## Lottery Action Newsletter

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## Get Credit for Mistake Powerball and Hot Lotto Tickets

Everybody makes mistakes. Even if your mistake happens to be a Powerball or Hot Lotto play made in error, it doesn't have to be the end of the world!

Let's review the steps you must take to handle a "mistake" Powerball or Hot Lotto ticket.

If the ticket did not print or the ticket is misprinted or mutilated so it can't be validated:
-The defective play must be confirmed by immediately producing a REPRINT ticket.
-Call the SGI hotline at 800-8584744. They will provide you with a Control Number. They'll also help you get the information needed to report the problem to the Lottery and, if necessary, help you produce the REPRINT ticket.
-Any or all parts of the defective ticket, along with the REPRINT ticket and Control Number, must be returned to the Lottery in the retailer settlement envelope.
-When the Lottery receives the defective ticket and the REPRINT ticket, we'll examine it and then issue credit to the retailer for the cost of the ticket. You can't receive credit if you don't follow the first three steps!

If the ticket is printed correctly by the terminal, but the clerk or the player makes an error:
-Call the SGI hotline to report the problem and correct ticket information. A Control Number will be provided.
-Remember, the ticket is still valid and can be sold. If you can't sell the ticket, validate it for any prizes won on the ticket

## At A Glance. . .

Instant Game Start Dates

- April 28 $\qquad$ Tee Time Tripler (\$1)
- April 28 $\qquad$ Diamond Bingo-Green (\$2)
- May 19 $\qquad$ The Hulk (\$1)
- May 19 $\qquad$ Wild Time (\$2)
- May 19 $\qquad$ Slingo (\$3)

Revised Game End and Validation End Dates List:

Game \#303 Double Blackjack-Red
Game \#338
Treasure Hunt

Game \#314
Game \#315
Nifty 50

Game \#317
Game \#322
Game \#327
Game \#332
Game \#334
24K Winner
Criss Cross Cash
Quick Cut
Gold \& Glory
Corned Beef \& Cash
The Gnu Game

| Official | Valid. |
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| Game | Period <br> End |
| Ends |  |
| $01 / 22 / 03$ | $04 / 22 / 03$ |
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Other important dates are listed on the back of this issue.
after all draws have passed. Then send the ticket and the control number to the Lottery in the retailer settlement envelope. The Lottery will credit you for the cost of the ticket less any winnings.

## The most common reasons for denying credit:

1) The retailer did not call SGI.
2) No ticket or play was sent to the Lottery.

In short, if you don't follow the steps outlined above, you are out of luck!

Think about this: why not sell the ticket? Unless the problem ticket is a mutilated ticket, why not try to sell it to one of your other customers? Especially during busy, high-jackpot times, your customers may be more willing to take that ticket than stand in line.

## Use Correct Coupon Number When Cashing Lotto Bucks

Recently the lottery mailed out quite a few Lotto Buck coupons to player. We'd like to review with retailers some things to watch for when cashing Lotto Bucks.

First, when cashing the coupons, use the three-digit "promo" number listed on the left-hand side of the coupon that corresponds to the game that the player has chosen to play. For example, if the player wants to buy Powerball tickets, the retailer should enter the number " 154 " for the $\$ 5$ Lotto Buck or " 147 " for the $\$ 1$ Lotto Buck when asked for the coupon number. Enter the correct three-digit number from
the Lotto Buck into the "coupon" box on your lotto terminal. Don't use the red number in the lower right-hand corner of the Lotto Buck because it is an internal control number. If you follow these steps correctly, your store will receive instant credit from the coupon instead of waiting for the DSR to make their weekly visit.

Second, as the example above illustrates, the "promo" numbers on the $\$ 1$ Lotto Buck are different than the "promo" numbers on the $\$ 5$ Lotto Buck. Retailers need to be careful that they enter the correct "promo" number.

Also remember to keep the cashed Lotto Bucks in your drawer to give them back to the
lottery for proper credit.
Please direct any questions to your DSR or to the lottery hot line.


Don't use this number.

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## 'Tee Time' and 'Diamond Bingo' Due in Stores Soon

## Tee Time Tripler

Cost: \$1
Top Prize: \$300
Odds: 1 in 4.97
Begin Ordering: April 28
Tee up to try some winning! If the player finds three like amounts, they win that amount. If the player finds two like amounts and a "Golf Cart" symbol, they win triple that amount!


## Prize

## Two tickets

\$2
\$6
\$18
\$54
$\$ 100$
$\$ 300$

Odds

1 in 7.50
1 in 20.00
1 in 90.00
1 in 300.00
1 in 300.00
1 in 17,100.00
1 in 23,940.00

numbers plus a "Free" space), they win the corresponding prize in the prize arrow that points at that card. Match a "Mini Diamond" (consisting of four numbers plus a
"Free" space) on Cards 1 or 2 and win $\$ 25$ automati-

## Diamond Bingo-Green

Cost: \$2
Top Prize: \$25,000
Odds: 1 in 3.78
Begin Ordering: April 28
Scratch the "Caller's Card" and "Bonus Numbers." Scratch the numbers on "Cards 1
through 4" that match the numbers on the "Caller's Card" and "Bonus Numbers." If on any one of "Cards 1 through 4" a player matches all numbers in a complete horizontal, vertical or diagonal line; four corners; or an "X" (consisting of eight
cally. Match a "Large Diamond" (consisting of 12 numbers plus a "Free" space) on Cards 3 or 4 and win $\$ 1,000$ automatically!

## Prize Odds of Winning

\$2
\$3
\$5
\$10
\$25
$\$ 30$
$\$ 50$
\$2,500
\$25,000

1 in 6.82
1 in 11.54
1 in 64.29
1 in 450.00
1 in 112.50
1 in 450.00
1 in 450.00
1 in 7,980.00
1 in 39,900.00
1 in 59,850.00
1 in 29,925.00
1 in $119,700.00$
1 in 239,400.00

## MidAmerican Employees Win \$100,000 in Powerball



Walter Smith, left, and Pat Sparks, smile after claiming their shares of a $\$ 100,000$ Powerball prize.

Five Oskaloosa

MidAmerican Energy
employees playing
Powerball together have split a \$100,000 prize.

Walter Smith of Beacon claimed the prize for the group at Iowa Lottery headquarters in Des Moines. Smith says the five men have been playing Powerball twice per week together for about 18 months.

Smith, who purchased the winning ticket at South 7th Grocery in Oskaloosa, explained that he stopped at that store to see if the Powerball jackpot had been won in the previous drawing.

When the clerk ran Smith's ticket through the lotto terminal, she told him he needed to go to Des Moines to collect his prize. After she printed out the numbers, she helped him compare the printout with his ticket.
"I said, 'What's the Powerball?' and she told me and I said, 'We don't have that. What's the other numbers?' She read them across and right away I knew it was $\$ 100,000$," Smith said. "I started calling these guys and I don't know that they really believed me!"

The other four winners are: Patrick Sparks, Leroy Lanphier and Thomas Michael O'Connor of Oskaloosa and Stephen Smith of Ottumwa.

## 'You don't believe it, you know? 'Are you sure? Is that really a winner?", Pat Sparks

Sparks said he's still in shock over the win.
"You don't believe it, you know? 'Are you sure? Is that really a winner?"" he said.

Smith said some of the men had been talking about dropping out of the pool-now they've decided they have a good reason to stay in!

Many of the winners haven't had time yet to decide how they will use their winnings. Smith said he will probably pay off a recently purchased vehicle with his share of the winnings and put the rest in the bank for a while.


