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Oh we do like to be beside the seaside! Ryde Bingo Player scoops £250,000

The winter sun was shining on Leo Leisure Bingo in Ryde on the Isle of Wight when a local mum scooped a whopping £250,000 on the National Bingo Game.

Mum-of-two Denise Squire, aged 51, won the quarter of a million pounds National Bingo Game Jackpot prize playing the afternoon game on Monday 27th October.

The regular player who works locally as a Carer was blown away when she discovered she had won the Jackpot.

“We are still in shock about Denise’s win! She’s been one of our regulars for a while now, in fact if she’s not at work she’s here having fun with her friends and playing bingo!” says Duncan Brown, Leo Leisure Ryde General Manager.

Duncan continues: “More than anything Denise does a fantastic job in the community and is such a deserving winner. We’re all thrilled!”

Taking part in the National Bingo Game couldn’t be easier. Simply visit your local club or go online to find the nearest participating one.

All players must be aged 18 or over. The National Bingo Game is played under the provisions of The Gambling Act 2005 and under National Bingo Game Rules. Players should always gamble responsibly and play the National Bingo Game within their limits. For more information and advice visit www.gambleaware.co.uk.

For updates on the National Bingo Game Jackpot follow **Twitter @NationalBingo** and visit www.nationalbingo.co.uk. To stay up to date on the bingo news, winners, fun and games join our Facebook page **Facebook/nationalbingo-game**.

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Notes to editors

- Total prize money distributed to date is over £1BILLION!
- There have been 14 National Bingo Game Jackpot winners so far this year winning over £1MILLION from Mecca Bingo Sale, Mecca Bingo Huddersfield and Castle Bingo Nantgarw, The Globe Donnington, Leo Leisure Eastleigh, Mecca Bingo Wishaw, Mecca Bingo Oldbury, Mecca Bingo Thanet, Castle Bingo Barnes Hill, Mecca Bingo Aberdeen, Castle Bingo Nantgarw, Winners Bingo Thetford, Carlton Bingo Hartlepool, Castle Bingo Bridgend and Leo Leisure Ryde winning £115,000, £110,000, £81,000, £91,000, £91,000, £74,000, £154,000, £132,000, £250,000, £250,000, £250,000, £73,000, £270,000, £187,000 and £250,000 respectively.
- The National Bingo Game is the UK's second largest computer controlled game in the UK, the national lottery being the largest.
- The National Bingo Game offers players at participating clubs the chance to win one or more of three cash prizes including the Jackpot Prize, National Prize and House Prize.
- The biggest bingo win ever was on 23 March 2008, when Soraya Lowell from Motherwell, North Lanarkshire scooped GBP £1,167,795, while playing The National Game at Club 3000 in Coatbridge.
- Between 120 - 200 clubs link together to play the National Game twice a day, every day, except Christmas day.
- Over three million people play bingo regularly in the UK (at least twice a week).
- A night out at the bingo can cost as little as £15-25 each, including game books, duty, food and drink.
- Most common reasons for playing bingo are because it's fun, it offers companionship and the chance to socialise as well as winning big money.
- Celebrities love bingo! Catherine Zeta Jones can thank bingo for her career after her dad won enough to afford to send her to theatre school; other celebrity fans include: Denise Van Outen, Scott Mills and President Barack Obama's step-mother!
- A number of celebrities also started their careers in bingo calling including Simon from boy band Blue, EastEnder's Shane Richie, Russell Crowe and Kian from West Life.