



VIP Connection

News and information for Very Important Players

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Denison Man Claims \$2.7 Million Jackpot



A Denison man got a dose of holiday cheer, claiming a \$2.7 million Hot Lotto jackpot he won on Christmas Day.

“A guy thinks about it. You buy a ticket and you have in the back of your mind, ‘There’s that chance,’” Don Sporrer said as he claimed the jackpot at Iowa Lottery headquarters in Des Moines.

Sporrer, 64, who retired in May after working for 37 years at IBP in

Denison, now drives a truck part-time for a Carroll company.

Sporrer said he waited until several days after the drawing to begin telling people he won the big prize. He said he had fun listening to local speculation about the identity of the winner on radio reports while driving in his truck.

Sporrer bought his winning ticket at the Hy-Vee at 1426 Broadway in Denison. He chose to receive his jackpot as a lump-sum payment of \$1,646,341.46. He said he plans to continue working and likely will give a donation to a local college. He also thinks he’ll buy a new truck.

For more information about winners, log on to <http://www.ialottery.com/winners/winners.htm>

Lottery Looks for Lucky Dogs

Got a picture-perfect pooch? A cute canine? A handsome hound? The Iowa Lottery wants your dog’s picture on instant-scratch tickets!

The lottery and PETCO stores are teaming up in the “Dog-Gone Lucky” contest to determine six dogs whose photos will be put on tickets in a Dog-Gone Lucky scratch game this fall. The owners of the six lucky dogs will each receive \$500 from the lottery, a \$50 gift card from PETCO and other prizes from the pet-supply stores.

The contest is being conducted at PETCO stores in Cedar Rapids, the Des Moines area (Clive location) and Sioux City. **For more information, log on to: <http://www.ialottery.com/promotions/doggoneluckypromotion.htm>**

Pleasantville Woman Wins \$100,000 Instant Prize

Melissa Stender, 35, of Pleasantville won the \$100,000 top prize in “All the Marbles,” an instant-scratch game.

Stender said she was so excited about her win that she couldn’t keep it a secret among friends and neighbors in Pleasantville.

“I’ve already told everybody! I went to the store and the bank and I went to the insurance [office]. The UPS guy even honked at me on the way by!” she said.

She bought her winning ticket at the Pleasantville Grocery at 105 W. Monroe in Pleasantville.



Melissa Stender of Pleasantville

Welcome to New VIP Connection!

Your “VIP Connection” newsletter has a new look this spring!

We have abbreviated the format of the newsletter so it’s easier to read and find the information you’re looking for. At the bottom of some articles you’ll find an Internet address where you can go to find out more information on the topic talked about in the article.

We hope you like this new format. Let us know what you think by sending us an e-mail at web.master@ilot.state.ia.us or a letter at VIP Connection, Iowa Lottery, 2015 Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA 50312.

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'Tee Time,' 'Wild Time' Due at Your Retailer Soon

Wild Time (\$2)

Top Prize: \$15,000
Overall Odds: 1 in 3.84
Game Begins: May 12

Have a "Wild Time" with this new scratch ticket!

"Wild Time" has two play areas. If you match any of "Your Numbers" to wither of the "Winning Numbers," you win the prize shown for that number. If you find a "Star" symbol, you win that prize automatically! In the "Bonus" play area, find a prize amount and win that amount 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
\$150	1 in 1,710.00
\$500	1 in 17,100.00
\$15,000	1 in 119,700.00

For more information on scratch tickets and to play demo tickets, log on to <http://www.ialottery.com/games/ScratchTicketList.htm>.

Some Scratch Games Ending

The last day to claim prizes in the following games is **April 22, 2003**: Double Blackjack (Red) and Treasure Hunt.

The last day to claim prizes in the following games is **May 12, 2003**: Nifty 50; 24K Winner; Criss Cross Cash; Quick Cut; Gold & Glory; Corned Beef & Cash; The Gnu Game.

Tee Time Tripler (\$1)

Top Prize: \$300
Overall Odds: 1 in 4.97
Game Begins: April 28



Tee up to try some winning with "Tee Time Tripler." If you find three like amounts, you win that amount. If you find two like amounts and a "Golf Cart" symbol, you win triple that amount!

Prize	Odds
Two tickets	1 in 7.50
\$2	1 in 20.00
\$6	1 in 90.00
\$18	1 in 300.00
\$54	1 in 300.00
\$100	1 in 17,100.00
\$300	1 in 23,940.00

Des Moines Man Enjoys South Beach on Lottery



Ryan Van Zante of Des Moines enjoys South Beach

Ryan Van Zante enjoyed Miami's South Beach and attended the Orange Bowl courtesy of the Iowa Lottery.

Van Zante, 33, a technology consultant

from Des Moines, won the grand prize bowl trip in the Iowa Lottery's Hawkeye Football Promotion in November. Players entered the promotion with a nonwinning "Red Hot 7s" scratch ticket. The trip, valued at \$10,000, included airfare, a four-night hotel stay at the InterContinental Hotel in Miami, spending money and withholding taxes paid. He took his wife Karla on the trip with him.

Because they arrived several days before the game, the Van Zantes were able to sightsee and relax. They attended a welcoming party, went on a casino cruise and attended a New Year's Eve party at the hotel. They watched the "orange" drop at midnight, a Miami tradition similar to the ball dropping in New York City.

After a day of relaxing and watching football, it was time for the Hawkeyes' big game on Jan. 2!

"Of course, the game was nice. It probably didn't turn out with the best result, but it was nice. It was just great being at the Orange Bowl," Van Zante said.



Lottery Promotions Create Big Winners

Ankeny Man Headed to Memphis, Graceland

Andrew Rasmussen crooned his way to a trip to Memphis, Graceland and the Heartbreak Hotel as the winner of the Elvis on Tour Karaoke promotion. The trip is valued at \$8,000.

Rasmussen, 34, a teacher at Callanan Middle School in Des Moines, sang "Are You Lonesome Tonight" at Billy Joe's Pitcher Show in West Des Moines. He was drawn as the trip winner on Feb. 26 from among the seven weekly finalists in the events.

Rasmussen had karaoke experience in Japan when he taught over there for a year. He had a friend in Japan who loved

Elvis, so he sang Elvis songs for her benefit.

Rasmussen said his wife Angela talked him into going to the competition at the last minute—now he's glad he went! He plans to take his wife on the trip.



Andrew Rasmussen of Ankeny

Bonus Spin Yields Cash Winners

The Iowa Lottery's \$25,000 Bonus Spin was broadcast each Saturday in February on the "Powerball Instant Millionaire" game show. Players who sent in \$5 worth of nonwinning scratch tickets were eligible to be in a drawing to win a \$25,000 Bonus Spin aired on the game show.



The winners were: Loren Fields, Newton—\$750; Dorothy Hoksbergen, Grundy Center—\$500; Frances Deling, Buffalo Center—\$500 and Andrea Thompson, Anamosa—\$750.

For more information about promotions, log on to <http://www.ialottery.com/promotions/promotions1.htm>.

Basketball Fan Travels to New Orleans



Judy and Bob Birge of West Des Moines

Bob Birge of West Des Moines was cheering at the national basketball championships this month in New

Orleans because he won the Lottery's Cyclone Basketball promotion.

"I never thought I had a chance [of winning]," said the admitted basketball fan. He said he's never been to a large sporting event like this and looked forward to the experience.

Players who entered nonwinning Powerball with a Power Play tickets on the Iowa Lottery web site had a chance to win Iowa State Cyclone men's basketball tickets and the grand prize of a trip to the national basketball championships in New Orleans. Birge's trip included air fare, lodging, game tickets, spending money and required withholding taxes paid.

Six \$1,000 Winners Have 'A Grand Time'

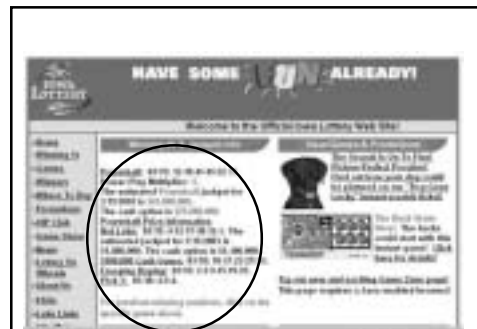
Six lucky pull-tab players have collected \$1,000 prizes playing the "A Grand Time" pull-tab since it was released in December 2002!

They are:

Shirley Kluver of Lake View (Quik Mart, Lake View);

John Mullen of Cresco (Kleve's Pub, Cresco); Sheryl Smith of Urbandale (American Pie, Des Moines); Rosetta Donaldson of Eagle Grove (VFW Post #1856, Ft. Dodge); Charles Linn of Stratford (Kum & Go, Stratford) and Wayne Dizenzo of Council Bluffs (Ampride, Council Bluffs).

More \$1,000 prizes are out there, so keep playing those pull-tabs!



Lotto number frequency reports are available on the lottery web site at www.ialottery.com. On the home page, click on the name of the game in the upper left-hand corner of the page (area is circled here), then click on the "Frequency" link.



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