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Bragging Rights for Lottery Crossword Player

Instant Games Players Received More Than \$107.5 Million in Prizes in April

TRENTON (May 24, 2017) – Joan M. of Freehold loves to play New Jersey Lottery Crossword instant games. Her frequent "scratching" has led to some family teasing, but Joan takes the joking in stride. Now, it looks as though Joan will have the last laugh as she has just won \$250,000 playing the \$10 \$250,000 Crossword game. She adds this win to the various other smaller prize wins she's had over the years, including a \$1,000 prize.

Joan bought two \$10 Crossword games from ACME #7960, Route 9 and Elton Adelphia Rd. in Freehold. After preparing dinner for her and her husband, she relaxed by scratching her first card, letter by letter. As she reviewed the card, she shouted to her husband, "I won \$20 and I still have more to scratch off!" The \$20 turned into \$30, then \$100.

Joan kept scratching, and as she did her winnings climbed up the prize tiers to \$500, then \$1,000, and eventually \$20,000. They were ecstatic, but Joan still had another letter to scratch off. When she realized the ticket was a \$250,000 winner, they were in disbelief. After sharing the good news with their daughter, they signed the back of the ticket and went directly back to ACME for verification.

Joan said that the winnings will be used for a family vacation, perhaps a cruise or a trip to Europe. She is most excited about achieving bragging rights with the family because of her big win. She plans to keep playing her favorite Crossword games in the future. (The ACME store was listed in the March Instant Games release).



Steven Dunning is also a big winner this month. He played the \$5 \$500 Mayhem game and won the top-prize of \$200,000. His lucky retailer is Butler's Liquors in Elizabeth. Steven only scratches the numbers to determine if he has a winning ticket. If he does, he then scratches the prize amount. Once the \$200,000 was revealed he shared the news with his mother and then locked the ticket in a secure location until he could travel to Lottery Headquarters. He will use this money to buy equipment for his screen printing business.

ABOUT THE LOTTERY

Since its inception in 1970, the New Jersey Lottery (NJLottery.com) has contributed nearly \$25 billion to the State in support of education and institutions.



April 2017 Instant Game Top-Tier Winning Tickets						
				Game		
Name	Address	City	County	Number	Game Name	Valid Amount
Circle K - Manahawkin	1504 Route 72 - Breaker Avenue	Manahawkin	Ocean	1383	Mega Crossword	\$500,000.00
Quick Chek #61	175 Broad Avenue	Fairview	Bergen	1415	\$250,000 Crossword	\$250,000.00
Butler's Liquors	182 Elmora Avenue	Elizabeth	Union	1367	\$500 Mayhem	\$200,000.00
Princeton Health Food Inc.	1225 Route 206	Princeton	Mercer	1399	Lucky 7s Tripler	\$200,000.00
Krauszer's Food Store	375 McLean Boulevard	Paterson	Passaic	1411	Black and Gold	\$200,000.00
BP Gas	1101 East Jersey Street	Elizabeth	Union	1384	Super Crossword	\$50,000.00
6-12 Food Store	21 Broad Street	Freehold	Monmouth	1403	Super Crossword	\$50,000.00
Shoprite of Linden	637 West Edgar Road	Linden	Union	1393	Big Money Spectacular	\$30,000.00
State News Convenience Store	189 East Front Street	Plainfield	Union	1393	Big Money Spectacular	\$30,000.00
Main Street Deli	300 Blackwood Clementon Road	Pine Hill	Camden	1366	\$100 Mayhem	\$20,000.00
Perez Grocery	636 North 4th Street	Camden	Camden	1370	Bankroll Bingo	\$20,000.00
Tee Cee's Deli	11 Sunnybrae Boulevard	Yardville	Mercer	1394	Crossword	\$20,000.00
Washington Wine & Liquors	2317 State Highway 33	Robbinsville	Mercer	1394	Crossword	\$20,000.00
Montclair Food & Fuel	115 Bloomfield Avenue	Montclair	Essex	1394	Crossword	\$20,000.00
Krauszer of Kenilworth	700 Kenilworth Boulevard	Kenilworth	Union	1394	Crossword	\$20,000.00
Stop & Shop #873	2275 West County Line Road	Jackson	Ocean	1394	Crossword	\$20,000.00
Bambi's Luncheonette	1415 Jersey Avenue	North Brunswick	Middlesex	1398	Lucky 7s Doubler	\$20,000.00
Super Lucky Grocery	91 Martin Luther King Drive	Jersey City	Hudson	1405	Money Bags	\$20,000.00
Arelis Supermarket	2220 River Avenue	Camden	Camden	1405	Money Bags	\$20,000.00
Cap N Cork Liquors	1344 Stuyvesant Avenue	Union	Union	1391	Instant Bingo	\$15,000.00
Pete's Deli	1280 Yardville Allentown Road	Allentown	Monmouth	1284	\$10,000 Pay Day	\$10,000.00
Quick Chek #96	1 Wilson Avenue	Englishtown	Monmouth	1385	\$10K Blowout	\$10,000.00
Gail Wine Liquor	9 West Grand Street	Elizabeth	Union	1385	\$10K Blowout	\$10,000.00
Welsh Farms	659 Route 36 West	Belford	Monmouth	1385	\$10K Blowout	\$10,000.00
HK Circle Mini Mart	411 East Madison Avenue	Dumont	Bergen	1385	\$10K Blowout	\$10,000.00
Quick Stop Food Store	305-307 Route 130 & 206 South	Bordentown	Burlington	1385	\$10K Blowout	\$10,000.00
Minit Mart Food Store	4 Beaver Brook Road	Lincoln Park	Morris	1385	\$10K Blowout	\$10,000.00
Beverly Sweet Shop	1413 Main Street	Rahway	Union	1385	\$10K Blowout	\$10,000.00
					total	\$1,805,000.00