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## *The house always wins*

### Monte Carlo roulette wheel takes millions from Gamblers!

The Casino de Monte-Carlo in Monaco has been one of the most famous gambling destinations in the world for over 150 years.

In August 1913, visitors to the casino noticed a strange pattern on one of the roulette tables - the ball kept landing on black. Again and again and again. Adamant that the wheel would deliver a red number next, people continued to bet red.

A European roulette wheel has an equal number of red and black pockets, plus a single green zero. The chance of the ball landing on black in a single spin is 18/37.

In Monte Carlo that night, the ball landed on black a total of **26 times in a row** - the longest streak of a single colour ever recorded with odds of 136,823,184 to 1.

Gamblers lost millions in a classic case of the gambler's fallacy - the false belief that past behaviour influences future behaviour. The roulette wheel had to correct the imbalance eventually, didn't it?

It didn't, and the casino had a very good night.

**1 in 136,823,184**

## *The human lightning rod*

### **Man struck by lightning seven times!**

Shenandoah National Park ranger, Roy Sullivan, holds the **Guinness World Record** for being struck by lightning more times than any other person.

In the time between 1942 and 1977, Roy was hit by lightning on **SEVEN** separate occasions and survived them all, gaining the nickname of the '*Human Lightning Rod*'.

Roy soon started to believe that an otherworldly force was out to destroy him and developed a major fear of death. He might have had a point. On June 5, 1976, he was struck for the sixth time after trying to outrun a storm that he said was chasing him.

Roy committed suicide aged 71 over an unrequited love, but his legacy for lightning survival lives on.

According to statistics, the odds of being hit by lightning once in your lifetime are 10,000/1, making the odds of being hit seven times an unfathomable  $1:10^{28}$  - that's one followed by 28 zeros!

**1 in 10,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000**

## *Drinks are on him!*

### **Amateur golfer hits three holes-in-one in one round**

Even professional golfers struggle to combine the immense amount of skill and luck needed to achieve an elusive hole-in-one.

Yet in 2015, an amateur golfer managed to shoot **THREE in a single round** while playing in a tournament at Laurel Hill Golf Club, Virginia. Patrick Wills hit an ace on holes 7, 10 and 14 to go 14 under par and claim overall victory.

The chance of a golfer of Patrick's ability getting a hole-in-one has been calculated at 5,000/1, putting his odds of getting three in a single round at **over one in one trillion**.

When asked about his round, Patrick said: *"It is one of those surreal experiences - everything was moving in slow motion and I was trying to take it all in."*

We hate to think how much the clubhouse drinks cost!

**1 in 1,000,000,000,000**

## Man wins the lottery twice with same numbers

We've all dreamed of winning the lottery, but have you ever dreamed of winning it twice?

In June 2002, Hampshire electrician, Mike McDermott, won £194,501 on the UK National Lottery after correctly choosing five numbers and the bonus ball. He was just shy of the jackpot.

Fast-forward four months to October and Mike was still playing. Then something incredible happened - he won again.

But he didn't just win. Mike matched the **exact same five numbers and bonus ball** that he had in June, having continued to play them out of habit. He picked up another £121,157, taking his total winnings to £315,658!

Mike put the money towards buying a house on the island of Kerkenah, just off the coast of Tunisia, which he moved into with his wife immediately after the second win.

According to mathematicians, the odds of Mike winning twice with the same numbers were over **five trillion to one**. So, did his two wins keep him from ever playing the lottery again? Of course not.

*"People say that good things come in threes, so I will definitely be keeping my numbers, I now believe that anything is possible."*

**1 in 5,400,000,000,000**