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Mystery of Missing Millionaire Continues

Nine months later, still no word from Hot Lotto® jackpot winner of \$16.5 million

Somehow, perhaps tucked away in a car's glovebox or in a sock drawer at home, is a Hot Lotto ticket worth a whopping \$16.5 million - and time is running out for the lucky winner to claim the big prize.

Nearly nine months have passed since the jackpot-winning ticket was purchased during the holidays at a Des Moines convenience store along the interstate. No jackpot winner in Iowa Lottery history has ever taken this long to claim the prize, and the jackpot is currently the second-largest unclaimed prize in the country.

Iowa Lottery CEO Terry Rich said on Sept. 21 that while several people have come forward hoping that they were the big winner, none of them actually had a ticket to present, and the information they shared does not match the facts about the winning ticket.

To help draw attention to the unclaimed jackpot and its approaching deadline, the lottery has installed a countdown clock at its headquarters office in Des Moines and programmed a countdown clock that people can track on its website at www.ialottery.com.



The countdown clock at the Lottery's headquarters shows time left to claim the \$16.5 million Hot Lotto jackpot from Dec. 29, 2010.

Rich said that the lottery does not release a ticket's date or time of sale for security reasons, but some other details can be provided. The Hot Lotto jackpot-winning ticket was purchased at Quik Trip, 4801 N.E. 14th St. in Des Moines. The lucky ticket matched all six numbers selected in the Dec. 29 Hot Lotto drawing to win the grand prize. The winning numbers that night were: 3-12-16-26-33 and Hot Ball 11.

The \$16.5 million jackpot is the third-largest prize ever offered in the game, and the seventh-largest Iowa Lottery prize won to date.

Hot Lotto tickets in Iowa expire a year from the date of the drawing in which a prize is won, so Rich emphasized there's still time for the jackpot to be claimed. The prize will expire at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 29, 2011, if it isn't claimed by then. (The lottery's Validations Office closes at 4 p.m. and the equipment needed to process winning tickets is shut down at that time.)

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More Details About the Super Tech Promotion

Iowa Lottery players are excited about Super Tech, the latest online holiday promotion. Entrants have a chance to win Sony® electronics with their non-winning holiday scratch tickets. Here are some facts to remember:



- Entrants must be VIP Club members or join the free club by visiting ialottery.com.
- Eligible tickets and launch dates are:
Sept. 26: Holiday Countdown, Holiday Bonus Crossword, Merry Crossword and Lucky Elves Bingo
Oct. 3: Holiday Wishes, Sparkling Winnings, Betty Boop™ and Snow Bank
Oct. 31: Santa Games Doubler and Winter Bucks
- When members enter an eligible scratch ticket in this promotion, they'll receive:
 - One entry for an individual prize associated with the non-winning ticket
 - One entry toward the required 10 different holiday game tickets for an entry in the Super Prize category
 - Points For Prizes™ credit for that ticket
- While players may enter non-winning tickets now, complete Super Prize entries will only be possible after all holiday tickets become available in stores during the week of Oct. 31. Rules and details are available at ialottery.com.

Game End and Validation End Dates

		Official Game End	Valid Period Ends
684	Lucky Lines	7/18/11	10/17/11

Other important dates are listed on the back of this issue.

Mystery of Missing Hot Lotto Millionaire Continues - Dec. 29, 2011, is Deadline to Claim

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“We’ve heard from several people who were worried they might have won the prize and somehow misplaced the ticket, but none of them have turned out to be the winner,” Rich said. “Remember that you have to present the winning ticket to the lottery to claim the prize.”

Iowa’s unclaimed jackpot is one of two eye-popping lottery prizes that currently are unclaimed in the United States. And just a handful of U.S. lottery prizes that were larger have ever gone unclaimed. In addition to the unclaimed Hot Lotto jackpot, a \$21.8 million Megabucks jackpot is currently unclaimed in Oregon. That ticket was sold in Portland for the July 30 Megabucks drawing, and the prize will expire at 5 p.m. on July 30, 2012, if it is not claimed by then.

The largest recent U.S. lottery prize that expired without being claimed was a \$68 million Mega Millions® ticket purchased in Brooklyn, N.Y., for a December 2002 drawing.

Steve Bogle, the Iowa Lottery’s vice president of security, said that in addition to checking into the reports the lottery has received, lottery investigators also have worked to possibly identify the jackpot winner by tracking similar ticket purchase patterns. While their work has identified several people who have played the same set of win-

ning numbers, none of them appear to have made the jackpot-winning purchase, Bogle said.

Bogle also noted that the jackpot-winning ticket has never been checked on a lottery terminal in Iowa.

DID YOU KNOW: If Iowa’s Hot Lotto jackpot prize expires without being claimed, the money for the jackpot will go back to the 15 lotteries that offer Hot Lotto in proportion to the percentage of sales that came from each jurisdiction. For example, if Iowa contributed 20 percent of the sales for that particular jackpot, Iowa would get 20 percent of the money back. How the money would be used depends upon the specific laws and rules in each state. In Iowa, the money from unclaimed prizes goes into the lottery’s prize pools for future games.

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
		10	11	12	13	14	15	
		LOTTERY ACTION DELIVERS						
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
		BERRIES & BARS (\$1) PULL-TAB BEGINS						
		LOTTERY ACTION DELIVERS						
	30	31	Nov. 1	2	3	4	5	
		SANTA GAMES DOUBLER® (\$2)/WINTER BUCKS (\$1) BEGIN						
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
		LOTTERY ACTION DELIVERS						

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Maquoketa Man Wins \$100,000 and Gets Weekend Off From Work, Too

A Maquoketa man said he had a fantastic weekend recently after discovering he'd won a \$100,000 top prize playing the lottery's "Triple Platinum 777" instant-scratch game.

Laine Wolter, 57, said he typically works weekends, so when he discovered his huge prize on Friday, Sept. 16, he had planned to take a couple days off to celebrate. But his boss did him one better.

"I guess the general manager of the plant found out I won and told me they'd give me the days off without having to use my vacation time," Wolter said. "They said I probably wouldn't have gotten much done anyway."



Wolter said all his coworkers at Uniparts Olsen in Eldridge were very excited for him. Wolter was alone when he first scratched his ticket, and found the win hard to believe.

"I thought I'd won a hundred bucks and then I scratched the rest of it off and saw it was a hundred thousand!" he said.

Wolter took it back to Casey's, 840 E. Le Claire Road in Eldridge where he purchased the ticket to have it validated.

"Then I guarded it with my life," he said. "She let out a big woop and called for her manager."

Wolter also told his two sons about his big win.

"My oldest boy didn't want to believe me so he called my younger son and said, 'Are you in on this?'" Wolter said with a laugh.

Wolter said he enjoys playing the Triple Platinum 777 ticket because he has multiple chances to win on the ticket.

"I bought it because it was quicker and I was on my way to work. Right pick!" he said.

Wolter said he plans to buy a house with his winnings.

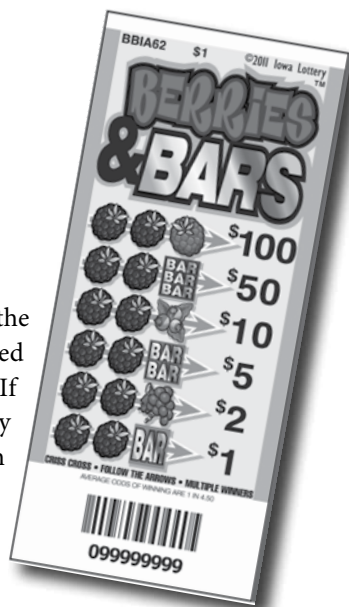
He claimed his prize at the Iowa Lottery's regional office in Cedar Rapids. 🗽

Berries & Bars Pull-tab Debuts Oct. 24

Berries & Bars (pull-tab)

Cost: \$1
Top Prize: \$100
Odds: 1 in 4.50
Begin Ordering: Oct. 24

Play by peeling apart the five tabs located on the back of the ticket. Three symbols are printed under each tab. Check all five tab areas. If three consecutive symbols printed vertically or diagonally under any of the tabs match identically any of the winning combinations shown on the ticket front, the player wins the corresponding prize. The arrow connecting the symbols indicates a winner. 🗽



Tailgate Trailer Visits Iowa City



Iowa Lottery VIP Club members have a chance to win this customizable towable tailgate in the Great State Tailgate promotion that runs through Dec. 6, 2011. They can enter online at ialottery.com with non-winning Great State Tailgate scratch tickets. Here the trailer is shown in Iowa City before the Pittsburgh - Iowa game on Sept. 17. Players had the opportunity to spin the lottery wheel for prizes if they had a lottery ticket with them. They also could learn more about this awesome tricked-out tailgate! Find out where the trailer is going next at ialottery.com.

IOWA LOTTERY GAME INFORMATION As of Oct. 10, 2011

Game	Start Date
498	\$35 MIL. CASH SPECTACULAR 01/09/06
592	BINGO TIMES 10-Orange/Green 03/31/08
632	WILD BINGO 01/05/09
631	LUCKY DIAMONDS 03/30/09
656	CROSSWORD-Blue/Green 12/10/09
660	BINGO NIGHT-Purple/Green 12/18/09
671	BLACK PEARLS 01/04/10
659	DBL. BLACKJACK DBL. PLAY 02/22/10
687	RACING TO RICHES 03/29/10
666	LIFETIMES RICHES 04/05/10
680	THE SILVER TICKET 04/19/10
667	CASH BONANZA 05/24/10
682	SERIOUS JACK 05/24/10
683	FIRE 'N DICE 05/24/10
685	JUST A BUCK 06/28/10
686	FAT CAT DOUBLER 06/28/10
655	CASH VAULT 07/19/10
688	VETERANS HOT 7S 07/19/10
689	RINGS OF CASH 08/09/10
654	FABULOUS FORTUNE 08/30/10
690	BLACK CHERRY DOUBLER 08/30/10
691	COOL CASH 08/30/10
682	TRIPLE DIAMONDS 09/20/10
696	REINDEER BINGO 10/04/10
698	HOLIDAY CROSSWORD 10/04/10
700	MERRY MONEY 10/04/10
702	CROSSWORD-Red/Green 10/04/10
694	TINSEL TOWN 10/11/10
695	HAPPY HOLIDAYS 10/11/10
697	STOCKING STUFFER TRIPLER 10/11/10
699	SILVER BELLS 10/11/10
701	MAGIC LINE BINGO-Purple/Ylw. 01/03/11
703	IOWA LOTTERY BLACK 01/03/11
704	LOVE TO WIN 01/03/11
706	SHAMROCK SHUFFLE 01/03/11
707	MATCH & WIN™ 01/03/11
716	RED HOT CHERRIES 01/03/11
708	GIVE ME \$20 01/24/11
705	DIAMOND DASH 02/14/11
709	ROCK OF AGES 02/14/11
710	RAINING CASH & DOGS! 03/07/11
711	LUCKY LINES 03/07/11
712	NEON 9'S 03/28/11
713	SIZZLING 7'S 03/28/11
715	333 04/18/11
717	SUPER CROSSWORD 04/18/11
724	CROSSWORD-Green/Purple 05/06/11
718	SPADES 05/09/11
720	DIAMOND MINE 05/16/11
719	MONEY SEE MONEY DO 05/23/11
725	TRIPLE PLATINUM 777 05/23/11
721	RUBY RICHES 06/20/11
722	TIC TAC 2'S 06/20/11
726	VETERANS HOT \$50 07/18/11
727	PINK PANTHER™ 07/18/11
731	MONOPOLY™ 07/18/11
729	SUNNY MONEY 08/08/11
730	TRIPLE CHERRY TWIST 08/08/11
728	TWISTED 08/29/11
746	GREAT STATE TAILGATE 08/29/11
732	LOOSE CHANGE® 09/19/11
733	SPOOKY LOOT 09/19/11
736	LUCKY ELVES BINGO 09/26/11
737	MERRY CROSSWORD 09/26/11
738	HOLIDAY BONUS CROSSWORD 09/26/11
739	HOLIDAY COUNTDOWN 09/26/11
740	SNOW BANK 10/03/11
741	BETTY BOOP™ 10/03/11
742	SPARKLING WINNINGS 10/03/11
743	HOLIDAY WISHES 10/03/11

ENDING SCRATCH GAMES

Game	Start Date	Last Date to Pay Prizes
684 LUCKY LINES	06/07/10	10/17/11



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Lotto Game Information				
Game	Drawing Days	Sales Cutoff Time	Approx. Drawing Time	Approx. Allowed Cashing Time
Hot Lotto	Wednesday and Saturday	8:18 p.m.	9:40 p.m.	11:45 p.m.
\$100,000 Cash Game	Monday through Saturday	8:18 p.m.	8:28 p.m.	8:40 p.m.
Mega Millions	Tuesday and Friday	8:59 p.m.	10 p.m.	Next Day
Pick 3 and Pick 4 Midday	Daily	12:30 p.m.	12:40 p.m.	1:00 p.m.
Pick 3 and Pick 4 Evening	Daily	8:18 p.m.	9:20 p.m.	9:40 p.m.
Powerball	Wednesday and Saturday	8:59 p.m.	9:59 p.m.	11:40 p.m.

If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, call 1-800-BETS OFF.
 You must be at least 21 years old to purchase lottery tickets.