



'See' Lottery Jackpot Numbers With 'Psychic' Lottery Software

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There are as many ways to examine what lottery numbers have done in past drawings as there are computer software programs. But one program takes a totally different approach: It looks at drawings still to come.

It's sort of like getting tomorrow's Wall Street Journal today.

The program, *Psychic Jackpot*, is the invention of two Californians.

One, Ryan Wood, is a California-based management consultant who once did work for a major lottery book publisher. A friend of his, Jack Houck, works as an engineer. He's also an expert on psychic phenomena. In addition, Houck is the author of research papers with titles like "Remote Viewing and Psychokinesis Research."

Wood said that he began to think of practical applications for Houck's psychic work, and that's when he drew on his lottery background.

"What we came up with was a computer program that lets you fine-tune your ability to make the right choices," Wood said.

It works like this: A wheel is divided into 26 wedges labeled A-Z. The program selects wedges at random and you are challenged to guess which wedges the program will pick.

Type a letter. If the computer picks the wedge with that same letter on it, you get big points. If it picks the adjacent wedge, you get not quite so many points. If you're way off, you only get a few points. At the end of 30 picks, the computer charts how well you're doing compared to pure chance. After another 30 picks, the computer compares that round with the one before.

During the trials, you can try different ways to guess which segment of the wheel the computer will pick next. All the time, the computer is compiling statistics. After about 30 minutes of trials, it will have compiled enough to see if you're "psychically hot." And that's when you should play the numbers the computer generates for a Pick 5 or Pick 6 lottery game.

The program also includes some simple wheeling systems you can use to combine numbers into five- or six-number ticket combinations to assure a win if all or some of the numbers used in the wheel are drawn.

"People who use this program can actually become better at predicting which wedge will be picked next," Wood said. He added that he hasn't won any major prizes with it, betting actual money on the lottery, but he did have a minor victory in California's

5/39 game. Wood reports that in each of 17 consecutive drawings of California's Fantasy 5 game with a field of 39 digits, 2 or 3 digits of the computer's best 6-digit picks were drawn among the 5 winning digits. According to Woods, "the consecutive odds against this are 65 trillion to one!"

Now note this: Wood said it's possible that the reason a person is not winning the lottery may be he or she is "looking too far into the future."

In other words, your guesses may be good but your timing isn't. *Psychic Jackpot* will tell when a user is guessing the right numbers but guessing them too early.

"We recommend playing the same lottery numbers for several drawings because sometimes that is what happens," Wood said.

If it's possible to influence events by thinking about them, why don't your choice lottery numbers come up every drawing?

"The problem with that is that millions of people are mentally fighting against each other, trying to get 'their' numbers to be the winners," Wood explained.

With *Psychic Jackpot* you are not any more likely to decree that your personal lottery numbers be selected. But, like getting tomorrow's newspaper today, the program may improve your chances of reading the numbers that are actually going to be drawn!

(*Psychic Jackpot* software for Mac and DOS systems is \$54, which includes shipping and handling. For information, write Lottery Systems Group, 655 Catamaran St., Suite 2, Foster City, Calif. 94404, or telephone 415-286-9663.) ■