

# Lottery Action



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800.228.0010  
For Help With Pull-Tab Vending Machines  
800.235.7198  
For Help With Terminals or Sci-Scans  
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For Help With Instant Ticket Vending Machines  
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## Players Must Sign Tickets Before Retailers Can Check or Validate

As part of its commitment to player security, Iowa now requires that players SIGN THEIR TICKET before it can be checked or validated. Signing the ticket protects both you and the player and ensures that the player is paid any prize that they win.

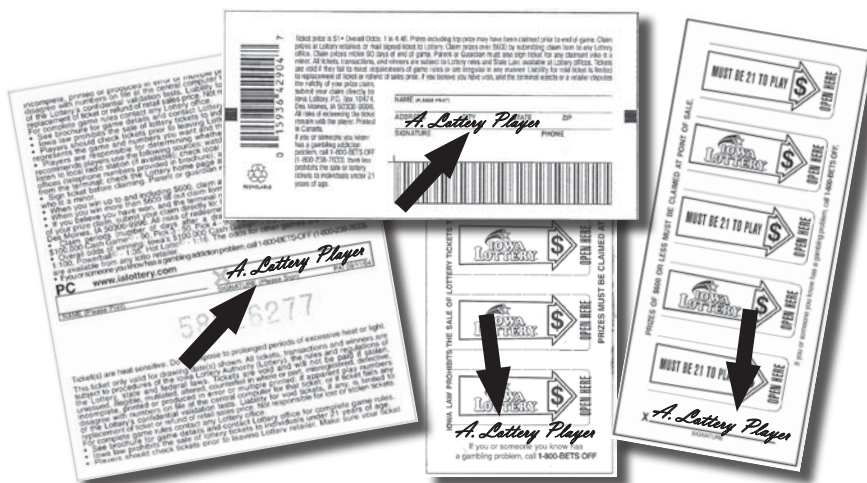


As of March 15, 2008, retailers will only be able to check and cash signed tickets. This applies to **all** Iowa Lottery tickets.

Follow these steps to check or validate lottery tickets:

- 1) Ask the player if they have signed the back of the ticket. If they haven't, have them sign it BEFORE you attempt to check or validate it. This applies to all tickets. The player should sign the signature line on the back of the ticket. For any pull-tab ticket that does not have a signature line, have them sign on the bottom of the back of the ticket.
- 2) Check or validate the ticket in the SciScan (scratch ticket) or the Extrema (lotto ticket).
- 3) Pay any prize due to the player. Or, if the ticket is not a winner, hand it back to the player. Do not leave previously checked tickets on the counter.

The Iowa Lottery thanks you for your cooperation. 🍀



## Action Briefs

### Answers to Your Common Lottery Questions...

What's the difference between a player choosing the easy-pick option versus picking his/her own numbers? Which option has more winners?



When a player asks for an easy pick, the lotto terminal runs a software program that randomly picks the required numbers for that particular game. The terminal then issues the play. The software does not check with any central system before issuing a play, so there's no guarantee another player won't have the same numbers. About 75 percent of all plays are easy picks and because winners follow sales, about 75 percent of winners come from easy picks.

### National Problem Gambling Week is March 9-16

To educate the public and health care professionals about problem gambling and to raise awareness that hope and help are available, the National Council on Problem Gambling (NCPG) has organized an annual National Problem Gambling Awareness Week to be held March 9-16, 2008.

For more information, visit [www.npgaw.org](http://www.npgaw.org) or [www.1800betsoff.org](http://www.1800betsoff.org).

### Game End and Validation End Dates

		Official Game End	Valid. Period Ends
506	Lucky in Love	1/7/08	4/7/08
545	Blue Sapphire 7's	1/7/08	4/7/08
530	Life in the Cash Lane	1/7/08	4/7/08
531	Fruit Loot	1/7/08	4/7/08

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

Results from your state agencies: [www.resultsiowa.org](http://www.resultsiowa.org)

## Des Moines Man Wins \$250,000 Playing \$35 Million Cash Spectacular Scratch Game



Michael Vance of Des Moines

A central Iowa man is in disbelief after winning \$250,000 on an Iowa Lottery scratch ticket!

Michael Vance of Des Moines won \$250,000 playing the “\$35 Million Cash Spectacular” instant-scratch game. He bought his ticket at Dahl’s, 4121 Fleur Drive in Des Moines.

Vance, who works as a mortgage broker, claimed his prize at Iowa Lottery headquarters in Des Moines.

The \$35 Million Cash Spectacular is a \$10 game. When players match any of “their numbers” to any “winning number,” they win the prize shown for that play area. If they find a “star” symbol, they win the prize shown instantly. The overall odds of winning in the game are about 1 in 3. 🍀

**MARCH/APRIL 2008**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>10</b> ACES HIGH (\$1)/ ONE LUCKY NUMBER (\$2) BEGIN LOTTERY ACTION DELIVERS	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> DUBBLE BUBBLE (PULL-TAB-\$1) BEGINS LOTTERY ACTION DELIVERS	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> POWER PLAY 10X BEGINS	<b>31</b> SPRING FLING (\$1)/ BINGO TIMES 10 (\$10) BEGIN	<b>April 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
	LOTTERY ACTION DELIVERS					

# Protect Yourself From Lottery Scams; Keep Personal Info Safe

The only lottery that is legally authorized to operate in Iowa is the Iowa Lottery. If you receive suspicious materials, telephone calls or e-mails or if you are ever in doubt about information that supposedly came from a legitimate lottery, call the Iowa Lottery at 515-725-7900 and ask for the Security Department.



Listed below are other tips to keep you safe from lottery scams.

- Never accept a collect telephone call from someone claiming to be a lottery official! Legitimate lotteries do not call collect.
- Never believe a letter, phone call or Internet message from someone who claims they can guarantee you a prize! Legitimate lotteries do not guarantee that you will win a prize and do not require people to join prize pools to play.
- Never purchase tickets from foreign lotteries by phone, mail or the Internet. The sale and trafficking in foreign lottery tickets is a violation of federal criminal law.
- Never agree to help a stranger cash a lottery ticket. If you do, more than likely you will become the victim of a "pigeon drop" scam. If you are approached by a stranger asking for help cashing a ticket, contact Lottery Security and your local law enforcement immediately.
- Unless you specifically entered an Iowa Lottery promotion, you will never be contacted by us informing you that you have won any prize.
- Keep your credit card and bank account numbers to yourself. Scam artists will often ask for them with the goal of accessing your accounts and stealing your money!
- Never pay processing fees, insurance or commissions to claim a lottery prize. Legitimate lotteries do not require winners to pay anything up front to receive a prize.

For more information about player security, visit the Iowa Lottery's Web site at [www.ialottery.com](http://www.ialottery.com) and click on the "Player Security" link on the left-hand side of the home page. 📄

## Fort Dodge Woman Wins \$100,000 Prize



Jackie Kruger of Fort Dodge

Jackie Kruger of Fort Dodge claimed the jackpot for Iowa's Feb. 4 \$100,000 Cash Game drawing.

She purchased the winning ticket at Fareway, 615 Second Ave. S. in Fort Dodge and claimed her prize at the Iowa Lottery's regional office in Storm Lake.

Kruger said she is a regular Cash Game player. She checked the paper the day after the drawing and didn't initially believe that she'd hit the top prize.

"I thought I won \$100. And I looked and I thought, 'Well, I've got all the numbers,'" she recalled. "When my friend came over, I had her look at them just to make sure that I didn't read it wrong. She said that I won so then we stopped at Casey's to make sure there wasn't a misprint in the paper."

Kruger said she's not sure yet what she will do with her winnings.

"I still don't quite believe it yet," she said. "I've just never won any money like [this] before."

The winning numbers for the Feb. 4 Cash Game drawing were: 5-11-24-28-30.

Winning numbers may be checked by calling the lottery at (515) 725-7900 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Winning numbers may also be checked through the winning numbers' hot line at (515) 323-4633, at the lottery Web site at [www.ialottery.com](http://www.ialottery.com) or with lottery retail outlets.

Since the Iowa Lottery's inception in 1985, more than \$2.1 billion has been awarded in prizes and more than \$1.1 billion has been raised for state programs. 📄

# IOWA LOTTERY GAME INFORMATION

As of March 10, 2008

Game	Start Date
498	\$35 MIL. CASH SPECTACULAR 01/09/06
525	BURIED TREASURE 05/15/06
512	CROSSWORD-Newsprint 05/29/06
513	TRIPLER BINGO-Green 06/05/06
532	7 COME 11 09/11/06
542	COOL HAND LOOT 11/27/06
543	CASH CRAZE 12/18/06
514	TWICE LUCKY 01/08/07
523	DIAMOND MINE 01/08/07
537	HIGH ROLLER 01/08/07
544	\$250,000 LUCK OF THE DRAW 01/29/07
546	GIMME 5 01/29/07
515	CROSSWORD-Newsprint 03/05/07
549	BLACKJACK-Yellow 03/12/07
550	DOUBLE BLACKJACK-Orange 03/12/07
551	CHILI TODAY/HOT TAMALE 04/02/07
552	CHIPS & SALSA 04/02/07
555	CLASSIC BINGO-Orange/Blue 04/16/07
553	IT'S A HIT 04/23/07
554	WINNING IN 3'S-Purple 04/23/07
504	THE DUKE 05/14/07
556	DOUBLE WILD CHERRIES 05/14/07
557	CASH JUBILEE 06/04/07
558	QUICK \$200 06/04/07
560	TRUMP CARD 06/11/07
559	PAC-MAN 06/25/07
570	SET FOR LIFE 06/25/07
561	LUCKY DUCKS 07/16/07
562	MONOPOLY 07/16/07
563	DEAL OR NO DEAL 07/16/07
564	COOL 7'S 08/06/07
565	GOLD 7'S 08/06/07
566	RAKE IT IN 08/27/07
567	MIDWEST MILLIONS 09/10/07
568	KING OF CASH 09/17/07
569	ONE-EYED JACKS 09/17/07
500	LET'S TALK TURKEY 10/08/07
571	WINNING IN 3'S-Blue 10/08/07
572	DEAL OR NO DEAL 10/08/07
576	HOLIDAY CASH 10/29/07
577	SURPRISE PACKAGE 10/29/07
573	COOKIE DOUGH 11/05/07
574	MERRY MONEY 11/05/07
575	DRESSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS 11/05/07
578	2008 DOUBLER 11/26/07
579	CASH ON THE SPOT 12/17/07
581	OLD MAN WINNER 01/07/08
582	FIRE & DICE 01/07/08
583	SKEE BUCKS 01/07/08
584	\$50 GRAND 01/07/08
580	CROSSWORD-Purple/Pink 01/07/08
585	FUZZY DICE 01/28/08
586	HIGH FIVES 02/18/08
587	BANKROLL 02/18/08
588	ACES HIGH 03/10/08
589	ONE LUCKY NUMBER 03/10/08

## ENDING SCRATCH GAMES

Game	Start Date	Last Date to Pay Prizes
506	LUCKY IN LOVE 01/08/07	04/07/08
545	BLUE SAPPHIRE 7'S 01/08/07	04/07/08
547	DUBLIN DOUGH 02/19/07	04/07/08
548	TONS OF LUCK 02/19/07	04/07/08



Helping you serve the Lottery customer

Lotto Game Information				
	Drawing Days	Sales Cutoff Time	Approx. Drawing Time	Approx. Allowed Cashing Time
 Hot Lotto	Wednesday and Saturday	7:59 p.m.	9:40 p.m.	11:45 p.m.
\$100,000 Cash Game	Monday through Saturday	6:18 p.m.	6:28 p.m.	6:40 p.m.
Pick 3 and Pick 4 Midday	Monday through Saturday	12:30 p.m.	12:40 p.m.	1:00 p.m.
Pick 3 and Pick 4 Evening	Sunday through Saturday	7:59 p.m.	9:20 p.m.	9:40 p.m.
Powerball	Wednesday and Saturday	7:59 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.