

Lottery



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New U.S. Citizen Claims \$1.89 Million Hot Lotto Prize

On the same day he became a U.S. citizen, a West Des Moines man learned he had won a lottery jackpot.

"That's a double-lucky win," Moses Bittok said Monday as he claimed his \$1.89 million Hot Lotto jackpot. "It's almost like you adopted a country and then they netted you \$1.8 million. It doesn't happen anywhere — I guess only in America."

On Friday, Bittok took the U.S. citizenship oath at the federal building in Des Moines, then he took some time to shop with his family and run errands. Before the day was done, they stopped at a gas station and checked his Hot Lotto ticket from the Sept. 21 drawing. The print-out from the lottery's validations equipment stated that Bittok would need to claim his prize at lottery head-

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At A Glance...

Entries for Hawkeye Victory Due By Oct. 15

Players who would like to win the Hawkeye Victory® motorcycle have until Oct. 15 at midnight to enter.

The Hawkeye Victory promotion began Sept. 16. Lottery players who buy \$5 or more in any lotto game on one ticket and don't win a prize can use the ticket to enter the promotion through the lottery's Web site at www.ialottery.com. Players can key in the serial number from their tickets to enter the promotion and need to keep each ticket they use to enter. The eligible games for the promotion are: Powerball, Hot Lotto, Iowa's \$100,000 Cash Game, Pick 4 and Pick 3.

The Lottery will hold a drawing on Oct. 18 to determine the motorcycle winner and the player selected will need to take his/her ticket to lottery headquarters in Des Moines to claim the bike!

Two More 'Thanks A Million' Winners Drawn

Edwin Hobbs of Bedford won \$1,000 in the fourth "Thanks A Million" second-chance drawing and Virginia Miller of Shenandoah won \$2,500 in the fifth drawing. Seven more drawings will be held in the coming months, culminating in a drawing for \$1 million to be held Jan. 26. Consult the "Thanks A Million" game brochure and www.ialottery.com for information on drawing deadlines and dates.

Game End and Validation End Dates List:

		Official Game End	Valid. Period Ends
Game #422	Bank Roll	08/29/05	11/28/05
Game #426	Quarter Play-Orange	08/29/05	11/28/05
Game #427	Cash on a Stick	08/29/05	11/28/05
Game #431	Hot Dice	08/29/05	11/28/05
Game #442	Wild Crossword-Zebra	08/29/05	11/28/05
Game #447	Kum & Go: 45th Anniv.	08/29/05	11/28/05
Game #449	Yule Win	08/29/05	11/28/05
Game #450	12 Days of Christmas	08/29/05	11/28/05
Game #451	Holiday Bonus	08/29/05	11/28/05

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

See results from your state agencies: www.resultsiowa.org



Moses Bittok of West Des Moines holds his daughter Mindy, 4, as he and his wife Leonida claim a \$1.89 million Hot Lotto jackpot at Iowa Lottery headquarters Sept. 26.

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“For some reason, I’m calm,” he said. His wife Leonida didn’t have the same reaction.

Bittok, a correctional officer at the Iowa Correctional Institute for Women in Mitchellville, said he doesn't know exactly what he will do with his winnings, but a college fund for the couple's 4-year-old daughter Mindy is top priority.



Lee and Mindy accompanied Bittok to the lottery as he claimed his prize. He chose to receive his jackpot winnings in annuity payments over 25 years, an annual payment of \$75,600 (\$52,920 after withholding taxes).


States to attend college in Minnesota, then moved to Iowa with his job.

He bought his winning ticket was purchased at Hy-Vee at 1725 74th St. in West Des Moines, where he used to work part-time. The winning numbers in the Sept. 21 Hot Lotto drawing were: 7-19-24-31-34 and Hot Ball 3.

Bittok's lottery ticket was the 85th purchased in Iowa to win a prize of \$1 million or more.

Hot Lotto began in April 2002, offering Powerball-style play but with easier odds. Iowa has had four jackpot winners in the game.

Darlene Becker of Dubuque, a 64-year-old grandmother, won the first jackpot claimed in the game, a \$3.6 million prize from the drawing on July 10, 2002. Don Sporrer of Denison, a retired IBP worker, became Iowa's second Hot Lotto jackpot winner, claiming \$2.7 million from the drawing on Christmas Day 2002. Todd Brobston, who works for the Fort Madison street department, won the \$1.3 million jackpot in the Nov. 1 drawing. And Danny Good, a Des Moines police officer, won a \$1.65 million Hot Lotto jackpot on Dec. 20, 2003.

Hot Lotto tickets are sold in Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire, South Dakota and West Virginia. 

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