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Lottery Links is provided free to licensed retailers, Lottery Advisory Commission members, vendors and other interested parties. Lottery Links is available on the website at LOTTERY.ND.GOV.



### PLAYERS CLUB MEANS ADDED-VALUE

North Dakota Lottery tickets give players a chance at hundreds, thousands or even millions! The North Dakota Lottery Players Club® gives added-value to every North Dakota Lottery ticket which benefits players and retailers alike.

As Players Club members, players receive exclusive benefits such as Points for Prizes®, Points for Drawings™ and Second Chance Drawings all for <u>FREE</u>! The more tickets players purchase and enter, the more points they earn. In turn, retailers earn higher commissions as their ticket sales increase. The best part, no additional cost to retailers!

Remind players to join the club by visiting LOTTERY.ND.GOV. Membership is free and the benefits are countless:

### Points for Prizes: Hundreds of items to choose from!



#### Points for Drawings: Win great prizes like these!



Players can find more information about the Players Club and its Official Mobile App at our website, LOTTERY.ND.GOV, or by picking up a Game Guide available at all North Dakota Lottery retail locations.

# **DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE**



Since January 1, 2021, the Lottery had a nice run of winners, particularly for the 2by2 game. There were fourteen 2by2 jackpots won, twelve \$22,000 winners and two \$44,000 double Tuesday winners. Other big winners included a \$1,000,000 Powerball prize, two \$150,000 Powerball with Power Play prizes and one \$25,000 a year for life Lucky for Life prize. Let's keep the winning streak of lucky North Dakota players going as we move into spring.

As the Lottery nears the end of the fiscal year, ticket sales are showing improvement compared to last year, but still well below where actual sales should be. July 2020 through February 2021 unaudited ticket sales totaled \$21.22 million. This is an increase of \$4.98 million or 30.66% compared to the same period last year. The Lottery is estimating ticket sales ending June 30, 2021 to be around \$29 to \$30 million, significantly less than fiscal year 2016 sales of \$35.62 million and fiscal year 2019 sales of \$35.35 million.

This legislative session the Lottery has submitted one amendment to the North Dakota Century Code that is included in Senate Bill 2283, the Office of Attorney General technical amendments. The change authorizes the Lottery to conduct the debt setoff process on each prize payment for an annuity prize rather than only one time when the prize is claimed. Senate Bill 2283 passed the Senate 47-0 and was sent to the House for consideration. The Lottery extended the online system and services contract through June 30, 2024. We look forward to continuing our partnership with Scientific Games. If you have any problems with the lottery equipment, please call Scientific Games' 24-hour hotline for assistance at 1-866-719-2699. For convenience, the toll-free number is on the tray of your terminal. Immediately report problems to the hotline, this will provide a track record of the incident and allow support personnel to address your concern in a timely fashion.

Thank you to retailers that have partnered with the Lottery over the last seventeen years and welcome to the new retailers that have recently began selling lottery products. We encourage retailers to utilize the resources of the Lottery's customer service specialists, making sure you have the products and point-of-sale material you need to optimize sales.

Ask cashiers to actively promote the sale of lottery tickets, not only during special promotions or high jackpots, but throughout the year. Remember to ask players to purchase Power Play, Megaplier, All Star Bonus, and 7 draw 2by2. These addon features not only provide the opportunity for players to increase their prizes specific to that game, but earns you the additional sales commission, as well as doubles your sales bonus when you sell a winning ticket for applicable hightier prizes.

Randy Willer

### **2BY2 BREAKS RECORDS AGAIN**

The 2by2 Instant Win Promotion broke several 2by2 sales records! 2by2 sales for the four week promotion increased a whopping 86.1% with a promotion record of \$699,099 in total sales. Three out of the four weeks hold the top three spots in weekly sales history, with Week 4 holding the top spot at \$191,067. Players won over \$45,000 in instant prizes.

Did your store rank in the Top 5 across the state? Check out the "Top 5" North Dakota Lottery retailers with the most instant winners:

- 1. M&H Gas #13 Mandan
- 2. Marketplace Food and Drug Minot
- 3t. Simonson Station Store #8 Wahpeton
- 3t. Dan's SuperMARKET #2 (North) Bismarck
- 5. M&H Gas #15 Jamestown

Not on the list? Check the back of this newsletter and see if you made the Top 60!

## **RETAILER BONUS STRUCTURE**

Did you know that when you sell a large tier prize, the retailer earns a BONUS commission!?!? Selling an add-on like Power Play, Megaplier and All Star Bonus earns an additional bonus!

POWERBALL®			
Prize	Bonus	Additional Bonus	
Grand Prize	\$50,000	Additional \$50,000 with Power Play	
\$1,000,000	\$5,000	Additional \$5,000 with Power Play	
\$50,000	\$1,000	Additional \$1,000 with Power Play	
MEGA MILLIONS®			
Prize	Bonus	Additional Bonus	
Grand Prize	\$50,000	Additional \$50,000 with Megaplier	
\$1,000,000	\$5,000	Additional \$5,000 with Megaplier	
\$10,000	\$500	Additional \$500 with Megaplier	
LOTTO AMERICA®			
Prize	Bonus	Additional Bonus	
Grand Prize	\$5,000	Additional \$5,000 with All Star Bonus	
\$20,000	\$500	Additional \$500 with All Star Bonus	
LUCKY FOR LIFE®			
Prize		Bonus	
\$1,000/day FOR LIFE			
\$25,000/year FOR LIFE			
\$20,000/year	\$5,000		
	\$0,000	<i>4</i> 200	

2BY2®
Bonus
\$500
\$1,000

## LOTTERY TIDBITS

- RETURN ALL TICKETS TO PLAYERS: Per Lottery Administrative Rule 10-16-03-07 Section 2, retailers are to return all winning and non-winning lottery tickets back to the player.
- Give all customer receipts to the player.
- Keep all retailer receipts for the store's records.
- NO CREDIT: Credit cards cannot be used to purchase tickets.
- No credit will be issued to retailers for misprinted tickets due to operator error.

- Valid misprinted tickets may be sold to players before the draw occurs.
- Lottery tickets cannot be voided, canceled, or refunded.
- Problems with your lottery terminal? Call the 24-hour terminal assistance hotline located on the front of your lottery terminal (1-866-719-2699).
- Remember to wear your "JACKPOT ALERT!" stickers when jackpots are big.

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#### Rank Retailer

- M&H Gas #13 Mandan
- Marketplace Food and Drug Minot
- 3t Simonson Station Store #8 - Wahpeton
- 3t Dan's SuperMARKET #2 (North) - Bismarck
- M&H Gas #15 Jamestown
- Family Fare Supermarket #103 West Fargo
- Superpumper #39 Bismarck
- Dan's SuperMARKET #3 (South) Bismarck
- Family Fare Supermarket #115 Fargo
- Cash Wise Foods #3012 Fargo
- Cash Wise Foods #3043 Minot
- 12t Broadway Marketplace Foods - Minot
- 12t Hugo's #9 - Jamestown
- 14t Simonson Station Store #3 - Grafton
- Hornbacher's Village West #2693 Fargo
- Country West MVP Store Bismarck 16t
- Stop and Shop Minot 16t
- Albertson's #2028 Williston 18t
- Dan's SuperMARKET #6 Mandan 18t
- Arrowhead Marketplace Foods Minot 20t

#### Rank Retailer

- 20t
- HiWay MVP Store Rugby
- Cash Wise Foods #3044 Dickinson
- Red Carpet Carwash #10 Bismarck
- Sunset MVP Store Mandan
- Brothers III Sports Valley City
- Rosie's Food and Gas Dickinson
- Cash Wise Foods #3020 Bismarck
- Pony Express Shell Bismarck
- Red Carpet Carwash #9 Bismarck
- M&H Gas #25 Minot
- Holiday Stationstore #431 Minot
- Cash Wise Foods #3045 West Fargo
- M&H Gas #22 Dickinson
- Leroy's MVP Store Mandan
- Neighborhood Grocery and Gas Jamestown
- 1 Stop Market Belcourt

#### Rank Retailer

- Farmers Union Oil Bottineau 41t
- Hugo's #2 Grand Forks
- 41t North Hill Marketplace Foods Minot
- 41t Cash Wise Foods #3042 Watford City
- 45t Little Dukes #3020 Bismarck
- Lincoln Cenex Lincoln 45t
- 45t Petro Serve USA #077 - Bismarck
- 48 Hornbacher's Northport #2685 - Fargo
- M&H Gas #33 Williston 49t
- Superpumper #4 Williston 49t
- 49t Dakota Plains Cenex - Valley City
- 49t Parshall Cenex - Parshall
- 49t Red Carpet Carwash #8 - Bismarck
- 54t Farmers Union Oil - Wilton
- 54t Petro Serve USA #071 - Valley City
- 54t Dan's SuperMARKET #12 (Turnpike) - Bismarck
- 54t Hornbacher's Osgood #2689 - Fargo
- Envisions Cenex of Rugby Rugby 58t
- Good Oil Co. LaMoure 58t
- 58t Hugo's #6 - Grand Forks

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