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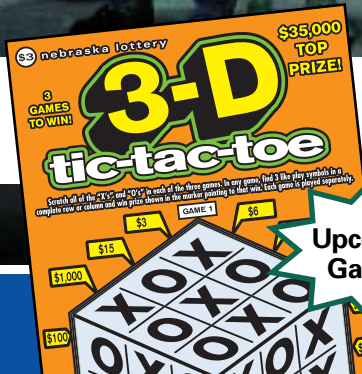
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# information, *please...*

- You must be 19 or older to purchase and redeem Nebraska Lottery tickets.
- There is no charge to redeem Nebraska Lottery tickets.
- Prizes up to \$500 can be claimed at any Nebraska Lottery retailer—some retailers reserve the right to pay prizes only up to a certain level due to security concerns. Prizes of \$501 to \$19,999 may be claimed by mail or at a regional Lottery Claim Center:

*Grand Island, Tier One Building, 1811 West Second, Suite 460,  
308-385-6067*

*Norfolk, 304 North 5th, Suite D,  
402-370-3333*

*North Platte, Craft State Office Building, 200 South Silber,  
308-535-8250*

*Omaha, Nebraska State Office Building, 1313 Farnam-On-The-Mall,  
402-595-2065*

*Scottsbluff, Panhandle State Office Complex, 4500 Avenue "I",  
308-632-1200*

- Prizes of \$20,000 and over must be claimed in person at Nebraska Lottery Headquarters in Lincoln: Nebraska State Office Building, 14th & "M" Streets, 402-471-6100.
- To claim prizes by mail, send to: Nebraska Lottery Prize Claim, P.O. Box 95145, Lincoln, NE 68509.
- For drawing results, call: 402-471-6139 or 800-224-LUCK (5825) (NE & WY)
- Visit our website: **www.nelottery.com**

**Compulsive Gambling Help Line: 800-522-4700.** Please play responsibly.

## **Nebraska State Fair**

*P.O. Box 81223, Lincoln, NE 68501, 402-474-5371, [www.statefair.org](http://www.statefair.org)*

## **Nebraska Scholarship Fund**

*P.O. Box 95005 Lincoln, NE 68509-5005, 402-471-2847*

## **Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund**

*P.O. Box 94913, Lincoln, NE 68509-4913, 402-471-5409*

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# a look back *at the record jackpot*

At 3:09 p.m. on February 17, 2006, a Powerball ticket was sold at the U-STOP at 110 West O Street in Lincoln that would eventually make history.

The next night, that five-play quick pick ticket was found to have a combination of numbers matching the winning numbers drawn for the largest Lotto prize in U.S. history.

As word spread, members of the media began arriving at the store.



Three days later, a group of eight coworkers at the ConAgra Foods plant in Lincoln claimed the record \$365 million jackpot from the February 18, 2006, Powerball drawing.

The group elected to take the cash option on the jackpot, valued at \$177.3 million. Their respective shares were \$22,162,500. After withholding of 25 percent federal and 5 percent state tax, they shared \$124.11 million or \$15.5 million, respectively.

The members of the group are:

**Quang Dao, 56**

**David Gehle, 53**

**Alain Maboussou, 26**

**Chasity Rutjens, 29**

**Robert Stewart, 30**

**Michael Terpstra, 47**

**Dung Tran, 34**

**Eric Zornes, 40**

The group was represented by Lincoln attorney, James H. Hoppe.

Before an assembled crowd of hundreds, and a worldwide live media audience, the group



answered questions and received their big check from Governor Dave Heineman. Heineman noted the attention generated by the record jackpot and said, "I am pleased to have an opportunity to meet this lucky group of hard-working Nebraskans and present them with their share of these winnings."



*"Ladies and gentlemen, life just got a bit more interesting for eight Nebraskans."*

Members of the group told Nebraska Lottery officials that

some of them have been playing Powerball for up to five years, pooling their resources to buy multiple tickets whenever the jackpot eclipses \$45 million. Each has contributed \$5 at a time to buy a total of eight five-play quick pick tickets for each drawing. They noted the irony of waiting to play when their respective shares of the prize after taxes will be just more than \$15 million, which is the minimum starting jackpot for Powerball.

Since claiming their prize, the winners have made a number of local business investments, and several area charities have benefited from their generosity.

The odds of winning the Powerball jackpot are 1 in 146,107,962 while the overall odds are 1 in 36.60.

*(Cover story and photo courtesy of the Lincoln Journal Star)*

## DID YOU KNOW?

Nine jackpots ranging from \$2.5 million to \$365 million have been won in Nebraska since the Nebraska Lottery began offering Powerball in July of 1994. The highest recorded Powerball jackpot was in February 2006 when a group of eight coworkers at the ConAgra Foods ham and corned beef plant in Lincoln split a \$365 million jackpot.