



**Press release**

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## **STOCKTON MECCA BINGO, THE LUCKIEST CLUB IN THE UK?**

- Stockton Mecca wins fourth £50,000 Jackpot Prize in 12 months -

On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May, Stockton Mecca Bingo created another memorable Mecca moment for its members, rewarding a lucky bingo player with a £50,000 National Bingo Game jackpot cheque – the fourth £50,000 prize to be won at the club in 12 months.

The winner, who has asked to remain anonymous, was enjoying an evening at Mecca Bingo Stockton with his wife-to-be, when the day took an exciting and unexpected turn. Calling 'house' on the National Bingo Game, the lucky winner successfully claimed the Club Prize and a whopping £50,000 Jackpot Prize.

This is the fourth time in just under a year that a player at Mecca Bingo Stockton has won a National Bingo Game £50,000 Jackpot Prize: the previous jackpot wins at the club were on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018, 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018 and 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019.. As the only club in the UK to date to have four jackpot winners, this puts Mecca Stockton on the map as one of the luckiest bingo clubs in the UK.

The winner, who has been a regular at the Stockton club for the last 20 years, celebrated alongside the rest of the players in the club who cheered, clapped and congratulated him.

**The lucky National Bingo Game winner, said:** *"I'm still in shock. I've been playing bingo for over 20 years, ever since my mum introduced me to the game, but Monday night was the most exciting game I've ever played.*

*"It's a life-changing amount and has come at just the right time; my fiancée and I are getting married this August so we'll put some money towards that, as well as spoiling our grandchildren. 2019 looks to be my year!"*

**Steve Jones, General Manager at Mecca Bingo Stockton, said:** *“We play the National Game regularly and to have had two winners this year already is incredible – it goes to show it can really happen to anyone.*

*“The atmosphere on the night was electric and to see the jackpot go to another of our regulars was a really special moment for me. Hopefully the winning continues for the rest of the year!”*

**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 Stockton and hope that he and his wife to be enjoy their winnings. This fourth jackpot win does make Stockton one of the luckiest areas in the country for 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](https://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 82 clubs and via Meccabingo.com online and mobile channels.

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