great to see the luck of the Scott’s making it three wins in two months: it just goes to show, you can win big at bingo.*”

To find a participating club and for further information on the **National Bingo Game** visit [www.nationalbingo.co.uk](http://www.nationalbingo.co.uk). or follow us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/NationalBingoGame](http://www.facebook.com/NationalBingoGame)) and Twitter.com @nationalbingo.

All players must be aged 18 or over. The National Bingo Game is played under the provisions of The Gambling Act 2005 and played under National Bingo Game Players’ Rules. Players should always gamble responsibly. For more information and advice visit [www.BeGambleAware.org](http://www.BeGambleAware.org)

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### **About The National Game**

- The National Bingo Game started in 1986, with the current format launched on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018
- The new National Bingo Game is a Full House only game and offers players the following prizes:  
Club Prize – won in every club, on every game  
Jackpot Prizes of £50,000, £1,000 and £100
- To win a Club Prize a player must be the first in their participating venue to successfully complete a full house.
- To win a Jackpot Prize a player must be the first in their participating venue to successfully complete a full house as follows in the following number of calls:  
16 numbers or less to win £50,000

20 numbers or less to win £1,000

24 numbers or less to win £100

- Tickets for the National Bingo Game are £1 for 2 tickets OR £2 for 5 tickets
- Total prize money paid to date by the National Bingo Game is over £1BILLION!
- 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 is played twice a day, every day, 364 days a year
- Around 270 clubs across the UK offer the National Bingo Game, including Gala, Mecca, Majestic, Castle, Carlton and Beacon, in addition to a wide range of independent clubs
- National LIVE is a linked interval game also provided the National Bingo Game Association.
- 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 cash prizes
- 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 former President Barrack Obama's step-mother!
- A number of celebrities started their careers in bingo, including Chris Tarrant, Simon from boy band Blue, East Ender's Shane Richie, Russell Crowe and Kian from West Life.

### **About Mecca**

Owned by the Rank Group Plc, Mecca is one of the largest Bingo and Slots operators in the UK. Mecca provides popular games, fun and entertainment through its 83 clubs and via Meccabingo.com online and mobile channels.

Strictly over-18s only. Please bet responsibly. [www.begambleaware.org](http://www.begambleaware.org)

For further information on the clubs and online via: [www.meccabingo.com](http://www.meccabingo.com)