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**Top Five  
Online Casinos**



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## About this Report. . .

This report is designed to be used as part of the extensive course on playing and beating online casinos described in the manual *Insider Secrets to Beating the Online Casinos*. The complete manual is available online and may be downloaded in the next five minutes if you like.

Just [click here](#) to get your own copy of what has been called "the ultimate guide to beating the online casinos."



## Quick Checklist Before You Play Online

Here is a list of items to check before deciding to deposit cash with an online casino:

1. Find a casino with a sign up bonus. There is no point in playing in any e-casino which does not give you at least a 10 percent bonus.
2. Check to see if the casino is licensed. Appendix 1 in the *Online Gambling Toolkit* has a list of Internet Casinos.
3. See if the e-casino is listed as a licensee of a major software brand. See Appendix 3 in the *Online Gambling Toolkit*. This table lists the major software brands and their URLs.
4. Review some of the resources I have shown you to see if any obvious problems, such as numerous consumer complaints, are apparent.
5. Visit the e-casino's web site. Verify the current amount of the bonus offered. If the bonus is given as a percent, is there a limit on the dollar amount? What games are offered? We will only be interested in playing certain games and the casino must offer them to remain in contention. Are there transaction fees? How much are they.
6. Find out if the e-casino is audited? If the auditor is a large, well known firm, so much the better.
7. Visit the e-casino's "about us" page giving information about the operators. If it doesn't have one, you may want to check the WHOIS database to get more information on the principals.
8. Find out who processes the credit card transactions. Not all sites show this information, but it is very helpful when you have played in dozens of casinos and are trying to reconcile your records.

9. Download the software and play some of the games without depositing any money. If you are still not quite certain about the e-casino or if you have any problems or questions with the software, try e-mailing or phoning the e-casino. If you can't reach someone now, don't even think about depositing a nickel with them.



## Issues for US Players

Presently the issue of persons living in the United States gambling online is at best, a murky one.

At the present time, current US federal law does not criminalize the act of playing online casino games. Americans place over 85% of the world's online bets. The US government has never charged a single player with a crime for doing so. Put simply, federal statutes such as the Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act of 2006 target the "business" of gambling with an eye toward organized crime. They ban online casinos from setting up shop within the country's borders and restrict the ability to transfer funds to and from online casinos, but do not make criminals of the millions who visit online casinos and live in the United States.

There are three sets of laws to consider for US players.

The federal Wire Act of 1961 prohibits taking sports bets over the phone. Most legal observers feel this applies to the Internet as well. Note that this is limited to sports bets and doesn't cover casino games, poker or bingo.

The federal Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act of 2006 (UIGEA) makes it illegal to move gambling money through the U.S. banking system.

Individual State Laws outlaw online gambling. At this time these states are Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Nevada, Oregon, South Dakota, Washington state and Wisconsin.

Of greatest concern to the average U.S. player is the UIGEA. Certain Republicans attached this anti-Internet gambling amendment to the unrelated Safe Ports Act at the last minute in October, 2006. The Safe Ports Act passed overwhelmingly.

The Act is vague and confusing, and even what is clear about it has largely been misunderstood. This Act focuses almost exclusively on funding mechanisms, preventing banks from handling online gambling transactions. It doesn't criminalize online

gambling at all. It does prevent U.S. web sites from hosting online casinos, but they weren't doing that before the passage of the act.

Some telling wording in this act reads:

“No provision of this subchapter shall be construed as altering, limiting, or extending any Federal or State law or Tribal-State compact prohibiting, permitting, or regulating gambling within the United States.”

Our reading of this Act is that it refers to accepting player money directly from a U.S. financial institution, such as a bank (by credit card, check, online check, or wire), Western Union or some similar U.S. financial institution.

The best option for payment is definitely Click2Pay. It is reliable and a totally legal method of depositing and withdrawing for US players. Firepay and Neteller have acted the part of the chicken and withdrawn from the US market.

Many casinos (such as Bodog) accept Instant Deposit by Check, Credit Cards, CentralCoin, MyCitadel, eWalletXpress, and bank wires.

You may also want to consider that Click2Pay is offering 10% match bonuses on your first purchases of \$1000. You can generally retrieve cash from these accounts in 48 to 72 hours.

Except for restrictions on players from some states, online gambling is still very open to US players. If you live in an affected state, I will leave it up to your own conscience how you proceed. If you have an ISP and an address available from an unaffected state you should be able to continue gambling online.

In setting up any new account, your first step is to send an email to the casino's support department and ask what restrictions apply to you. If any of these issues are a concern to you I urge you to consult a legal expert who could know more about the laws as they apply in your jurisdiction.

Two of the five casinos we are recommending restrict players from the states outlawing online gambling.



## How We Determined the Five Top Online Casinos

We found what we think are certainly five of the world's best online casinos.

First, we checked to see if the casino was still accepting U.S. players. Only casinos still open to U.S. players made our list.

We also considered the bonuses paid by the casinos, the software offered, the casino's reputation and the casino's payback percentages into consideration in coming up with this list.

We admit to some subjectivity, in that we picked casinos where we have played and have had good experiences.

Please note that we are not affiliated with any of these casinos. Most web sites that recommend online casinos are affiliates of the casinos and are paid a portion of the *money lost* by players. While our recommendations are somewhat subjective, they are in no way influenced by any compensation received from the casinos we recommend. We certainly would not recommend a casino where we are paid a percentage of your losses. Besides, if you use our system, you won't have very many losses. In fact, you will be a net winner playing online.



## Casino Classic

[www.casinoclassic.com](http://www.casinoclassic.com)

Casino Classic is a downloadable casino using Microgaming software licensed in Kahnawake. It is one of 14 online gaming sites owned by ITS Limited.

Play at Casino Classic with NO RISK to your personal funds! **Play any game and bet any amount all for free for your first hour at the casino and whatever you win is yours to keep!** What if you don't win? No problem! All you have lost is Casino Classic's money and you can still claim the sign up bonus of \$20 free when you purchase your first \$20.

### Support & Contact Information

Support - [support@casinoclassic.com](mailto:support@casinoclassic.com)

**Support Options Available - E-mail Entry Form, Free Phone**

Toll Free Canada - (866) 312-7466

### Currency Accepted

Canadian Dollars, Euros, Pounds and US Dollars

### Deposit Methods

Bank Wire Transfer, Citadel (except for U.S. customers), CLICK2PAY (except for new U.S. customers), eChecks by iGM-Pay, ECO Card, Firepay (except for U.S. customers), MasterCard, Moneybookers (except for U.S. customers), Neteller (except for U.S. customers), Pay Spark, PlaySafe Card, UseMyBank, Visa and Visa Delta

### Player Location Restrictions for US Players

Casino Classic does not accept U.S. players in Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Michigan, New Jersey, Nevada, New York, Oregon, South Dakota, Washington and Wisconsin.

## **Casino Classic Offers 1 Hour Promotion**

*09 Feb 2006*

(PRESS RELEASE) -- How is it that Casino Classic can afford to give this much away...to EVERYONE?!

Imagine walking into a casino, being given \$500 free, playing your favourite games for 1 hour and walking away with your winnings...

Sound too good to be true? Not at Casino Classic where you can claim the best bonus on the net.

**THIS REALLY IS RISK FREE PLAY!**

"I decided to try the 1 hour free promotion and won just over \$150. Fantastic! Thanks Casino Classic."

Join loads of other players who have already taken advantage of this promotion. It's simple, all you have to do is download the software, register a real account, click on the free play button and you will be up and running for the most exciting hour of play!! Anything you win up to \$200 is yours to keep, you can then take your time playing your free money at the casino.

When it comes to game choice, you can't go past Casino Classic. All your favorites are represented and the odds are great. With state of the art graphics and sounds it's easy to believe you are in the center of the action in Las Vegas.

And the great thing about this promotion is that should you experience a run of bad luck, you can still claim \$20 free when you purchase \$20 at the casino.

The clock is ticking...you have exactly 1 hour to make as much money as you can!

## Casino Classic Screen

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Casino Classic website. The browser's address bar shows the URL: [http://www.casinoclassic.com/default.asp?atl\\_id=6115F163715F415615F84215F2515F56615F31](http://www.casinoclassic.com/default.asp?atl_id=6115F163715F415615F84215F2515F56615F31). The website has a green and black color scheme. The main content area features a woman in a red dress on the left, a roulette wheel and cards in the center, and promotional text on the right. The text includes: "STEP 1: Download and install the software.", "STEP 2: Register an account.", "STEP 3: Start Your Free Play.", "Read Instructions", "We will give you \$500 and 60 minutes to make as much money as you can.", "CLICK HERE", "Play and win slots, video poker, progressive slots and table games. [View Casino Games](#)", "NO DOWNLOAD VERSION", "Some Online Flash Games No Downloads. Play Instantly.", "PLAY NOW", "Meet our staff! Get to know our 24/7 Customer Service center staff. [Click Here](#)". The footer contains logos for "echeck", "18+", "CASINO REWARDS LOYALTY PROGRAM", "PERCENTAGE PROFIT REVIEWED BY INDEPENDENT AUDITORS", "RAITAWAKE", "Powered by microgaming", and "COGRA PLAY IT SAFE". The footer also includes navigation links: "Home | About Us | Getting Started | Winners | Terms and Conditions | Responsible Gambling | Newsletter | Auditor Reports | Games List | Links | Site Map" and copyright information: "© Copyright 2007 - Casino Classic".

## Casino Classic Games

### Card, Parlour and Table Games

- American Roulette
- Baccarat
- Bonus Pai Gow Poker
- Cyberstud Poker
- NEWEuropean Roulette Gold
- French Roulette
- NEWGold Series Big Five Blackjack
- NEWGold Series Classic Blackjack
- NEWGold Series Vegas Downtown Blackjack
- NEWGold Series Vegas Strip Blackjack
- MultiHand Atlantic City Blackjack
- NEWMultiHand Spanish Blackjack
- Poker Pursuit
- Sic Bo
- Tens or Better
- Vegas Craps
- Vegas Strip Blackjack
- Atlantic City Blackjack
- Bonus Blackjack
- Casino War
- European Blackjack
- European Roulette
- NEWGold Series Atlantic City Black..
- NEWGold Series Bonus Blackjack
- NEWGold Series European Blackjack
- NEWGold Series Vegas Single Deck B..
- Multihand 3 Card Poker
- MultiHand Blackjack
- MultiHand Vegas Strip Blackjack
- Scratch Card
- Spanish Blackjack
- Three Card Poker
- Vegas Downtown Blackjack



## **Bodog Casino**

[www.bodog.com](http://www.bodog.com)

Bodog Casino is a casino using RealTime Gaming software licensed in Kahnawake. It is one of 3 online gaming sites owned by Bodog.com. The site supports both downloadable software and the ability to place a wager without a download.

Open up an account today and receive a 10% bonus.

## **Bodog Casino Owner**

[Bodog.com](http://Bodog.com)

Ejecutivo La Sabana

Edificio 7, 5 Piso

San Jose, San JosÃ©

Costa Rica

## **Customer Support**

Customer Service - [service@bodog.com](mailto:service@bodog.com)

Technical Support - [casino@bodog.com](mailto:casino@bodog.com)

Support Options Available - E-mail Entry Form

Toll Free General Information - (888) 263-0000

## **Supported Languages**

English

## **Currencies Accepted**

US Dollars

## **Deposit Methods**

Bank Wire Transfer, CLICK2PAY (except for new U.S. customers), eWallet Xpress, MasterCard, Moneybookers (except for U.S. customers), Neteller (except for U.S. customers), NUCharge and Visa

## **Bodog cuts back on U.S. ads, moves to Antigua**

*06 Dec 2006*

Online gambling giant Bodog.com Entertainment says it is pulling gaming advertising in the U.S. in order to focus on international expansion. The company also announced it has shifted its global headquarters from Costa Rica to Antigua.

The company calls its advertising pullback "extensive" and says it applies to television, radio, magazine and newspapers ads for its free-play Bodog.net site in the U.S. market.

"Though the online gaming environment in the U.S. seems to be headed down a path toward eventual regulation, the current climate calls for even more focus of our gaming-related advertising dollars into markets that face Europe and Asia," said Bodog founder and CEO Calvin Ayre in a statement. "We couldn't be better positioned to build upon our current success and growth and to continue our aggressive push toward international expansion into markets such as Europe and Asia."

The company did not announce whether it would continue to advertise on U.S.-facing Internet sites and gaming portals. As of this posting, Bodog has not returned Casino City's calls for comment. Bodog will continue to advertise its television, music and publishing products in the U.S.

Bodog recently completed the relocation of its global head office and gaming operations from Costa Rica to Antigua. The company initiated the move in mid-November upon acquiring Betcorp, the owner of BetWWTS. Betcorp's operations were based in Antigua. "This is another step aimed toward strengthening our business model," said Ayre. "This accords our gaming division a license in a safe, reliable and well-regulated jurisdiction and Antigua is also the right jurisdiction from where to run our European expansion." Some of Bodog's data entry offices as well as its charity division and part of its television production division will remain in Costa Rica.

## Table Games

Baccarat  
Blackjack  
Caribbean Holdem  
Caribbean Stud  
Craps  
Let'Em Ride  
Pai Gow Poker  
Roulette  
Tri-Card Poker  
And more

## Bodog Main Screen



## Bet US Casino

[www.betus.com](http://www.betus.com)

Bet US Casino is a casino using DGS software licensed in Kahnawake. A download is not required to place a wager.

### Support and Contract Information:

Accounts - [newaccount@BetUS.com](mailto:newaccount@BetUS.com)

Affiliate - [affiliates@refersmart.com](mailto:affiliates@refersmart.com)

Marketing - [marketing@BetUS.com](mailto:marketing@BetUS.com)

Technical Support - [webmaster@BetUS.com](mailto:webmaster@BetUS.com)

Support Options Available - Live Chat

Toll Free General Information - (800) 973-6659

### Supported Languages

English

### Currencies Accepted

US Dollars

### Deposit Methods

Bank Wire Transfer, Check, Electronic Funds Transfer and Neteller (except for U.S. customers)

## BetUS.com announces move to Cake Poker Network

*03 Mar 2007*

(PRESS RELEASE) -- BetUS.com confirmed today that they will be switching over to the Cake Poker Network (CKPN) later this week. Cake is considered one of the premier providers of online poker software and is one of the highest trafficked poker networks in the world.

"This is a HUGE day for BetUS.com, we couldn't be happier about working with the team over at Cake. Their software is extremely user-friendly and they have some fantastic back-end tools that will help us quickly emerge as one of the top poker brands in the world," said BetUS spokesperson Reed Richards.

The combination of CKPN's software and BetUSPoker.com's strength at developing industry-leading promotions will surely lead them into the forefront of the poker industry. Here are a few of the highlights:

Over \$100,000 in guaranteed tournaments every week and growing.

100% New Deposit Bonuses which is released incrementally during play Great refer-a-friend reward bonus

Players will be rewarded with valuable collectable tokens: Gold Chips and Gold Cards. Gold Chips allow players to enter into exclusive cash prize tournaments and are earned through frequent play at real money ring games and tournaments.

Gold Cards are awarded strictly to ring game players who can then turn them into cash 5 different ways, including a daily lottery and a Grand Prize of \$52,000.

Fun "Bounty tournaments" where everyone at the table has a bounty on their head and players can collect that bounty by knocking out their opponents

A variety of Tournaments including Shootout, Turbo and Re-buy/Add-on formats are available

Crazy Payout tournaments where winning 4th or 5th place awards the largest payout Graphical Hand History which gives player an easy-to-read breakdown of the last hands they've played at a table

Realistic room layout and avatars where players can choose from 20 different photo-realistic characters to play as at the tables.

Players can change their player name themselves once every 7 days to help counter poker tracking devices

A welcome home to all U.S. players

A CKPN Spokesperson expressed his enthusiasm about the agreement by saying "Cake Poker Network is very pleased to welcome the BetUS team to CKPN. With the addition of one of the most reputable and widely recognized online sportsbooks, this partnership positions BetUS and CKPN to become the solution of choice for poker players in the U.S. and abroad."

About BetUS.com

A new generation of recreational gamers is emerging across North America. BetUS.com is a leading online sports entertainment website, providing a safe and secure place for online gambling for over a decade.

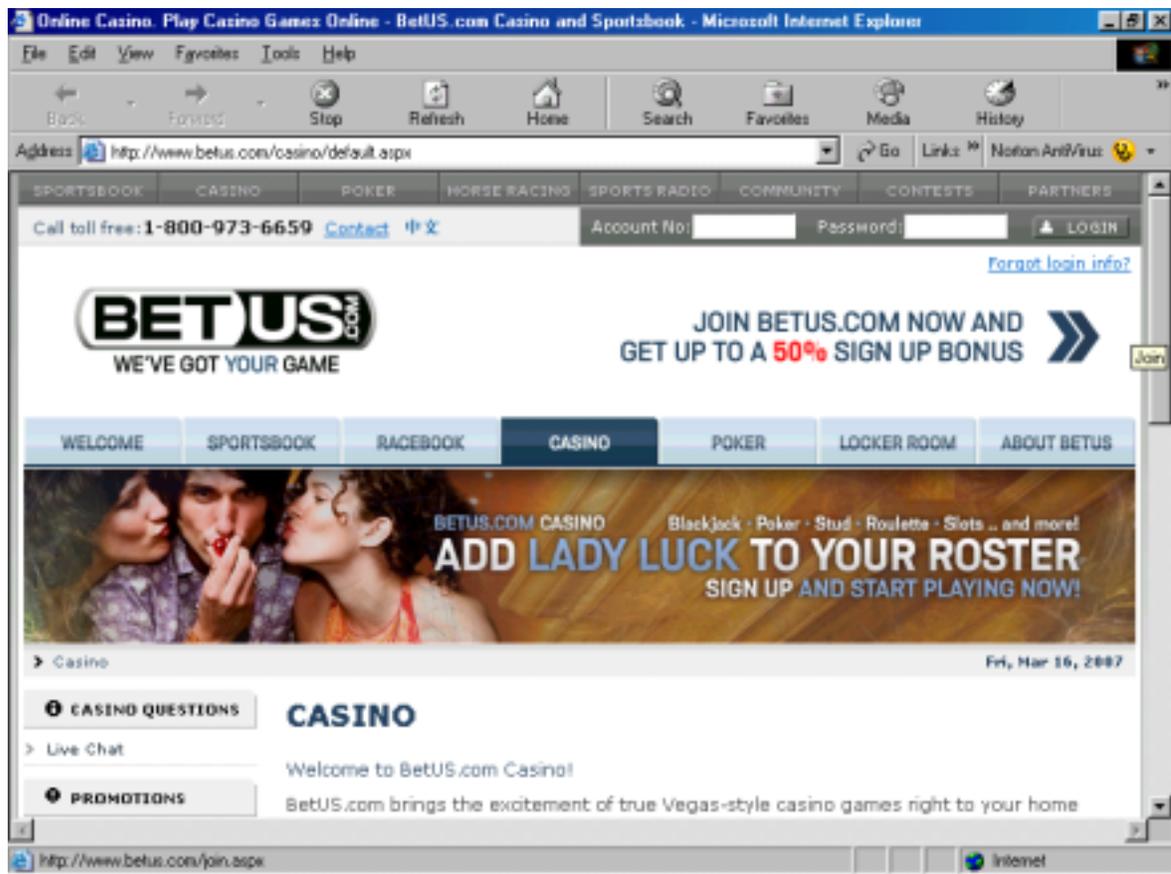
About CakePoker

CakePoker has developed our own innovative and industry leading software to provide our players with an enhanced and enjoyable poker experience. We have brought our players several new features that are unique to the online poker world and allow us to give even more back to our players.

## Games

BetUS.com offers all your favorite Casino games: Baccarat, Blackjack, Roulette, Slots, Video Poker, Pai Gow and more! Get the same or better odds on real stakes online games as on those offered at the land-based casinos you already know and love.

## Bet US Screen



# English Harbour Casino

[www.englishharbour.com](http://www.englishharbour.com)

[www.ehnewventures.com](http://www.ehnewventures.com)

English Harbour Casino is a downloadable casino using Vegas Technology software licensed in Antigua and Barbuda. It is one of 6 online gaming sites owned by E.H. New Ventures Gaming, Inc.

English Harbour Casino has been providing the ultimate online gambling experience since 1997. Fully licensed by the Government of Antigua and Barbuda, English Harbour Casino is operated by EH New Ventures Inc. out of St. John's, Antigua. This casino provides high quality online gambling that features the best technology, software and infrastructure on the Internet.

## Ownership

E.H. New Ventures Gaming, Inc.  
8 Airport Road  
St. Johns, Antigua  
Antigua and Barbuda

## Support & Contact Information

Support - [support@englishharbour.com](mailto:support@englishharbour.com)

Customer Service - [cashier@virtualexchange.com](mailto:cashier@virtualexchange.com)

General Information - +599 9-733-1285 Toll Free General Information - (866) 369-2684

## Supported Languages

English

## Currencies Accepted

Euros, Pounds and US Dollars

## Deposit Methods

Bank Wire Transfer, Check, e-Check, Firepay (except for U.S. customers), MasterCard, Neteller (except for U.S. customers), Prepaid ATM and Visa

## Games

Craps  
Blackjack  
Roulette

Stud Poker  
Slot Games  
Video games

## English Harbour Main Screen



# **Roxy Palace Online Casino**

[www.roxypalace.com](http://www.roxypalace.com)

Roxy Palace Online Casino is a downloadable casino using Microgaming software licensed in Kahnawake.

## **Support and Contact Information**

Info - [casinorules@roxypalace.com](mailto:casinorules@roxypalace.com)

Support - [support@roxypalace.com](mailto:support@roxypalace.com)

Accounts - [accounts@roxypalace.com](mailto:accounts@roxypalace.com)

Technical Support - [techsupport@roxypalace.com](mailto:techsupport@roxypalace.com)

Support Options Available - International Phone Support

Toll Free Canada - (866) 509-1827 Toll Free General Information - (800) 231-5503

Toll Free United Kingdom - +44 800-7314292

## **Supported Languages**

English and French

## **Currencies Accepted**

Euros, Pounds and US Dollars

## **Deposit Methods**

Citadel (except for U.S. customers), CLICK2PAY (except for new U.S. customers), Diners, Firepay (except for U.S. customers), MasterCard, Neteller (except for U.S. customers), Pay Spark and Visa

## **Player Location Restrictions**

Roxy Palace Online Casino does not accept U.S. players in Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Michigan, New Jersey, Nevada, New York, Oregon, South Dakota, Washington and Wisconsin.

## **French player wins RoxyPalace.com jackpot**

*01 Nov 2006*

PARIS, France – (PRESS RELEASE) -- RoxyPalace.com is celebrating another online progressive jackpot win but this time the winner struck it lucky in France. Having placed a 4.5 euros bet, Jean Robert F from Lorient, France is today a cool 121,589.11 Euros richer after playing on Treasure Nile online progressive slot game.

This has come as a huge surprise to Jean and is another great day for player's favourite RoxyPalace.com, who have grown from strength to strength since its launch in 2002.

Treasure Nile is a five reel, nine payline and nine coin slot machine. The multiple paylines increase the player's chance of winning and the games progressive jackpot is activated when the player bets on nine coins.

Jean could barely hide his joy. "Hitting the jackpot was a truly great surprise. For sometime I wasn't sure if it was for real. My wife and I enjoy playing at roxypalace.com as they feel like a "real" casino, not just online. RoxyPalace.com is the best online casino in everyway, including our first class trip to Paris to celebrate."

RoxyPalace.com spokesperson said, "Our players are on a winning streak, we have had a number of big Jackpot winners this year, RoxyPalace.com get very excited when a Jackpot hits as it could be anywhere in the world."

RoxyPalace.com is one of the most popular casinos online, especially amongst slot players. It has over 150 casino games including over 100 slot games which range from Video, Bonus and Jackpot Slots to regular 3 Reel Slots.

# Roxy Palace Main Screen

The screenshot shows the Roxy Palace Online Casino main screen in Microsoft Internet Explorer. The browser's address bar displays <http://www.roxypalace.com/>. The page features a navigation menu with links for Getting Started, Help, Banking, Download Free Software, Players Club, Promotions, and Contact Us. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Language:** English | Français | Deutsch | Italiano | Nederlands
- Currency:** \$ | € | £ | EDN\$
- Game Promotions:** Four featured games with their respective jackpots: **Millions** (\$258,560.00), **Golden Casino** (\$132,005.50), **MEGA MEGA MOOLAH** (\$1,340,466.06), and **Fortune** (\$489,427.91).
- HOW TO PLAY:** A list of steps: 1. Download and install free software, 2. Register an account, 3. Deposit and Play. Below this are benefits: Quick Payouts, Safe and Secure, 24/7 Support, Fair Gaming, and Complete Privacy.
- JACKPOTS NOW PAYING:** \$2,858,832.54
- OVER 200 GAMES:** A grid of game categories: Slots (46 games), Video Slots (74 games), Jackpot Slots (15 games), Blackjack (37 games), Video Poker (41 games), and Table Games (54 games).
- LATEST WINNERS:** Winner: Kirk G., Game: Legacy, Date: 14 Mar 2007, Amount: 10,575.
- Jackpot Winner:** April 5th 2006, Roxy Palace Player Wins \$1,427,369.
- Download Now:** A large button with the text "CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD NOW" and "Up to \$100".

The browser's status bar at the bottom shows the URL <http://www.roxypalace.com/download/dodownload.aspx> and the Internet icon.

