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## A Lucky Hunch Lands a Big Win for Hamilton Local

*Scratch-Offs Players Received More Than \$98.7 Million in Prizes in September*

**TRENTON (Dec. 21, 2018)** – Giorgi B. of Hamilton is a New Jersey Lottery player who has been playing \$3 scratch-off Crossword tickets for the past three years. While stopping at the gas station where he normally buys his lottery tickets, he noticed a handful of Crossword Scratch-Off tickets in the trash. Giorgi had already won two big Crossword games from this store, for \$1,000 and \$5,000, and gave it another try, on a hunch. Giorgi purchased the \$10 game variant for the first time, \$250,000 Crossword.

With his new \$250,000 Crossword ticket in hand, Giorgi scratched the ticket right there in the store. Giorgi is familiar with the Crossword games, and it didn't take him long after he finished scratching to realize his ticket was a big winner. Giorgi's Crossword game revealed 10 words, winning the top prize of \$250,000!

When Giorgi called his wife to tell her the good news, she was delighted and cautioned him not to tell anyone of the win. However, in her excitement, despite the initial advice to her husband, she enthusiastically shared this news with the rest of the family. Giorgi said this was the perfect time for him to win, and that the money would help pay off debts from nursing school. Giorgi said he does plan to continue playing Lottery games, but has set his sights on the draw games, hoping to win an even bigger jackpot. The retailer that sold the winning ticket was Whitehorse Mercerville Exxon, 1824 Whitehorse Mercerville Rd., Hamilton in Mercer County.

New Jersey Lottery players claimed more than \$98.7 million in prizes playing Scratch-Offs in September. Below is a listing of the top prizes over \$10,000 won for the month.



Giorgi B. of Hamilton holds his ceremonial \$250,000 check with New Jersey Lottery Acting Executive Director James Carey.

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## September 2018 Scratch-Offs Top Tier Winner List

Name	Address	City	County	Game Number	Game Name	Valid Amount
WAWA #345	210 GEORGETOWN WRIGHTSTOWN RD	WRIGHTSTOWN	BURLINGTON	1422	100X The Bucks	\$2,000,000
7-ELEVEN #10945	4135 SOUTH BROAD STREET	YARDVILLE	MERCER	1491	Win For Life	\$1,500,000
VILLAGE PLACE	31-33 ALLEN STREET	NETCONG	MORRIS	1489	Hot Riches	\$500,000
RIVERSIDE EXXON	555 RIVERSIDE AVENUE	LYNDHURST	BERGEN	1493	\$250,000 Crossword	\$250,000
WHITEHORSE MERCERVILLE EXXON	1824 WHITEHORSE MERCERVILLE RD	HAMILTON	MERCER	1498	\$250,000 Crossword	\$250,000
WAWA #8389	280 GEORGE AVENUE	RAHWAY	UNION	1481	High Card Poker	\$150,000
NANA PENA GROCERY DELI MARKET	276 TRENTON AVENUE	PATERSON	PASSAIC	1477	Super Crossword	\$50,000
7-ELEVEN #11445	401 AMBOY AVENUE	WOODBRIIDGE	MIDDLESEX	1480	Loteria	\$30,000
POWER GAS	310 PARK AVE	PATERSON	PASSAIC	1496	Super Tic Tac Toe	\$30,000
REEL BP	187-193 FRENCH STREET	NEW BRUNSWICK	MIDDLESEX	1468	\$20,000 Gold Rush	\$20,000
KIKO'S LIQUOR	153 48TH STREET	UNION CITY	HUDSON	1495	Crossword	\$20,000
TONY LIQUOR	572 BROADWAY	NEWARK	ESSEX	1495	Crossword	\$20,000

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UNION CITY COSMETICS	4404 BERGENLINE AVENUE	UNION CITY	HUDSON	1495	Crossword	\$20,000
BLACKWOOD LIQUORS	125 SOUTH BLACKHORSE PIKE	BLACKWOOD	CAMDEN	1495	Crossword	\$20,000
ONE STOP FOOD MART	32 CHURCH ROAD	MAPLE SHADE	BURLINGTON	1495	Crossword	\$20,000
KRAUSZER'S FOOD & LIQUOR	2 CENTRAL AVE	WEST ORANGE	ESSEX	1503	\$20,000 Lucky 7s	\$20,000
J & M SUPERMARKET	1101 HADDON AVENUE	CAMDEN	CAMDEN	1440	Instant Bingo	\$15,000
JOHNNY'S LIQUORS	370-372 MONROE STREET	PASSAIC	PASSAIC	1452	\$10,000 Bonus	\$10,000
PENNSVILLE NEWS SHOP	233 NORTH BROADWAY	PENNSVILLE	SALEM	1452	\$10,000 Bonus	\$10,000
MCKINLEY CONVENIENCE STORE	100 MCKINLEY AVE SUITE #4	MANAHAWKIN	OCEAN	1452	\$10,000 Bonus	\$10,000
COUNTRY FARM	2036 DELSEA DRIVE	FRANKLINVILLE	GLOUCESTER	1452	\$10,000 Bonus	\$10,000
COUNTRY FARMS #2	380 DRUM POINT ROAD	BRICK	OCEAN	1452	\$10,000 Bonus	\$10,000
<b>Total</b>						<b>\$4,965,000</b>