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BINGO GAME

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Lucky in Love!

Bingo couple scoop over £250,000 in Glasgow

Luck was in the air on Wednesday 17th February, as a husband and wife scooped a whopping £255,000 National Bingo Game Jackpot at Mecca Bingo, Forge in Glasgow.

The winning couple, who wish to remain anonymous, have been playing bingo together since it opened in 1996. They won the prize money on St Patrick's Day, but in this case it was luck of the Scottish not the Irish.

This incredible win follows on from Glasgow being announced as the UK's fifth luckiest club boasting 54 big money National Bingo Game wins between February 2014 and February 2015.

It was the local gentleman that called the winning numbers to take the jackpot, which he will of course be sharing with his wife. The pair go to bingo every week with the hopes of taking home some winnings, but have never in their many years of playing dreamed of taking home such a life-changing sum.

Paul McGlinchey, General Manager of Mecca Bingo, Forge in Glasgow says: "The atmosphere in the club was electric. When the amount was announced they were in complete shock and could barely believe it.

"It's fantastic for the whole club when we get a big winner, especially when it's one of our regular players, and in this case it was two!"

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.

Playing the National Bingo Game 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 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 18 National Bingo Game Jackpot winners so far winning over £2MILLION 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, Leo Leisure Ryde, Mecca Bingo Beeston, Mecca Bingo Blythe, Apollo Barrow-in-Furness, Mecca Mayfair Leeds and Mecca Brierley Hill 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, £250,000, £72,253, £250,000, £107,101, £250,000 and £136,000 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.