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Why Play the Lotteries?

You may be one of the people that thinks that playing the lottery is a waste of your time and money. You may even think that it just requires a high degree of luck to ever win one yourself. Besides, nobody ever really wins anyway do they?

While it is true that winning takes a certain degree of luck, the true definition of luck is when preparation meets opportunity. But how can you possibly prepare to play the lottery? Well actually there are a number of things one can do to prepare. We'll discuss some of them in this strategy guide.

I have been a serious lottery player for over 25 years. I have spent literally thousands of dollars learning the ropes and gaining the knowledge to win these games. I will share some of that knowledge with you as you read through my guide.

Yes people really do win the lotteries. Many are winning hundreds, thousands, and even millions of dollars every day!

There are strategies that can have a great impact on your results. Some of these strategies can be very complicated, while others are so simple that they are just common sense. If you want to be a serious player, then you are going to need to learn these strategies. You will need to invest a little time to educate yourself, and it would be wise to do so BEFORE you invest any money to play.

You will not find a shortage of “systems” available. The internet is full of websites that promise to give you the edge in your quest to conquer the lottery. Some of these so called systems can cost several hundred dollars and offer very little to no solid information. Buyer beware!

The good information is easy to understand, and is easy to put into effect. The good information also takes the complicated mathematical processes and reduces them to a concise, easy to follow format.

This is exactly the type of information that I strive to provide for my members. If you are not already a member of my Lotto Magic website, then you may get further information at my website. I provide extensive support to my members. I am always just an email away if you have questions. I respond to all of my email personally and in a very timely manner.

Lotto Magic website
Which Type of Lottery to Play?

Generally speaking there are five types of lotteries that are offered for play. I only recommend playing in a government sponsored lottery. The reason is that they are audited and certified by third party comptrollers and can be trusted.

With that being said, let's examine our options for playing.

The most popular game is the pick 6 lottery game. These games are commonly referred to as the "lotto" games. The first versions of these games were referred to as 6/49 games as the goal was to successfully pick the six winning numbers from the 49 possible numbers from 1 to 49.

Today these games vary in the number of possible numbers that can be drawn. Some states have games with less than 49 numbers, and some states have games with more than 49 numbers. Obviously the fewer numbers to choose from, the better the chances of winning.

The next type of game would be a pick 5 lotto. In these games the object is to select the five winning numbers from a pool of typically 36 numbers. Again some states have fewer possible numbers and some have more.

The Pick 4 games are a game where 4 numbers are drawn. Each number drawn can be anything from 0 to 9. The idea of course is to match all four winning numbers drawn. The odds of winning these games are much better (1 in 10,000), but the payoffs are much lower.

The Pick 3 would be the little brother to the Pick 4. In this case you only need to match all three digits that are drawn to win. The odds of winning (1 in 1000) these games are much better than the previously mentioned games and therefore carry the lowest payouts. The Pick 3 and Pick 4 games are usually drawn every day, and are commonly known as “daily games”.

The newest type of game is a bonus ball lottery drawing. The two most popular bonus ball lottery games are the multi-state games of Powerball and Mega Millions. These games also fall into the category of being a “lotto” type game. These games are very tough to win and therefore carry enormous jackpots. Win one of these guys and you are on easy street!

We'll break down each of these games in the following sections of this guide.
Pick 3 Daily Game

In the pick 3 drawing, the resulting draw will be made from three different machines. I am sure you have seen the machines on television. In this case three machines will each have 10 balls numbered from 0 to 9. When the hatch is opened up on the machine, the air pressure inside the machine forces one of the balls to the top and that ball is labeled with the drawn number. So it is entirely possible that the three winning digits can be identical.

There are three types of numbers that can be drawn. A triple number would have identical digits such as 444. A double draw will contain two identical digits such as 424. A regular draw will not have any matching digits such as in 426.

The Pick 3 can be won in two ways for the most part. You can match the number drawn exactly for a straight win, or you can match the three numbers drawn in any order for a box win. The straight win is much more difficult to get, so it pays more that the box win. We will discuss the specific methods of betting this game in a later section.

Why play the pick three versions of the lottery. It is certainly possible to win a lot more money playing the big lotto games. However, I feel like I can use a lot more logic when playing the three number games. I can cover pairs, key front pair, key back pairs, effectively wheel, and formulate a strategic box scenario rather easily. That by no means is the extent of strategies available to me, but suffice it to say that the three number games offer me many options that I can use to try to create an advantage for my play.

Another aspect of the three number games that I like is that many states have two drawings a day. Typically a drawing is held around noon, and then another is held in the early evening. That gives us two chances a day to win! The ultimate reason I prefer the the three number game is because, in my opinion, it offers the best odds for winning any sort of lottery drawing. I say in “my opinion”, because there may be games out there that I am unaware of. We'll talk more about odds, and the method of play in another chapter to come.

Seems simple enough right? Pick three numbers out of a possible thirty, and you are a winner. I say thirty because each slot has a potential of coming up any one of ten numbers. This can be done, and I have proven it can be done, month after month, after month, for the last 25+ years. Yes ladies and gentlemen, if you are wanting to win at the lottery, then Pick 3 style games are a place you can do exactly that.
Pick 4 Daily Game

Many of the states that have a pick three style game, also offer the pick 4 variety. The Pick 4 game is played exactly like the pick three version, except of course there is an extra number position. Now you wouldn't necessarily think that adding the fourth number to the equation would make it that much more difficult. However that fourth number takes our odds from 1 in 1000 in the three number game, to 1 in 10,000 in the 4 number game. So the four number game has 10 fold the odds against us, when compared to the three number game. Can we still realistically expect to win the pick 4?

The fact of the matter is that the same principals behind my three number picks, also apply to the four number games. I have adjusted and modified some of the aspects of my pick 3 strategies to a point where I can get multiple box wins in a typical month. These box wins can be very profitable.

However what I am really playing for is a straight win. When I do get a straight hit, it pays $5000 in my state. That amount is also a very common payout in all pick 4 states. I decided that if I was going to play the pick four, then I had to do it with the same authority that I play the three number game. It takes a strong will, and a stronger bankroll to make a run at these Pick 4 games, but the payouts can be several thousand dollars.

However you must remember that the odds have increased in the pick four ten fold. Therefore it would be unreasonable to expect to win with the consistency of the three number game. However, with the higher payouts, I feel it is worthwhile to play if you can do so comfortably. Here is a warning though. You will see a lot more downside on your bankroll while you are waiting on your hit, than you will with the three numbered game.

Just remember that there is nothing worse than to see your picks come in, and not be holding the winning ticket. If you are not ready to play the pick four on a regular basis, you might be better off not playing it at all.

I have created my “Power Play” guide in order to give you a great plan of attack for aggressively playing these daily games to win. Please don't under estimate the potential profit that can be made playing the daily games.

The “daily games” are an important part of my lottery playing strategies. One can possibly win a consistently good profit from these games and then play the “lotto” type games while looking for the major payday.
Pick 5 & Pick 6 Lotto Games

The Pick 5 is often referred to as the “Little Lotto”. With odds of almost 600,000 to 1 against in a typical 5/39 game, this game is easier to win than the Pick 6 game, but it is still a long shot attempt. Obviously the odds change for games that have fewer or more numbers that can be drawn.

The top prize in these games can often amount to several hundred thousand dollars and more. They usually roll the top payout over to the next draw if nobody matches the 5 numbers drawn, and this means the jackpots can build rapidly.

If the Pick 5 is the little brother, then the Pick 6 is the big brother. This is by far and away the most popular lottery game that people play. The odds in a typical 6/49 game are almost 14 million to one against you ever taking the top prize.

In these games all of the numbered balls are dumped into one chamber and the 5 or 6 winning numbers are drawn at once. Match them all and your money troubles are over for good. I used to play these games only for fun and really didn't take them seriously.

Over the last 3 years I have taken the lotto games much more seriously and I have put together some strategies that use mathematical permutations that allow you to key on a specific group of the possible numbers and play them in a way to maximize your investment. By playing this way you are not playing the whole field of numbers, but are keying in on as few as 11 numbers in the big lotto, and as few as 8 numbers in the little lotto.

Playing the permutations greatly increases your odds of winning. Using this strategy makes giving these games serious attention worth while. I go into greater detail on this strategy in my “Lotto Max” strategy guide. More info is available on my members site.

Another way to play these games is to get a group together and pool your money to buy as many chances as you can. There are thousands of people across the globe that are playing lottery pools. You may even recall a group of people in your state that have actually won by pooling their money together. My family has a pool where every time the lottery gets over 20 million, we all pool our money and buy our tickets together. We of course have an agreement ahead of time which states that any and all winnings will be equally divided amongst the participants. We have never been lucky enough to hit the big one yet. We have won several smaller prizes though and it's a lot of fun playing for the large jackpots!
Bonus Ball Lotto Games

Perhaps the most hyped up game of them all are the bonus ball games. As I stated earlier the most popular bonus ball games are the multi-state Powerball and Mega Millions games.

Check the websites of these games to see if you can play from your state. These games are essentially a Pick 5 game with the added requirement of matching a sixth number called the bonus ball.

The Powerball game requires a players to match 5 numbers that are drawn from a pool of 59 possible numbers. A player is then also required to match the bonus ball number which is drawn from a separate pool of 39 numbers. The odds of actually matching all six numbers is 195,249,054 to 1 against you.

The Mega Million game requires players to match 5 numbers that are drawn from a pool of 56 possible numbers. A player is then also required to match the bonus ball number which is drawn from a separate pool of 46 numbers. The odds of actually matching all six numbers is 175,711,536 to 1 against you.

As you can see the odds of winning one of these jackpots is astronomical. It's not matching the base set of 5 numbers drawn that proves to be so difficult. We can use strategies such as those outlined in my "Monster Millions" guide to get a decent handle on those five. But when you throw the bonus ball requirement into the mix, that is when things get real improbable.

It is because of the improbability of a win that creates the massive jackpots that are paid out through these games. You will note that I did say “paid out”. Yes of course players do win these games regularly. However when a weekly prize is not won, it then carries over and is added to the next weeks cash prize payout. This is referred to as a jackpot rollover. This also happens quite frequently. Often a jackpot will rollover for multiple consecutive weeks, and that is what creates the monster jackpots in the hundreds of millions of dollars.

Once these jackpots start to build the frenzy is started. The media inevitably picks up on the activity, and people that usually don't play decide to play for the monster jackpot. People start to form office pools in an effort to buy as many tickets as they possibly can. People that normally play start spending far in excess of what they normally do. The excitement and anticipation build to an absolute frenzied pace. As a lottery player, this is the type of excitement that we live for!

Although the odds are so highly stacked against any one of us ever winning one of these monster jackpots, it doesn't mean we shouldn't play. If you are trying to build a reliable regular income from your lottery play, then obviously the bonus ball games are not a part of that model. These games should only be played for entertainment purposes.
However, somebody has to win these games, and it might as well be you! These games are won by people that beat the odds, so it definitely doesn't hurt to participate. Just realize that you are facing staggering odds and wager accordingly.

It is worth mentioning that both of these games do offer lower prizes for matching combinations other than the grand prize. Here is where a great mental approach and the law of attraction can payoff big for you. If you are going to play any of these games, you have to get your mind in the right mode of positivity.

I am a firm believer in that we attract in our lives what we project into the world. If you run around spewing negativity, then that is exactly what you will attract back into your life. More on this in the next section.
The Psychology of Playing

Most people play the lottery with only a casual interest. They accept the fact that they will probably never win. They even approach it with a negativity. They don't really think for a minute that they can win. They do this for good reason. The chances are that they have never cashed in a high value winning ticket, in their life! Well, that sort of psychology will take us nowhere. We have to go into this with a positive mental attitude. We need to prepare our minds to expect that we are going to win.

Now you know as well as I do that the odds are stacked highly against us. You have probably been on the bad end of a loosing ticket or two yourself. I know I have. We need to turn that around. We need to turn the mental aspect of it around, and begin to think positive about the outcome. A positive approach is critical in preparing to put the lottery to work for you.

Hogwash you say? Do you know people that are negative all the time? They are always complaining about something. Nothing is ever acceptable to them. You find these people at your workplace. You see these people at our schools. These people are met as we go out in public. Some of these negative naysayers are parents! Some of you are chuckling and shaking your heads yes right now. You are all likely thinking about one or two people like this in your lives. Perhaps YOU are that person. I hope not.

Try to be absolutely positive about everything in your life for just one day. Experience the difference you will feel about looking at things in a more positive light. It is for real. Once you have become accustomed to thinking this way, you will undoubtedly notice that things just seem to happen for you. You will find that good things just come your way, and come your way more often. You will notice that people act more friendly towards you.

Of course you will still experience disappointments in your life, but don't interpret these disappointments with negativity. Understand that if something didn't go your way, then the master plan has something different in store for your life at that moment. I am a firm believer that there is a master plan for each and every one of us. That doesn't mean that we are not responsible for our own destiny though.

We will approach our play with a positive attitude each and every day. We will have downtimes. There may be times when we go a couple of weeks without a hit. But remember we are playing the averages here. We will make it up down the line. When we haven't had a winner in two weeks, and you are feeling disappointed, and starting to doubt your play, how are you going to make the effort to buy your tickets that day? Instead stay positive and motivated to follow the course, and stay on target with the overall objective. Good things come to good, positive people. It's a fact and I can prove it!
Playing With Discipline

The subject of discipline may end up being the shortest chapter in this guide. However, I place a great deal of importance on playing with discipline. I can't sit here and tell you that you are going to be cashing in winners every day, every two days or even every three days. There will be times when that is the case, but it will not be the norm. It is easy for people to break down and lose focus when a dry spell crops up, and they do crop up from time to time.

Let's imagine you have been playing your daily dollar amount, and you haven't had a hit in 7 days. Are you the type of person that will throw this on the back burner and forget about it? If you are the type of person who is easily discouraged, and quick to give up, then we have to change that. It is the discipline to persevere through the tough times, that makes winners. Discipline to keep playing the system is what separates the "wishful thinkers" from the "real players".

If the picks go away from us, they always come back. If you need work in this area pick up a good book on improving your mindset. I highly recommend the all time classic, Think and Grow Rich by Napolean Hill. Success can often elude people because they don't believe they deserve the success. My publisher offers an audio version of the teachings in TGR. Take a look at it at www.think-n-grow-rich.net.

It's kind of funny how attitudes and discipline always seem to work in conjunction with each other. I think one of the best ways to build the confidence you will need to play with unobstructed discipline, is to track the system on paper. I will discuss this in further detail in another section. It may also be helpful for you to go back in the history of your state's lottery winners and just see for yourself how often my picks hit in your state. Once you see the facts on paper, I am sure you will want to jump in and make a run for money.

In order to play my picks and do some of the other things I will suggest, you are going to need tremendous discipline and confidence. Some of us have more of these qualities than others. But the good news is that we can all improve on our qualities through personal development, and that is where a good book can be of significant value.

Another great source of education in this area is the teachings of Charles Hannel. This is very powerful food for your mind and you can check it out at http://www.the-great-minds.com/
How is this for discipline?

Discipline is remembering what you want, and having the determination to go after it. Discipline is the bridge between goals and accomplishments. George Washington said that "discipline is the soul of an army. It makes small numbers formidable, procures success to the weak, and esteem to all". Develop the winning edge. Small differences in your performance can lead to large differences in your results.
Using My Strategies

As I stated in a previous section, I play the Pick 3 and 4 daily games as my main source of profit. I have developed, adapted, tweaked, and then tweaked some more, in developing my system. I can't put a price on what I have learned. One thing is for sure, it has been a long process in bringing it to what it is today. I have tracked literally 10's of thousands of drawings all across the country. I have probably calculated more odds and probabilities than a Las Vegas bookie. I have spent literally hundreds of hours developing Lotto Magic. You will soon find that my system has some serious fire power.

Some of what I do is study probability. How likely are certain things to happen at any given moment. This was accomplished through many hours of paper tracking. We will discuss paper tracking in a chapter later. I have used pair matching in my picks as well. Pair matching is when I key in on two numbers of the three, and work the third as my variable. This seems to be more effective when playing double number draws. There are three types of draws in the daily game. I simply refer to them as single number draws (555), two number draws (344) and triple number draws (473). My system uses regular and double number selections. I don't play triple number draws because they only come up about 1% of the time. Double number draws come up about 24% of the time, and regular number draws come up about 75% of the time.

In the past I have worked a lot with wheel bets. We will discuss wheel bets later as well. I found the wheel style of playing effective. I have used what I have learned from all of my wheel betting to expand my system though. I have incorporated things that I have learned with wheeling when I make my selections, but what I do is not wheel betting.

I have also structured my picks in a manner that reduces coverage vs. risk overlap. We can't effectively play enough to lower the odds any further unless we spend more money to play. After all each pick we play costs money right? So we have to balance out whatever coverage we want, versus what it is going to cost to play, versus the advantage each pick grants us. This is a more complicated method of bankroll management. You won't need to get into this aspect of it, as I have already got it handled for you in my Lotto Magic system.

I have experimented through the years with box type betting. A box bet is the best odds on bet you can make in the pick three games. I am currently recommending that the majority of my picks be played in a box format in addition to the straight heads up play. This was not a decision I took lightly, but rather one that further increased the odds in my favor. A lot of work has gone into my selections. Many, many hours of tweaking and honing. I have lost money on experiments along the way. But that is what it took to come to the determinations that I have made.

There are many other factors at work in Lotto Magic. This is just a taste of the work that has gone into my system. Every selection I have made has been made because of the extensive research I have put into this. You can learn more when you decide to put my system to work for you.
Managing Your Bankroll

Let's face it, playing the lottery is gambling any way you want to look at it. All educated gamblers have to manage the funds that they have to play with. These funds are referred to as your bankroll. Management of your bankroll may very well be the single most important key to your success. Only you can determine the amount of your bankroll.

Your bankroll has to be money you can afford to loose in the event something goes very wrong. It needs to be enough to carry you through a dry spell. In other words don't play with your grocery money. I would highly suggest that you start with at least enough to sustain 10 drawings without a win. This will give you some insurance against a dry streak. The amount you decide to bet each day is of course, a decision that you have to make for yourself. I will give you several ways to play the selections that are in this system. The cost of the various types of bets will vary. Ideally you will take the selections and play them on a straight and a box bet ticket. However that may be to costly for you in the beginning. So you will have a less expensive option. Your earnings will be smaller at the start. Once you have won a few draws you can make the decision to increase your bankroll if you desire.

I would recommend that you take all winnings for the first thirty days and add them back to your bankroll. The ideal bankroll is about $250. This will allow for some down time in case we hit a rut. This is suggested only if you are playing the picks in a straight and box format (I will go into detail on straight and box play later). You can use the picks even if you have a lot less to work with. I don't want you to think you are going to need a $250 bankroll to use Lotto Magic. That is not the case, as you can get started with a bankroll of $20. However the longer you can stay the course and play the picks, the better chance you have at winning.

The idea here is of course to win and get paid! So obviously the goal is to take money out of the bankroll at some point. Think of your bankroll as a bank account. After you have decided what your comfortable bankroll amount is, then it has to be managed. The idea is to keep it at a level amount. For example, lets assume you start with $50. Let's say over the next week you loose $15. The next day you win $250. Before you made the hit, your bankroll was down to $35. So you take $15 out of your new winnings to bring your bankroll back to $50, and you pocket the remaining $235 of your winnings. By keeping the bankroll at the desired level, we insure that we will always have money to play, even if things are going slowly. Once again the idea is to stay the course, and play through on a consistent basis. As I have said before, there is nothing worse than to have your picks hit, and not have a ticket!
Odds of Winning

As I stated earlier, the best odds that I am aware of in the lotteries are the daily pick three games. The odds of hitting a winner are 1 in 1000. That's pretty cut and dry. You have three number positions, and each position has ten possibilities; (10x10x10=1000). So the remainder of this player's guide will concentrate on the daily games of Pick 3 and Pick 4.

We can reduce those odds by playing multiple combinations of tickets. I can best summarize this by using a table. The reduced odds tickets sometimes mean that the ticket combination required additional wager amounts. The three way combo requires a $3 bet if you are playing 50 cent draws, or $6 if you are playing one dollar draws. The box combinations that offer better odds normally pay a little less to win. So there is a trade off. If you want to play the lower odds, then you will usually suffer a lower payout on a winning ticket.

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Some states offer additional betting options. For example my state offers a front pair, and a rear pair option. I can select the first two digits or the last two digits. If those digits come up in the order I selected, I then have a 1:10 chance of hitting the third. I don't consider these types of bets to be smart play. The only types of wagers I can recommend are listed above in the chart.
Since we will also be playing the pick four games on a limited basis, let's also take a look at those odds of winning. Please note: You do not need to play the pick four versions to win with Lotto Magic. This information is contained here for those that do choose to.

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I *strongly recommend* you visit your state lottery website and become comfortable with the betting options, and the respective payouts. I generally play straight and box tickets. I feel like the combo bets get to expensive to play. I also feel that the straight / box bets dilute the payout to the point that it looses my interest. If I feel strongly about a number, I will usually buy a straight ticket and a box ticket for that selection. If it hits straight then I will get *paid on*
both tickets. If it comes in box, then I have my box ticket for insurance and would at least be paid on that. Once again, please visit your state's lottery website and familiarize yourself with the odds and payouts. The odds will be the same as the tables above, but the payouts may vary.
Straight vs. Box

The pick three daily games basically offer two types of betting. You can select a straight ticket or a box ticket. When betting the straight your number has to come in just like you picked it. If you selected 345, then the balls have to come up 345 in that exact order. The box bet allows you to pick your three numbers, and regardless of how they come in, if you have the same three numbers, you win the bet. Example; you play 345, and the numbers come in 453, 543 etc, you still win. You have "boxed" the three winning numbers, and therefore have a winning ticket.

Of course the straight bet is more difficult to hit, but it does pay more. A one dollar straight bet in my home state of Illinois pays $500 for a win. By the same token a one dollar box bet pays me $80 on a six way box bet. Of course I always want to hit a draw straight up, but don't underestimate the value of a box win. They add up when you really have them rolling. A three way box bet in my state pays me $160!

What's the difference between a three way and a six way box bet? If you are boxing a two number draw (where two digits are the same and one is different from those two), ie: 112, there are three ways that combo can come up. It can come up 112, 121, or 211. The three way play is why it is called a three way box. These pay me 160 to 1, or $160 for a $1 bet. The six way box has six ways the numbers can come up, ie: 123, 132, 231, 213, 321, 312. This bet gives me twice the number of plays, and therefore pays me half the odds at 80 to 1, or $80 for my one dollar bet.

Most states also offer three way and six way straight / box combination bets. This is where your one dollar bet gets you the straight play, and the three different box combinations. For example if you selected 122, you would get paid the winning straight payout if 122 comes up. If the numbers 1, 2 and 2 come up in any different order, you would be paid for the box win.

The same applies if you had chosen a 3 number combo such as 123. If the draw comes up 123, then you win the straight payout. If the numbers come up in any other order (as long as they are the digits 1,2 and 3, then you win the box bet payout.) The downside of these bets is that if you hit it straight, your payout will be compromised because you have increased your odds of winning by playing all the combos on a one dollar ticket. In my state if I was to hit a winner with a 6 way straight/box combo, the winning straight payout goes from $500 to $330.

If I feel strongly about a number, I will usually play it in what is referred to as a six way combo. If I select 123, then I will buy six $1 straight tickets that cover all 6 possibilities for that draw. In this case I would buy 6 straight tickets as follows; 123, 132, 231, 213, 321 and 312. Now as long as my three digits come in, I am a straight winner. I will receive a $500 payout on whichever ticket it was that hit. If my bankroll is running low, I will sometimes play this combination on a fifty cent ticket instead of a dollar.
We can summarize the subject like this; If we are looking for the best odds of winning, then we place box bets. Payouts on box bets are lower because of the better odds. If we are looking for top payout, then we bet straight tickets. Because of the higher odds, the straight ticket pays considerably more. *Want the best of both worlds?* Then you have to play the combos.
Many systems are available that contain lottery wheeling systems. These courses claim to decrease the odds and produce winners. There are some good books on the subject. I have performed extensive testing on every wheeling system that I am aware of. Some of them make sense, and others don't.

Some wheels require so many games that it is just not cost effective to play them. The only time I will play one of these big wheels is in the event of a monster jackpot in a big lottery game, or one of the bonus ball games.

It is a lot of fun to form a pool of players and purchase several hundred games to fill one of these wheels. You can increase your chances of winning significantly, but it is still a very long shot bet.

To use a wheel effectively in a daily game, it is best to keep things simple. By doing so you can create a scenario where you have a very reasonable chance of winning.

Let me give you an example of a very simple wheel for playing the pick3. Let's say I want to play the selection of 123. I have to select two of the digits, in their correct position to have a shot at it. If I can successfully do that, then I have a one in ten chance of winning. Let's take a look at the tickets I would need to purchase to play this wheel.

The two digits that I will target are 1 and 2. Let's assume that I have came to those two selections from my tracking work and I feel real strongly about them. But I can't quite key in on that third digit. Here is the solution;

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You can see in the above table that as long as the number 1 comes up in the first position, and the number 2 comes up in the second position, then I am a guaranteed winner.
I would prefer to not have to place so much emphasis on the first two digits having to hit straight up to make me a possible winner. I play my selections on both a straight ticket, and a box ticket. I play sometimes play 50 cents tickets, but normally I place $1 bets. So if I wanted to play the above wheel it would costs me $20, ($1 each on straight and $1 each on box bets).

Also I would have to heavily rely on the first two numbers coming up in the correct position to win it on a straight. I don't want to play the same two numbers in those slots 10 times. My angle is different. I am trying to cover as much of the board as possible and this sort of play is often to restrictive for my taste.

From time to time I will identify trends where two digits are hitting like crazy. It is times like these that I will announce such trends to my Gold Members. It is these times where playing the simple wheel above, will come into use.

So although I don't use wheels in my every day play, much of what I learned analyzing the wheeling concept, has helped me to pin down my selections. So to summarize, I am not saying you cannot win some money using wheel systems. However they are way to restrictive for my method of play. If you want to learn more about wheel bets there are many books on the subject.

Permutations are another style of wheeling, and my Power Play guidebook explains 4 very effective permutations that can be used in the Pick 3 and Pick 4 daily games. Although we have shifted our focus to the daily games, I want to reiterate that playing wheels in the big games is one of the best ways to significantly increase your odds of winning.
Paper Tracking

Paper tracking is a valuable tool when deciding what and when you want to play. I have used paper tracking extensively while checking new theories and strategies. I used paper tracking when I was first introduced to the concept of the pick three lottery games. It is a way to test your selections and ideas on paper without loosing money while you are doing it. I guess if the picks you are tracking on paper hit for a winner while you are tracking them, you could look at that as loosing money, but not really.

Tracking on paper can be as simple or complicated as you want to make it. What variables you decide to track depends on what information you are wanting to obtain. For the purposes of tracking my picks, all you need is a simple tracking sheet. I have given an example below by tracking the way my picks hit in the month of December 2004.

The tracking below is the sort of tracking one might do to manage their bankroll.

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**Total Winnings** 5360.00

Your tracking only needs to be this simple. There really is no other information you need to worry about. All you are trying to do is see if the system works well enough that you want to **faithfully** use it. Please understand that the month tracked above was an exceptionally successful month. The was not a typical month. Don't get disappointed if you don't see this kind of results right away. But, if you don't stay the course, you won't be in the game when a fantastic month like this does occur.
Now in order to track for making your selections, you will need to log the drawn pick for every draw, every day into your chart. This is how you can start to identify trends. This is where you will look for repeating positions, pairs etc.

When you start tracking for yourself, and begin to develop an eye for the numbers, I assure you that you will be chomping at the bit to get down to your lottery retailer and buy your tickets! My “Trend Tracker” guide teaches you a basic method for tracking the daily game and more information on that guide is available on my membership site.
Lottery Winnings and the IRS

Will I have to pay taxes on my lottery winnings? Well yes I am afraid you will. The two absolute certainties in our lives are indeed death and taxes. I could go on and on about our countries' current tax structure, but that is another book. Also understand that I am not a tax accountant. The information in this chapter is not meant to be tax advise. It is simply general information for your review. For all tax matters I suggest you consult a qualified tax professional.

Generally speaking, any winning ticket up to $600 can be cashed in at the lottery retailer without any tax consequences being considered. It does not mean that those winnings are not taxable, it just means that they aren't going to withhold any taxes at the time of the payout. Claiming those winnings will be your responsibility come tax time.

Lottery winnings of $600.01 and over are subject to Federal Withholding tax. For winnings of $600.01, up to and including $5,000, you will be issued a W-2G form to report your winnings on your federal income tax form. This form will later be submitted with your end of the tax year filing.

For winnings of $5,000.01 and over, the state's Department of Revenue deducts the appropriate percent for federal withholding, as required by law, before you receive your winnings check (or, if it is an annuity, from each winnings check). You will then receive your check along with a W2-G form to submit with your 1040 Form at the end of the of the tax year. Check with your state’s Department of Revenue or Lottery to find out if your winnings are taxed at a state level as well.
Don't Allow Gambling to Become a Problem

If you find yourself having trouble with your lottery play, please seek help. Gamblers Anonymous is a good place to seek that help.

http://www.gamblersanonymous.org/

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