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2-2-2 pays out record \$2.88 million to “Pick 3” players - “Carolina Cash 5” ticket worth \$188,192 sold in Raleigh -

RALEIGH – Triple digits paid off in a big way for “Carolina Pick 3” players in the Monday, Sept. 6 evening drawing. The 2-2-2 combination resulted in a record-setting prize payout of \$2.88 million to more than 11,000 winning tickets. This record payout is the highest since the Dec. 25, 2009 drawing, which paid out more than \$2.28 million to players who chose the 5-5-5 combination. Monday’s drawing was the first time the 2-2-2 combination has been drawn since “Pick 3” sales began. Now that 2-2-2 has been drawn, every possibly triple digit combination has occurred.

“Carolina Pick 3”, which launched in October 2006, is among the most popular games the NCEL offers. It is one of the three online games offered that are available to play only in North Carolina, unlike Powerball and Mega Millions, which are “multi-state” games. The other online games specific to the NCEL are “Carolina Pick 4” and “Carolina Cash 5.”

“Carolina Cash 5” paid off nicely for two players over the Labor Day holiday. Someone purchased a “Carolina Cash 5” ticket in **Raleigh** that matched all five white balls in the Sept. 4 drawing and is worth \$188,192. The ticket was purchased at Kroger on Falls of Neuse Road in Raleigh. A ticket sold in **Moyock** in Currituck County matched all five white balls in the Sept. 6 drawing and is worth \$53,000. The ticket was purchased at The Border Station on Caratoke Highway in Moyock.

In the Powerball drawing held on Saturday, Sept. 4, a total of 26,662 players won prizes ranging from \$3 to \$10,000 for a total payout in prizes of \$177,568. Because no ticket matched all six balls in the drawing, the jackpot for the Wednesday, Sept. 8 drawing is \$62 million if taken as an annuity or \$33.8 million as a lump-sum payment.

A total of 10,138 North Carolina players won prizes in the Friday, Sept. 3 Mega Millions drawing, ranging from \$2 to \$40,000 for a total payout in prizes of \$118,529. One Megaplier ticket matched four white balls and the Mega Ball and, due to the multiplier being four, is worth \$40,000. The ticket was sold at J. S. Krish on North Wilson Street in **Fremont** in Wayne County. The jackpot for the Tuesday, Sept. 7 drawing is an estimated \$25 million if taken as an annuity or \$16.9 million if the lump-sum payment is chosen.

The North Carolina Education Lottery has paid out more than \$6.2 million in instant scratch-off ticket prizes since Thursday, Sept. 2. “Carolina Pick 3” players have won more than \$4.4 million. “Carolina Pick 4” players have won more than \$339,000 including 21 tickets that won the top prize of \$5,000. “Carolina Cash 5” players have won more than \$382,000.

Winner in the Sept. 6 “Carolina Cash 5” drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
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Unknown	Unknown	\$53,000	The Border Station 101 Caratoke Hwy., Moyock
Winner in the Sept. 4 "Carolina Cash 5" drawing:			
<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Unknown	Unknown	\$188,192	Kroger #303 7905 Falls of Neuse Rd., Raleigh
Winners in the Sept. 4 Powerball drawing:			
<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Unknown	Unknown	\$10,000	Wilco 1827 1545 N.C. 56, Creedmoor
Unknown	Unknown	\$10,000	Blue Ridge Mini Mart 3132 U.S. 70 W., Black Mountain
Winner in the Sept. 3 Mega Millions drawing:			
<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Unknown	Unknown	\$40,000	J. S. Krish, LLC 501 N. Wilson St., Fremont
Winners in the Sept. 1 Powerball drawing:			
<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Renee Gulledege	Salisbury	\$30,000	Rushco Food Stores #5 601 Jake Alexander Blvd., Salisbury
Teresa Parham	Norlina	\$10,000	Oine Road Best Bet BP 927 Oine Rd., Norlina
Winner in the Aug. 21 Powerball drawing:			
<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Donald Arnold	Jacksonville	\$10,000	Handee Hugo #33 467 Western Blvd., Jacksonville

Instant scratch-off ticket top tier prize winners:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Game Played</u>
Donald Alligood	Washington	\$10,000	Cash Spectacular
Gwendolyn Hansley	Currie	\$6,000	Quick 6's
Billy Bingham	Gastonia	\$5,000	\$200 Million Extravaganza
Robert Camp	Kings Mountain	\$5,000	Cash Spectacular
Marisa Cauthen	Kannapolis	\$5,000	Cash Spectacular
Patricia Church	Trinity	\$5,000	\$200 Million Extravaganza
Toby Eason	Vanceboro	\$5,000	\$200 Million Extravaganza
Donna Plemmons	Marble	\$5,000	\$200 Million Extravaganza
James Short	Rockingham	\$5,000	\$200,000 Cash

Carolina Cash 5 Top Prize Winners Tally

<u>Prize</u>	<u># of winners</u>
\$50,000 to \$856,998	336

Powerball Winners Tally

<u>Prize</u>	<u># of winners</u>
\$74.5 Million - \$141.4 Million	3
\$200,000 - \$2 Million	189
\$10,000 - \$100,000	1080

Mega Millions Winners Tally

<u>Prize</u>	<u># of winners</u>
\$12 Million and above	1
\$250,000 - \$1 Million	10
\$10,000 - \$40,000	43

*The Powerball numbers are since May 31, 2006.
 The Mega Millions numbers are since Feb. 1.
 The totals do not include unclaimed prizes.*

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North Carolina Education Lottery net proceeds are used for pre-kindergarten programs for at-risk four-year-olds, reduction of class size in early grades, school construction and need-based college scholarships.

For prizes of \$5,000 and greater, 25% federal tax and 7% state tax are automatically withheld.