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Bingo! £100,000 to share!

Unexpected win for Coatbridge Mum and Bingo Buddies!

On the evening of Saturday 28th June local Coatbridge lady and mother-of-one, Barbara McDermott, not only won more than £25,000 on the National Bingo Game but also shouted house to win £100,000 on the Win, Shout, Share Community Jackpot game.

Local support worker, Barbara, aged 36, has been a regular player at Club 3000 Bingo in Coatbridge for many years. Barbara won the National Prize of £25,000 and the House Prize of £247.04 on the National Bingo Game during her regular Saturday night outing with two of her Best Bingo Buddies.

The surprise came when Barbara found out she'd also bagged a whopping £100,000 on the special Win, Shout, Share Community Jackpot to share between the 520 evening Bingo players.

Barbara literally couldn't believe her luck. She says: "I had no idea I was going to win such a huge sum of money and am still feeling very overwhelmed. It felt amazing to not just win the jackpot money of £25,000 but also the community prize for the whole club to share. I still can't really believe it!"

Winning the National and House Prizes of more than £25,000, as well as the Community Jackpot Prize means that Barbara is able to do some long-awaited home improvements, including a new bathroom. The mother-of-one will also be treating her family to a once in a lifetime holiday to Florida next year.

It seems that there is something in the water in Scotland as Mecca Drumchapel took home the afternoon Community Prize of £50,000 when bride-to-be, Charlene McCartney, scooped more than £10,000 on the National Prize.

Club 3000 Bingo in Coatbridge was also the club to win the biggest ever National Bingo Game Jackpot on 23 March 2008, when Soraya Lowell from Motherwell, North Lanarkshire scooped more than £1.1 million!

General Manager at Club 3000 Bingo, Alistair McBride, said: “The Community Jackpot allows players to come together and celebrate winning not just as an individual but as a group, which is what Bingo is all about – being social and having fun.

“We’re over the moon for Barbara, who is a regular at the club and a very deserving winner, and also for all the winners of the community Win, Shout, Share prize! We were already having a great night with our singing competition but then this happened and the atmosphere in the club just hit the roof!”

The winning bingo players at Club 3000 Bingo, Coatbridge, will be celebrating and collecting their winnings on Saturday 5th July with a special winners’ party from 5.30pm.

Win, Shout, Share is a special game operated by the National Bingo Game offering a £50,000 community jackpot in the afternoon session and £100,000 in the evening to share with all eligible players in the winning club, in addition to the regular National Prize and National Jackpot – currently £242,053.27.

Taking part in the National Bingo Game couldn’t be easier. Simply visit your local club or go online to find your nearest participating club and get down for a session!

The Community Jackpot from the National Bingo Game proves just how many people enjoy a great night out at their local Bingo Club with their friends. The National Bingo Game is calling all Bingo players to share their Best Bingo Buddy stories via **Facebook/NationalBingo-Game** or Twitter **@NationalBingo** and **#BestBingoBuddy**.

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 and play the National Bingo Game within their limits. For more information and advice visit www.gambleaware.co.uk.

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Notes to editors

- Total prize money distributed to date is over £1BILLION!
- There have been 10 National Bingo Game Jackpot winners so far this year winning over £1MILLION 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 and Mecca Bingo Aberdeen winning £115,000, £110,000, £81,000, £91,000, £91,000, £74,000, £154,000, £132,000, £250,000 and £250,000 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.