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Whittier Corner Store Makes a Multimillionaire

35 Years in The Community, Barely Bin Liquor Delivers a Dream Win

SACRAMENTO – Barley Bin Liquor has been an anchor corner store in Whittier for 35 years. Brothers **Raymond and Tony Boulos** manage the day-to-day operations of the family-owned store, first purchased by their father, **Leon**.

“I see adults that I used to know as children,” said Raymond Boulos. “They were 8 years old, and now they are in their 30s. It’s the kind of place that people, once they come here, they never leave. Everything you could want is here in Whittier.”

Recently, their tight-knit Whittier community got a big surprise. A winning Scratchers® game was sold by Barley Bin Liquor worth an incredible \$10 million. For Barley Bin Liquor, that means a \$50,000 bonus, which the Boulos brothers plan to invest in the store.

This marks two big wins sold by the store just this year. In March of this year, a \$750,000 [Mystery Crossword Scratchers](#) top prize was the first big win the Boulos knew about in the 35-year history of the store.

“As longtime Whittier residents,” said Tony Boulos, “we are proud of the community we have that calls us their local corner store. So many people have come to this store for so many years.”

When Will the Winner Be Revealed?

The winner of the \$10 million prize still needs to go through the standard claims process for all big winners, which includes being vetted by California Lottery law enforcement officers to verify the legitimacy of the win. After the winner comes forward and the [claims process](#) is complete, which usually takes about 6-8 weeks, the winner will receive their prize.



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“While we won’t know who won just yet, we can certainly celebrate right along with the Boulos family and their Whittier community,” said Daniel Kelly, California Lottery spokesperson. “We want to send a big thank you to all our players who support California public schools every time they play.”

The rigorous vetting process for any major win underscores the California Lottery's commitment to maintaining public trust and ensuring that prizes are awarded to rightful winners.

[Since 1985, the California Lottery has fulfilled its mission of providing supplemental funding](#) to public education while paying more than \$90 billion to Lottery winners in every corner of the state. Out of the \$154.4 billion in revenue generated by California Lottery sales over the past 40 years, more than 95%, a total of \$147.3 billion, returned to the community through retailer compensation, contributions to education, and prize payouts.

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The mission of the California Lottery is to raise additional funding for public education, helping to supplement school budgets for K-12 as well as colleges and universities. **The California Lottery has raised more than \$46 billion for public schools** through the responsible sale of its games since 1985. Lottery funding for schools is largely discretionary, so administrators and educators can use Lottery money for instructional programs and services they may not otherwise afford. The California Lottery features eight [draw games](#) and dozens of new instant [Scratchers](#) games each year. More than 95% of California Lottery sales revenue goes back to the community in the form of prize payments, [retailer commissions and bonuses](#), and contributions to education. More information about who benefits can be found [here](#). California Lottery is also committed to promoting [responsible gaming](#). Anyone who shows signs of a gambling problem, or knows someone who does, can get free, confidential help by calling the CA Problem Gambling Hotline at 1-800-GAMBLER.



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