

# Vermont Lottery News Release

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## **Vermont Player Wins First Weekly Grand Top Prize**

**BERLIN, VT. – March 19, 2009** – A Vermont player's St. Patrick's Day ended up a little luckier than expected after winning the Tri-State Lottery's first Weekly Grand top prize. The Weekly Grand game began on February 1<sup>st</sup> and this is the first winning ticket sold for the top prize of \$1,000 a week for 20 years.

The winning ticket, drawn on Tuesday, March 17, was purchased at Paulin's store in Arlington, VT. The as-yet unnamed winner will have the option of a weekly \$1,000 payment for twenty years or a \$600,000 lump sum payment.

Weekly Grand, launched by the Tri-State Lotto in February, allows players to choose four numbers from 1- 35, plus a Lucky Ball number from 1-35. Players who match just four numbers without the Lucky Ball win \$5,000.

Vermont lottery games are sold at almost 700 locations throughout the state. For information on lottery games and on-line game draw results, please visit [www.vtlottery.com](http://www.vtlottery.com).

All profits from Vermont Lottery are used to support the Vermont Education Fund. Vermont Lottery officials encourage everyone to play responsibly