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Trip Winner Enjoys Hawkeye Games, Hawaiian Scenery

LouAnn Shaffer Travels to Maui for Iowa Men's Basketball Tournament

Thanks to the Iowa Lottery, LouAnn Shaffer left the cold of Iowa over Thanksgiving week to visit Maui, Hawaii, and watch the Iowa Hawkeye men's basketball team play.

The Arlington woman won the trip when she was drawn as the grand prize winner in the lottery's "Hawkeye Hawaii" Hot Lotto promotion. She entered with a serial number from a nonwinning Hot Lotto ticket on the lottery's Web site.

True Hawkeye fans, Shaffer and her husband Alan attended most of Iowa's basketball games in the EA Sports Maui Invitational. They watched the Hawkeyes become runners-up in the tournament after they fell to North Carolina in the championship game.

After the tournament, LouAnn and Alan were treated to a Thanksgiving buffet meal with the Hawkeye basketball players. She said she'd never

met any of the players before but was impressed with their friendliness.

"Throughout the trip you'd run into [a player] in the elevator and they were just so pleasant. [They said] '[We're] glad you came out here to watch us—and just a very nice young team,'" LouAnn said.



LouAnn and Alan Shaffer

The Shaffers also were able to fit in some sightseeing between games. LouAnn said she and Alan rented a Harley-Davidson motorcycle and followed the "Road to Hana," a 35-mile stretch with over 600 curves along the way! The speed limit is 10 to 15 miles per hour along this road to Hana, a small town on Maui's northeast side. She said it made for a lovely ride!

The Shaffers also went snorkeling, parasailing and to a luau. They very much enjoyed the trip and LouAnn said she always enters lottery promotions, hoping to win a great prize like this one.

"It was the trip of a lifetime," she said. "My husband tells everybody, 'You can't win if you don't play!'"

What's Your Sports Fantasy?

The Ultimate Sports Fantasy scratch game offers you two ways to win! Buy the ticket, and you could instantly win up to \$300 cash or a \$13,000 "Sports Fantasy" trip for two to your choice of one of America's biggest championship sporting events.

If you find an "entry" symbol, you can send in your ticket for the grand-prize Ultimate Sports Fantasy package worth \$26,000!

Which sporting event would you like to attend? The professional football championship? Your favorite stock car race? The baseball playoffs? Dream on ... one of those trips could be yours!



Win one of the "Sports Fantasy" packages instantly or the "Ultimate Sports Fantasy" in the final drawing and just tell us at the Iowa Lottery where you want to go! Spectacular Sport Specials will arrange for airfare, hotel and game/event tickets to your choice of several exciting sports events – or you can design your own package.

You can send in as many "Entry" tickets as you wish for the \$26,000 Ultimate Sports Fantasy drawing. All qualified entries must be received by April 19.

For more information on the "Ultimate Sports Fantasy" game, visit our Web site at www.ialottery.com.

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"Luck o' the Irish" Starts with New Scratch Games!

Dominoes – Red (\$3)

Top Prize: \$30,000
Overall Odds: 1 in 3.84
Game Begins: Feb. 14



Scratch the 14 "Your Dominoes," then scratch the corresponding "Dominoes" in the "Dominoes Grid." If you reveal a complete horizontal line, you win the prize shown for that line. 🍀

Prize	Odds
\$3	1 in 6.67
\$5	1 in 16.67
\$8	1 in 50.00
\$10	1 in 100.00
\$18	1 in 100.00
\$30	1 in 100.00
\$300	1 in 2,394.00
\$30,000	1 in 119,700.00

Whole Lotta Luck (\$2)

Top Prize: \$10,000
Overall Odds: 1 in 3.83
Game Begins: Feb. 14



With a "Whole Lotta Luck" you could win up to \$10,000!

If you match any of "Your Numbers" to either of the "Lucky Numbers," you win the prize shown for that number. If you find a "Clover" symbol, you win that prize instantly! 🍀

Prize	Odds
\$2	1 in 6.00
\$3	1 in 18.75
\$5	1 in 50.00
\$10	1 in 150.00
\$15	1 in 150.00
\$30	1 in 150.00
\$100	1 in 1,197.00
\$1,000	1 in 11,970.00
\$10,000	1 in 119,700.00

Clovers & Cash (\$1)

Top Prize: \$444
Overall Odds: 1 in 4.76
Game Begins: Feb. 14



Play "Clovers & Cash" and try to win some extra green!

If you match "Your Prize" to the "Prize to Match" in the same game, you win the prize shown for that game. 🍀

Prize	Odds
\$1	1 in 7.50
\$2	1 in 20.00
\$4	1 in 60.00
\$10	1 in 300.00
\$24	1 in 300.00
\$44	1 in 300.00
\$444	1 in 29,925.00

Latest Monthly VIP Club Winners

Congratulations to the following VIP Club members who were drawn as winners in the monthly VIP Club drawings for \$25 in Lottery Bucks!

October 2004

Robert Smith* of Cedar Rapids
 Deanna Blagg of Granger
 Barbara G. Farson of Des Moines
 Sue Holliman of Hamburg
 Kathy Loder of Ankeny

November 2004

Mary Utsinger* of Davenport
 Terrill Reiner of Muscatine
 Lois Todd of Holstein
 Leona Williams of Cedar Falls
 Anna Ytzen of Creston

December 2004

Jared Allen* of Davenport
 Marcia Slightom of Bettendorf
 Helen Stendel of West Union
 Linda Holthaus of Ossian
 Penny Molnar of Peterson 🍀

*Asterisk denotes new member.

For a complete list of VIP Club winners, visit our Web site at www.ialottery.com ... just select "VIP Club" on the left side of the home page, then choose "VIP Club Drawing" from the links at the top of the VIP Club main page.

For more information on our scratch games, visit our Web site at www.ialottery.com. Select the "Games" link on the left side of the home page, then click on the "Scratch Tickets" logo on the Games main page.

Some Scratch Games Ending

The last day to claim prizes in the following games is **March 7, 2005**: Silver Dollars, Wild Time, Red Hot 7s, Wild Crossword (Jungle) and Ace in the Hole. 🍀

New Hartford Man Hides \$30,000 In Lottery Winnings From Himself

A northeast Iowa hid his winning lottery ticket for almost two months before cashing it!

Ely Truex, 24, of New Hartford won \$30,000 playing the "12 Days of Christmas" instant-scratch game. He purchased his ticket at One Stop Mart, 999 Middle Rd. in Bettendorf.

Truex said he bought and scratched the winning ticket the same day – sometime during the second week of November. He had stopped to purchase gas when he decided to make the purchase.

"It's been a little while [since I found out I'd won]," he conceded when he claimed his prize. "I scratched it right away. I was halfway though getting gas and ran back through and had [the clerk] scan it because I didn't really believe what I was seeing."

Instead of heading right to a lottery office to cash in before the

holidays, though, Truex thought better of the idea. He instead put the ticket away in a safe deposit box!



Ely Truex

"I made a bunch of phone calls the second I found out [I won]," he recalled. "A couple people were wondering [why I hadn't cashed it yet] but I just needed to think on it a little bit before I had it spent."

Now that he's had some time to think about it, he has an idea about how he'll use his prize money.

"I'm thinking pay off my truck, and the rest of it I couldn't tell you," he said. "I'm going to have to head to the sporting goods store in town and see if they have anything that appeals to me." 🍀

Grimes Woman Wins \$10,000 Hot Lotto Prize

A central Iowa woman said after she'd won a \$10,000 Hot Lotto prize she then realized she'd have to wait through a long holiday weekend before she could collect her winnings.

"I checked the numbers Thursday night, then I called Friday and realized the lottery was closed for the holiday weekend," Heidi Petersen said Dec. 27 as she claimed her prize. "I hung onto my ticket tightly! I kept it with me the whole time."

Petersen, 44, a hair stylist, won her \$10,000 prize in the Dec. 22 Hot Lotto drawing. The winning numbers that night were: 3-12-16-26-33 and Hot Ball 1. Petersen's ticket came close to winning a \$1.4 million jackpot, match-

ing the first five numbers and missing only the Hot Ball. Petersen bought her winning ticket at the Quik Trip at 9915 Douglas Ave. in Des Moines.



Heidi Petersen

"Right that night I had to call somebody, so I called my daughter. And she said, 'No, no way!' And I said, 'Yeah, it's true, I did!'" she said. "And I called my husband and he was excited about it. And then it just kind of went through the grapevine with everybody."

Petersen said she did a little extra holiday shopping, but planned to save most of her winnings while using part of the money to pay off bills.

Hot Lotto tickets are currently sold in eight states including Iowa. Four of the nine Hot Lotto jackpots that have been won in the game have been won in Iowa. 🍀

For more information on Hot Lotto, visit our Web site, www.ialottery.com, choose "Games" from the list of links on the left side of the page, then click on the Hot Lotto icon.

Web 101 ... Your Guide to www.ialottery.com

Did you know that you can claim a lottery prize by mail (except jackpots), and access a claim form (for prizes greater than \$100) on our Web site? Visit www.ialottery.com, choose "Games" from the list of links on the left side of the page, then click on the "Claiming Prizes" link at the **top** of the Games main page. Information on how to complete your claim form, where to send your claim form and ticket, as well as a link to the claim form are located on this page.

It is a good idea to photocopy your ticket(s) and claim form and to send them via certified mail if the prize is substantial. 🍀

Ask For "Power Pack"!

It's back! Any time from Feb. 21-March 5 when you purchase \$3 in Powerball® with three Power Plays on one ticket (\$6 value), you get that ticket for only \$5!



Multiply prizes! Power Pack may be good only for a limited time, but you can play Power Play any time! When you ask for the Power Play® for an extra \$1 per play with your Powerball purchase, you could multiply your prize two to five times (except the jackpot). The Power Play multiplier number is chosen by a wheel spin during the Powerball drawings on Wednesdays and Saturdays and determines by how much a winner's prize will be multiplied. 🍀

Play today! For more information on the Power Pack offer or Powerball with Power Play, visit our Web site at www.ialottery.com.





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