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MYSTERY BINGO PLAYER SCOOPS NEW YEAR'S EVE £50,000 JACKPOT

One lucky Stockton bingo player had more reason than most to celebrate when the clocks chimed midnight on New Year's Eve, as just a few hours earlier she'd claimed a life changing £50,000 Jackpot on the National Bingo Game at Mecca Bingo, Chandlers Wharf in Stockton.

The winner, who wishes to remain anonymous, was enjoying an evening out at Mecca Bingo in Chandlers Wharf, when she hit the jackpot and shouted 'House!'

She's been described as a regular at Mecca Stockton, who loves a night out at the bingo, and says she plans to share her winnings with her sister.

Lynne Butterworth, general manager at Mecca Bingo Stockton commented on the win: "It's always such a special moment when we have a National Bingo Game jackpot winner in the club. We all feel like we get to celebrate along with the winner and there is a real party atmosphere. £50,000 is an exceptional prize amount and we're thrilled it was won in our club on New Year's Eve! What a way to start 2023!"

Alastair Stewart, head of commercial operations 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 she enjoys spending and sharing her winnings. We love making big winners, and it's great to see a regular player win such a life changing amount at bingo!"

The National Bingo Game is played across the UK and offers players at participating clubs and venues the chance to win Jackpot Prizes of £50,000, £1,000 and £100, as well a club prize on every game. Total prize money paid to date by the National Bingo Game is over £1billion and it is the UK's second largest computer controlled game.

The National Bingo Game is played twice a day, every day, 364 days a year at all Mecca Clubs. 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

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Notes to Editors

About The National Game

- The National Bingo Game started in 1986, with the current format launched on 30th 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 Bingo

Owned by the Rank Group Plc, Mecca Bingo is one of the largest Bingo and Slots operators in the UK.

Mecca provides entertainment across its UK wide venues as well as its award-winning online site and app, which includes free to play and paid games and chat rooms. Both online and retail venues raise money for Mecca's charity partner Carers Trust.

Mecca Bingo has a firm commitment to safer gambling with a range of tools and support services to ensure that customers can always keep it fun. These include deposit limits, reality checks and take a break as well as direct support from the customer care team.

For further information on retail venues and online play go to: www.meccabingo.com

Rank's operations principally comprise:

Grosvenor Casinos – The UK's largest multi-channel casino operator. 52 casinos in Great Britain;

Mecca – Rank's multi-channel community-based gaming brand for the British market. 64 bingo clubs in Great Britain;

Enracha – Rank's community-based gaming business for the Spanish market. Ten bingo clubs in Spain;

Rank Interactive – Rank's UK digital business operates a multi-branded strategy, using a combination of its proprietary and non-proprietary licensed software to provide online bingo, casino and slot gaming;

YoBingo – A leading online bingo operator in Spain.

For more information about The Rank Group Plc, visit www.rank.com