



## **SUNDAY BINGO FEVER!**

### **As one very lucky lady scoops £205,486**

Luck was in the air on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June, as a young lady scooped a whopping £205,000 National Bingo Game Jackpot at Beacon Bingo, Cricklewood in London.

The young lady, 24, who wishes to remain anonymous, had only been playing bingo for a short while when her numbers came up. The lady was playing with her mother at the time who has been playing for many years.

The young lady said “When I realised I had won on the lucky star I was so filled with emotion, especially after realising I had scooped the National Bingo Game Jackpot. The atmosphere in the room was amazing! Everyone started clapping before the results were called as people heard I had the gold star.

My Mum was in pure amazement and shock. As for now we are both still in shock and it's something that won't settle in for a long time. Every day feels like a dream. We are going to spend the money on a big family holiday and a home for me and baby who is due in a few weeks.”

Club staff members are planning a celebratory party night for the young lady and her Mum on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July, when she will be treated to a VIP event at the club where they and their family and friends will enjoy a night of bingo, some bubbles and be presented with her cheque.

Steve Lightfoot, General Manager of Beacon Bingo, Cricklewood says: “The club staff were delighted when we found out she had won the Jackpot. The energy at the club is still amazing even after the win. It's fantastic!”

“She’s a very deserving winner, especially as she has a little one on the way. Her Mum is a recognised face at the club so it’s great to see a regular walk away with some of the money too.”

Taking part in the National Bingo Game couldn’t be easier. Simply visit your local club or go online to find the nearest participating one.

Playing the National Bingo Game: 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. For more information and advice visit [www.gambleaware.co.uk](http://www.gambleaware.co.uk).

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

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#### **Notes to editors**

- Total prize money distributed to date is over £1BILLION!
- There have been 27 National Bingo Game Jackpot winners so far winning over £4.5MILLION 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, Mecca Bingo Aberdeen, Castle Bingo Nantgarw, Winners Bingo Thetford, Carlton Bingo Hartlepool, Castle Bingo Bridgend, Leo Leisure Ryde, Mecca Bingo Blythe, Apollo Barrow-in-Furness, Mecca Mayfair Leeds, Mecca Bingo Catford, Mecca Bingo ayr, Mecca Bingo Brierley Hill, The Forge Glasgow, Mecca Bingo Southend, Opera Bingo Carlisle, Beacon Bingo Cricklewood and Beacon Bingo Cricklewood winning £115,000, £110,000, £56,000, £91,000, £91,000, £74,000, £154,000, £132,000, £250,000, £250,000, £250,000, £73,000, £250,000, £190,000, £250,000, £250,000, £107,000, £250,000, £73,000, £216,000, £136,000, £250,000, £250,000, £229,000, £230,000 and £113,000 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.