



## Wisconsin Lottery

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

2135 RIMROCK ROAD - MS231 • P.O. BOX 8941 • MADISON, WISCONSIN 53708-8941 • 608.261.8800 • FAX 608.264.6644 • [www.wilottery.com](http://www.wilottery.com)

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 19, 2017

CONTACT: Wisconsin Lottery Communications  
608.261.8412 or [WILotteryCommunications@wisconsin.gov](mailto:WILotteryCommunications@wisconsin.gov)

# Lottery Celebrates *Powerball* Turning 25

The popular Powerball game is turning 25 this week and the Wisconsin Lottery is celebrating with two special events.

"Our special events team will be at two Wisconsin sporting events this week to celebrate 25 years of Powerball," said Cindy Polzin, Wisconsin Lottery Director.

On Friday, April 21, from 3 to 5 p.m., prior to the Wisconsin Badgers' Spring Game, the Lottery team will be at the Red Zone on Regent Street with local radio personalities Joe and Ebo from The Zone. Lottery scratch tickets will be available and fans can enter for a chance to win great prizes.

On Saturday, April 22, the Lottery team will be on the third base line inside Miller Park. The Milwaukee Brewers play the St. Louis Cardinals at 6:10 p.m. Visit the Lottery team for a chance to win the use of a private suite at Miller Park for you and 17 guests. Fans over 18 years of age also have an opportunity to win a Powerball ticket if they are sitting in a lucky section or seat.

## POWERBALL'S HISTORY

Powerball sales began on April 19, 1992, for its first drawing on Wednesday, April 22, 1992. The 25<sup>th</sup> celebration drawing on Saturday, April 22, 2017, will be Powerball's 2,610<sup>th</sup> drawing.

"Wisconsin was one of 15 participating lotteries when Powerball began in 1992," Polzin noted. "Today, Powerball is sold by 47 lotteries in 44 states, Washington D.C., Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands."

Since its inception, there have been 357 jackpot-winning tickets sold. Sixteen of those tickets have been sold in Wisconsin. However, the identity of the 16<sup>th</sup> winner is still a mystery.

## RECENT WISCONSIN WINNER

A ticket sold in Pewaukee for the Wednesday, March 22 drawing matched five out of five numbers plus the Powerball. The winning numbers were 2, 9, 27, 29 and 42 with a Powerball of 9. The jackpot ticket will be worth \$156.2 million if paid out as an annuity, or \$93.1 million as a lump sum cash payment.



## Wisconsin Lottery

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

2135 RIMROCK ROAD - MS231 • P.O. BOX 8941 • MADISON, WISCONSIN 53708-8941 • 608.261.8800 • FAX 608.264.6644 • [www.wilottery.com](http://www.wilottery.com)

The ticket was purchased at Pewaukee Corner Pump at 1194 West Capitol Drive in Pewaukee. Winners at all prize levels have 180 days from the drawing to claim their prizes. When the winner comes forward, it will be the second largest Powerball prize won in Wisconsin. The largest was a ticket worth \$208.8 million sold in August 2006 at Ma & Pa's Grocery in Fond du Lac to a group of 100 individuals who called themselves the 100 Miracles.

The Powerball jackpot begins at \$40 million and grows until it is won. Powerball's record \$1.586 billion jackpot in January 2016, was won on the 20<sup>th</sup> roll in that draw cycle. Powerball drawings are held Wednesday and Saturday at 9:59 p.m. Central Standard Time.



*The odds of winning the jackpot prize are 1:292,201,338.*