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### *Wine Country Win Brings Nothing but Love*

#### *\$5 Million Scratchers® Prize Win Brings Maximum Happiness*

**SACRAMENTO** – Nine months after Valentine’s Day 2025, **Edy Giron Ruiz** is celebrating nothing but love. A routine stop after work with his brothers at Husary’s 76 station, where Occidental Road meets the Gravenstein Highway in Sebastopol, quickly became life-changing. When he decided to take a moment to scan his Scratchers ticket, Edy was stunned by what he saw.

“When I scanned it and saw what it said, I couldn’t believe it. It was only happiness,” said Ruiz.

In that moment back on February 14, Ruiz discovered he had won \$5 million playing [Maximum Million Scratchers](#). With his prize now fully claimed, Ruiz plans to visit his family, something he hasn’t been able to do in years. He says he’s grateful for the opportunity and excited to reconnect with loved ones he hasn’t seen in a long time.

“I was with my brothers and we all celebrated together,” he added.

Joining the list of recent Scratchers millionaires is **Jeong Hwa Seo**, with a [Triple Red 777 Scratchers](#) game worth \$1 million from Lee’s Liquor at 1800 W 6th Street in Los Angeles.

#### *Play Smart. Have Fun. Stay Safe.*

With excitement building around growing jackpots, the California Lottery encourages everyone to enjoy the games responsibly and keep play fun. While the \$983 million [Mega Millions® jackpot](#) was just hit this past Friday night in Georgia, tonight’s [Powerball®](#)



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[jackpot](#) is up to an estimated \$570 million.

A few reminders for players:

- Lottery tickets can only be purchased from one of the [23,000 authorized California Lottery retailers](#).
- Online or mobile app sales are not permitted in California, and tickets bought through unauthorized digital sellers cannot be redeemed for prizes.
- Lottery games are designed for entertainment, so players should make sure to set a spending limit and stick to it.

The California Lottery is committed to promoting responsible play and supporting those who may need help. Free, confidential assistance is available 24/7 through the Problem Gambling Help Line at 1-800-GAMBLER, by texting SUPPORT to 53342, or by chatting online at [800gambler.chat](#).

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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 \$48 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](#). As jackpots rise, the California Lottery would like to remind players that gambling should be fun. Borrowing money to play, spending above a person's budget, or using money intended for other purposes can ultimately lead to significant problems for players and their families. If a player recognizes that they have a gambling problem or if someone knows of someone who may have a problem, the Lottery recommends calling the California Problem Gambling Help Line at 1-800-GAMBLER.

