CT LOTTERY HISTORY TIME LINE

1971

June 1971: To generate revenue for the state, Governor Thomas J. Meskill signs Public Act No. 865 to create the Connecticut State Lottery. In September, a bi-partisan team of commissioners is selected.

1972

February 15, 1972: The Connecticut State Lottery begins ticket sales at 3,000 retailer locations state wide, offering one game called "The Lottery." Tickets cost 50¢ each. Drawings held weekly with a top prize of $5,000. Connecticut's lottery is the fourth in the nation

1975

September 9, 1975: "Instant Match," the first scratch game in CT goes on sale. Top Prize: $10,000. Proceeds temporarily earmarked by the legislature to support education services in the state.

1976

September 1976: The Lottery appears on television with "Double Play," its first weekly TV game show. Top prize is $200,000. This becomes the highest rated television show originated in Connecticut at that time.

1977

March 16, 1977: "The Daily Numbers" game begins. Match three digits, or variations on the combination, to win up to $2,500 per ticket. Drawings held daily.

1978

July 1978: "The Money Tree" TV game show launches, following the departure of "Double Play."

1980

October 1980: "Play 4" begins. Match four digits, or variations on the combination, and win up to $25,000 per ticket. Drawings held once a week at the start.

1982

November 1982: TV game show, "Rainbow Jackpot" replaces "Money Tree." Contestants on the show can win up to a $100,000 grand prize!

CT LOTTERY HISTORY TIME LINE (CONT'D)

1983

November 7, 1983: Feel like a million? As an enhacement to the existing lottery system, "Lotto" is born. For just $1 per play, players choose 6 numbers for their chance at winning a minimum jackpot prize of $1 million.

FY 1983: Lottery contributions to state's General Fund reach $1 BILLION!

1990

February 9, 1990: Instant Fun! Distribution of multiple concurrent scratch games begins.

1991

FY 1991: Lottery contributions to the state's General Fund top the $2 billion dollar mark.

1992

April 15, 1992: The Lottery launches "Cash Lotto," where players select 5 numbers from 1 to 35. The game's top prize is $100,000.

1995

November 1995: POW! Connecticut joins a multi-state game, "Powerball," with a minimum jackpot of $5 million. Players select five numbers from 1-45 plus the Powerball number.

1996

July 1, 1996: The Connecticut State Lottery becomes a quasi-public agency named the Connecticut Lottery Corporation, reflecting its "business" orientation as a major retail supplier.

FY 1996: $3 Billion to the state's General Fund. And still growing.

1996

November 17, 1996: "Cash Lotto" becomes "Cash5." A "Kicker" feature is added for more chances to win.

1998

February 2, 1998: "Mid-Day3" and "Mid-Day4" drawings begin. Held each day.

CT LOTTERY HISTORY TIME LINE (CONT'D)

1999

To encourage responsible play, the CT Lottery, CT Council on Problem Gambling and DMHAS join forces to establish the "CT Partnership for Responsible Gambling.

CT PARTNERSHIP FOR RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING

2000

January 2000: The CT Lottery updates its logo. Original "Money Tree" format is replaced with "The Happy Dancer" symbol, marking a shift in the Lottery's marketing initiatives.

October 7, 2000: CT Lottery is back on TV with the premiere of "Powerball - The Game Show." The top prize is $1,000,000.

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2002

January 1, 2002: Mary Stange wins a $28.5 million "Classic Lotto" jackpot prize, the largest single ticket jackpot in the game's history.

2002

In its first 30 years, the Lottery's contributions to the General Fund exceeded $4.6 billion! To celebrate 30 years of fun, the CT Lottery releases "30th Birthday Bingo," a $3 scratch game.

CT Lottery 30 YEARS OF FUN!

2003

June 13, 2003: Lt. Governor M. Jodi Rell hailed the broadening of Connecticut's AMBER Alert system through a newly formed partnership between the Connecticut Lottery Corporation and local and state law enforcement.

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2006

FY 2006: The CT Lottery transfers a record $284.8 million to the General Fund. Total contributions are nearly $6 billion!

2007

February 2007: Everybody wins with the CT Lottery! The CT Lottery celebrates 35 years of revenue raising with social responsibility.

CT LOTTERY HISTORY TIME LINE (CONT'D)

2008

May 11, 2008: Mid-Day name changed to "Play3 Day" and "Play4 Day". Nightly game names changed to "Play3 Night" and "Play4 Night." Daily and Nightly game drawings are now held 7 days a week.

2009

March 29, 2009: "Lucky-4-Life" drawing game begins; double matrix, 4 of 39 balls and 1 of 39 (Lucky Ball) with a top prize of up to $2,000 a week for life.

June 8, 2009: Kenneth Blount, III becomes "Lucky-4-Life's" first $2,000 a week for life top prize winner!

2009

June 2009: Self-service "ticket checker" scanners are installed at all lottery retailer locations allowing players to know immediately if their ticket is a winner.

2010

CT Lottery joins the multi-state lottery game, Mega Millions® (5 of 56 white balls; 1 of 46 Mega Balls).

2010

Lottery's General Fund contributions top the $7 billion mark.

FY 2010: The CT Lottery sets a new record of $285.5 million for a one-year contribution to the state's General Fund.

2010

September 2010: Instant ticket vending machines are installed in select Lottery retailer locations, increasing player convenience and helping to reduce lines at the registers.

2010

October 2010: Million Dollar Super Draw, a new "raffle style" draw game is launched. Unlike any other draw game previously offered – a game of chance that guarantees a top prize winner will be selected at random on New Year's Day 2011, from a limited pool of tickets sold – Super Draw provides players with the best chance to become a CT Lottery millionaire.

CT LOTTERY HISTORY TIME LINE (CONT'D)

2011

CT Lottery's consumer website is totally redeveloped, providing consumers enhanced graphics, expanded search capabilities, mapping features, archiving of winning numbers and more.

2011

February 2011: CLC becomes a member of the World Lottery Association and achieves Level 1 responsible gaming accreditation.

2011

June 2011: CT Lottery makes record one-year contribution of $289.3 million to the state's General Fund.

2011

August 2011: CT Lottery redesigns its consumer website (ctlottery.org) as a mobile friendly website, capable of automatically recognizing Smartphones such as iPhones, Androids, Blackberries and other mobile devices allowing users to more easily navigate the Lottery's website.

2011

November 2011: The largest prize in CT Lottery history is claimed by the Putnam Avenue Family Trust, a Powerball jackpot ticket worth an incredible $254.2 million.

2012

January 2012: The Multi-State Lottery Association introduces a revised Powerball® game with a new matrix, higher minimum jackpots, more prizes of $1,000,000, and a new price point of $2.

2012

February 2012: CT Lottery celebrates 40-years of "A Lotto Good" since 1972.

40 Years OF FUN!

CT LOTTERY HISTORY TIME LINE (CONT'D)

2012

March 2012: Six New England states join together to launch a regional version of the Connecticut draw game, "Lucky for Life." The regional game offers a top prize of $7,000 per week for life!

2012

June 2012: CT Lottery sets record one-year contribution of $310.0 million to the state's General Fund.

2012

July 2012: CLC achieves Level 2 Certification for its responsible gaming program from the World Lottery Association.

2013

January 2013: Tickets for the new "50/50 Super Draw" game go on sale. The game's jackpot prize is determined by player participation – one winning ticket receives 50% of the total ticket sales!

2013

March 2013: Classic Lotto becomes Lotto – New name – Same great game!

2013

June 30, 2013: CT Lottery sets record one-year contribution of $312.1 million to the state's General Fund.

2013

July 2013: Find us on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube!

CT LOTTERY HISTORY TIME LINE (CONT'D)

2014

January 2014: The variable Power Play® add-on feature returns to Powerball® giving players a chance to multiply their winnings (except the jackpot) by 2, 3, 4 or 5 times.

2014

May 2014: 5 Card Cash™ launches as the first CT Lottery draw game to offer an Instant Win feature with the excitement of a daily drawing.

2014

June 30, 2014: CT Lottery delivers a record one-year return of $319.5 million to the state's General Fund.

2014

October 2014: CT Lottery's newsletter Chatter that Matters™ is selected by the National Council on Problem Gambling as the best problem gambling-related newsletter.

2014

October 2014: CT Lottery wins an award for best Responsible Gambling Communications in the Electronic Category for Retailer Training by the North American Association of State and Provincial Lotteries organization.

2014

December 2014: CT Lottery's "Do a 'Lotto' Good, Give a Toy!" holiday toy drive to benefit the Connecticut Children's Medical Center is held.

2014

January 2015: The Game of a Lifetime—Lucky for Life ™" offering a top prize of $1,000 a day for life and a 2nd prize of $25,000 a year for life, launches in lotteries across the country. "Lucky" got its start in CT in 2009.

CT LOTTERY HISTORY TIME LINE (CONT'D)

2015

April 2015: CT Lottery introduces a whole new way to play with the launch of the twice daily Lucky Links™ with 2XPOWER draw game.

2015

June 2015: CT Lottery launches its first Mobile App.

2015

June 2015: CT Lottery receives the La Fleur's Magazine "Sustainability Award" for leadership in responsible gambling.

2015

June 2015: CT Lottery delivers a new record one-year return of $319.7 million to the state's General Fund.

2015

October 2015: The Powerball® game is revised with a new matrix and a 10X Power Play multiplier.

2016

April 2016: CT Lottery introduces KENO, "ON THE SPOT FUN™" with a chance to win every four minutes, 7 days a week.