



NATIONAL™
BINGO GAME

25th June 2014

Bingo! £250,000!

The quarter-of-a-million National Game Jackpot hits Mecca Aberdeen

Lady luck smiled on Mecca Aberdeen on Sunday 8th June, when one player became only the second person in the UK to win the £250,000 Jackpot on the National Bingo Game.

Born and bred in Aberdeen, the 56 year old winner – who would rather not be named – has been a regular at the Mecca club since it opened but had never before played on a Sunday afternoon.

Inspired by the sunny weather, he and his wife made a spur-of-the-moment decision to pop into the club for a quick game before heading home to start the gardening. They arrived at the club just in the nick of time, with only two minutes to purchase tickets before the National Bingo Game started.

The unnamed gentleman has been playing the National Bingo Game regularly and when the new Jackpot was introduced earlier this year, which includes the Lucky Star, he had a feeling he was going to win it.

To his delight, it was announced that he'd won on the lowest calls nationally, winning the National Prize and also on a Lucky Star, making him the lucky winner of the £250,000 National Bingo Game Jackpot.

He was “gobsmacked” by the announcement and his wife was so shocked she nearly fainted. Two weeks on, both are still completely overwhelmed and say that the news “still hasn't sunk in.”

The prize money will mean that, for the first time in his life, the gentleman will be able to pay off his mortgage and be completely debt free. He will also be able to retire next year, take a holiday next month and treat his family to a host of gifts.

Club Manager, David Hutton said: 'We were all very excited by the new National Bingo Game Jackpot and were amazed when our club won.

'The winner and his wife are regulars here and are well known to all the staff and players at the club. We're all incredibly pleased for them and wish them all the best with their astonishing prize.'

Taking part couldn't be easier, simply visit your local club, or go online to find your nearest participating club and get down for a session!

For updates on the National Bingo Game Jackpot follow **Twitter @NationalBingo** and visit **www.nationalbingo.co.uk**. To stay up to date on the bingo news, winners, fun and games join our Facebook page **Facebook/nationalbingo-game**.

All players must be aged 18 or over. The National Bingo Game is played under the provisions of The Gambling Act 2005. 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 on the National Bingo Game is over £1BILLION!
- There have been ten National Bingo Game Jackpot winners to date.
- The National Bingo Game is the UK's second largest computer controlled game in the UK, the national lottery being the largest.
- 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.