



# VIP Connection

News and information for Very Important Players

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## *Two Iowans win Victory Motorcycles!*

Two Iowans have sped away with 2004 Polaris Victory® Kingpin™ motorcycle packages worth \$19,000 each!

Lou Gibler of Council Bluffs and Dennis Matson of Waterloo won the bike packages in a drawing held April 1. Prize packages include state and federal withholding taxes.



**Lou Ann Gibler of Council Bluffs**

Gibler, 53, said since the drawing was on April Fool's Day, some of her friends had called her and tried to pull a prank on her by telling her she had won the motorcycle. Lottery Promotions Manager Karen Smith convinced her she had really won when she gave her the winning ticket number to match Gibler's. It was then that she got very excited! Gibler said she wanted to win the motorcycle for her husband Joe, 54, a Union Pacific Railroad engineer. She purchased her winning ticket at Darrah's Total, 3607 Ninth Ave., Council Bluffs.

Gibler said she and her husband like riding motorcycles and bicycles, as well as horse racing and swimming.

The second motorcycle package winner is Dennis Matson, 58. He's lived in Waterloo all his life and runs a crane for a heavy equipment operator in Waterloo.

"I've got a 2000 Honda Shadow Special Edition," Matson said. "I've got a 'For Sale' sign on it now."

Matson said he likes to ride, but his work keeps him very busy, so he doesn't get the chance to ride as much as he'd like.

His ex-wife bought his winning ticket for him at Kwik Star, 1214 Franklin St., Waterloo, and entered him in the contest with the help of their daughter.

To qualify to win in the Polaris Victory Kingpin Motorcycle contest, players entered the serial number from a nonwinning "Pinball Wizard" scratch ticket on the lottery's Web site.

**Check out the newest promotions at [www.ialottery.com/Promotions/Promotions\\_main.html](http://www.ialottery.com/Promotions/Promotions_main.html).**



**Dennis Matson of Waterloo**

## Boone Woman Wins Big in Las Vegas



**Carissa Hays of Boone**

Carissa Hays of Boone became Iowa's fourth contestant to advance to the final round on "Powerball Instant Millionaire" and play for the game show's top prize of \$1 million.

Hays, 23, a home daycare provider, ended up winning \$15,043 on the May 1 episode and said she would like to take a trip to Jamaica with her winnings. Hays said she didn't actually buy any of the scratch tickets that got her on the weekly game show – they were a gift from a friend.

"I filled them out and turned them in and six days later, I got a phone call!" she said.

### **End of the Road**

After a successful four-year run that awarded glamorous trips and cash prizes to hundreds of Iowa Lottery players, the Powerball television game show will end this fall. Although the show continued to be popular, sales of associated instant-scratch tickets have waned over time as expected, and lottery officials decided to refocus their attention on alternative game opportunities.

The Iowa Lottery's final drawing to determine contestants on the game show was held on May 13. The final episode will air on Sept. 25.

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# Play New Summer Games Now!

## Xtreme Sights & Sounds (\$3)



**Top Prize:**  
\$8,500 Sony TV  
**Package**  
**Overall Odds:**  
1 in 3.70  
**Game Begins:**  
May 10

Play this game to try and win an "Xtreme-ly" good prize!

In the first play area, if the player matches any of "Your Numbers" to any of the "Winning Numbers," they win the prize shown for that number. In the "Bonus" area, if the player reveals the words "Plasma TV," they win a Sony® 42-inch Plasma TV!

Prize	Odds
\$3	1 in 6.67
\$4	1 in 14.29
\$8	1 in 33.33
\$16	1 in 100.00
\$32	1 in 100.00
\$800	1 in 3,990.00
\$8,500 TV Pkg.	1 in 39,900.00

## Cash on a Stick (\$2)

**Top Prize: \$150**  
**Overall Odds: 1 in 3.92**  
**Game Begins: May 10**

Enjoy your "Cash on a Stick" this year and you could win big!

If the player matches any of "Your Numbers" to either of the "Winning Numbers," they win the prize shown for that number. If they find a "Ferris Wheel" symbol, they win that prize automatically!



Prize	Odds
\$2	1 in 6.00
\$3	1 in 15.00
\$5	1 in 112.00
\$15	1 in 150.00
\$50	1 in 225.00
\$150	1 in 478.80

## The Big Cheese (\$1)

**Top Prize: \$300**  
**Overall Odds: 1 in 4.83**  
**Game Begins: May 10**



Look for the cheese and you could win!

Compare the number of "Cheese" symbols found in the play area to the prize legend to find the prize.

Prize	Odds
\$1	1 in 7.50
\$2	1 in 20.00
\$3	1 in 60.00
\$10	1 in 300.00
\$30	1 in 300.00
\$300	1 in 1,841.54

## Membership Has its Privileges

Since December 2003, VIP Club members have been eligible to win \$25 in lottery bucks in the Iowa Lottery's monthly VIP Club drawing. You don't need to do anything — as a VIP Club member you're already entered to win!

Congratulations to the lucky first few winners of the VIP Club drawings:

### December 2003

Carol G. Buley, Council Bluffs

### January 2004

Reinhart J. Freitag, Readlyn

### February 2004

Lois Neppel, Carroll

### March 2004

Chasety Hanson, Akron

### April 2004

Virgil Tunesvik, Colo

Beginning in June 2004, **five** drawings will be held each month instead of just one; four for existing VIP Club members, and one drawing just for VIP Club members who have joined the club in the month prior to the drawing. Tell your friends to sign up today! For an entry form, go to the Iowa Lottery's Web site, [www.ialottery.com](http://www.ialottery.com) and click on "VIP Club."

## Several Scratch Games Ending

The last day to claim prizes in the following games is **June 7, 2004**: 7-11-21; Top Banana; Lucky Streak; Poker Face; Dilbert; Tee Time Tripler; Liberty Bills.

The last day to claim prizes in the following games is **Aug. 1, 2004**: Trucks & Bucks; Wild Cherries; Diamond Bingo; Viva Las Vegas; The Hulk.

For more information on scratch tickets and to play demo tickets, log on to [www.ialottery.com/games/ScratchGamesList.html](http://www.ialottery.com/games/ScratchGamesList.html).



# To "Power Play" or not to "Power Play" *Is There Even a Question?*

## **Marion Woman Ups Prize By \$20,000**

Karen Kluesner turned an extra \$1 on her Powerball® ticket purchase into an additional \$20,000!

Kluesner won \$25,000 in the April 7 Powerball drawing. She purchased her ticket at Kum & Go, 3550 7th Ave. in Marion.



**Karen Kluesner of Marion**

The winning Powerball numbers for the April 7 drawing were: 2-7-16-35-37. The Powerball was 10. The Power Play®

multiplier was 5.

Kluesner's take home from the drawing would have normally been \$5,000, but since she chose to play the Power Play, she multiplied her prize by five times instead!

## **Manchester Farmer Wins \$100,000**

Mark Sheppard is happy he won big in the April 17 Powerball drawing. He just wishes it could have been bigger!

Sheppard, 34, of Manchester, won \$100,000 in the April 17 Powerball drawing.

"I went online and I punched my numbers in. It popped up '\$100,000' and I about fell out of my chair!" Sheppard happily recalls.

"But if I would have done the Power Play ... I can't [think about that]!" he laughed.

The winning Powerball numbers for the April 17 drawing were: 4-29-34-41-42. The Powerball was 11. The Power Play multiplier was 5.

If Sheppard had chosen to play the Power Play, he would have multiplied his prize by five, making the total payout \$500,000.



**Mark Sheppard of Manchester**

Sheppard still has big plans for his \$100,000 winnings.

"I've got so many things that I want to do. I'd like to take a nice vacation, but ... I just don't know what I

want to do first," he said. "I don't need to rush out and spend it all at once."

**For more winners' stores, log on to [www.ialottery.com/WinnersCircle/WinnersCircle\\_MAIN.html](http://www.ialottery.com/WinnersCircle/WinnersCircle_MAIN.html).**

# *Lady Luck Pays a Second Visit to Winterset Man*

Tom Losee doesn't win \$50,000 every day. He's averaging one big win every six years.

Losee, 52, of Winterset won \$50,000 in April playing "Red Hot 7s." He purchased his ticket at Kum & Go, 916 Guthrie in DeSoto.

Losee found the ticket on the front seat of his car, prior to taking it in for an oil change. He didn't know for sure how long the ticket had been sitting on the front seat before he scratched it.

"I called [my wife], and she didn't believe me, like the last ticket. She had me convinced all the way down [to lottery headquarters] on the last one it was not a winner," he said.

"No, I just said wait 'till we get there to make sure it's a winner," Deloris Losee interjected. "I don't get my hopes up."



**Tom Losee of Winterset**

Losee previously won \$52,000 in May 1998 playing the \$2 "Weekly Grand" instant-scratch game. That win put \$1,000 per week in his pocket for one year. Losee invested a lot of his first prize money, but has a better idea about how to spend his money this time around.

"If I could get [Deloris] on an airplane we'd go to Hawaii, but she's never flown," he said. "I was there in '70, but I wasn't there very long, just passing through." Losee visited Hawaii briefly while serving in the military.

He's glad he finally scratched his latest winning ticket, though.

"[Deloris] would've probably just thrown the ticket away," Losee said.

"No, I would have left it lay," she said. "I know better."



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