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Lottery Gives Avid Bowler \$100,000 to Spare

Instant tickets part of Park City family's weekly bowling tradition

Park City, IL – May 29, 2008 – The Illinois Lottery has been part of Linda Tanner's weekend family tradition for years. Every weekend during the winter, the Tanners go bowling together and Linda always buys a Lottery ticket while at the lanes. Throughout the years, the most that Linda won while taking a break from rolling strikes was \$100 from one of her favorite instant tickets. But after recently playing a Winter Winfall instant game, Linda won \$100,000 on the spot.

"As I sat down to scratch off my ticket," Linda recalls, "my eyes played tricks on me – I thought that I'd won \$100. I got really excited because my oldest son had won \$450 playing the Lottery a few weeks earlier." Competitive both in and out of the bowling alley, Linda couldn't wait to tell Jason, the \$450 winner, about her own win so that she could "gloat a little." Because her son wasn't present at the bowling lane that day, Linda put away the ticket and planned to call him later in the afternoon.

"After I got home, I picked up the phone to call Jason," Linda said. But when the mother of four pulled out her ticket, she noticed that she had not won \$100, but \$100,000. "My heart just fell to my feet," Linda said. "I called Jason and told him to hurry over because I had something important to tell him."

After her son arrived, Linda also showed the ticket to her husband. "We were all in total disbelief," Linda said.

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Linda plans on using her winnings to pay off bills and to travel to the U.S. Virgin Islands for a weeklong getaway with her girlfriends. Her newfound money will also come in handy if Linda and her teammates win her bowling league, which sends its champion on a trip to Las Vegas. Although the win initially surprised her, Linda says, “I’ve always thought that I would win someday. You just can’t give up. I never did.”

Bertrand Bowling Lanes, located at 2616 Washington Street in Waukegan, Ill., will receive a bonus of 1 percent of the total prize, or \$1,000, for selling the winning ticket.

About the Illinois Lottery

Founded in 1974, the Illinois Lottery is a state agency with annual sales over \$2 billion. Since its inception, the Lottery has contributed more than \$14 billion to the state Common School Fund to assist K-12 public schools. Players must be at least 18 years old. For more information on the Illinois Lottery please visit our Web site at www.illinoislottery.com.

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