

The "Illegal Of The Day" team were hijacked for this one. *vbg* It is a little long but well worth the read.

Westen Charles found the Intercaribe chips a couple months ago. He asked for the hub record and it was a big surprise to me. Florida! We can only hope. *vbg* Has to be Caribbean, in our opinions.

OK lets go to work. Below you will read a lot of research done on the chips. We brought in everyone we knew that had knowledge of the Caribbean. Including one that did not want his name used as he was in the DR.

I hope I have the research in readable order. John Genualdi has a \$5 hub as a UFC. Thanks to Michael Siskin for contact info for Ralph Pollack and New Jersey Bob Ginsburg. If I get a reply from NJ Bob before I upload tomorrow, I will add it. Charles Kaplan chipped in with the 1st newspaper article below. Once again our "Friend Of The Hobby" filled a lot of holes. If I forgot to give credit to any one please forgive me and chime in.

This was the biggest team effort on research to date. Unfortunately to date we cannot say for sure we have an ID. I have an opinion. What's yours?

We are hoping one of you guys out there come up with a matchbook, ash tray, dice etc.

Enough of that:



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F.J. (Bud) Sweet

738 N. Crescent Dr.

Hollywood, FL

600 chips – no date. \$1 and \$5 denoms.

They were shipped to someone in Florida but I would bet they are Caribbean.

Hubs would likely be a reorder from Mason, the dies are different.

Smky saw some good play, with rounded edges. (see attached)

Westen

I'm cc'ing Gene on this.... Gene, could you please look into the dice die records that are available, maybe there will be something there to help.

Thanks again gents...

My note: No dice records found in what we have access to.

Westen

Date range for the chip order: Oct.1958--Mar.1978

The house at 738 N Crescent was built in 1958. The Sweet's purchased the property in October 1958.

When Bud divorced his wife in March 1978 they were still in possession of the house. Ex-wife sold it in 1980.

In 1961, when the articles I sent say Bud was operating in Curacao & Ciudad Trujillo.

Email reply from Louis Alvarez who is writing a book on the Dominican Republic rules out the DR.

(regarding Sweet's DR casino)

In regards to your question. First, that chip is NOT FROM THE DR For Sure. The name Ciudad Trujillo implies that the Dictator was alive in his last days or had died but still quite a bit of chaos in the DR. The name was switched to Santo Domingo within a year after his death.

During his era there were only 3 casinos, La Voz Dominicana, Jaragua and Embajador. That was it. The Voz was owned and managed by the family and closed soon after the death of Trujillo. It was the Govrmt voice (radio Station) and it represented the hated regime. So, it was closed and burned.

The Jaragua was managed by an American Company from the beginning, although owned by the Trujillos, same story with the Embajador. So, the person you mentioned may have "managed" either the Jaragua or Embajador, but the ownership was 100% Trujillo, like everything in the island.

The chip for many other reason, including the name, could not be from the DR. No casinos opened for a long time after Trujillos death. The country was in chaos for a while, there was a revolution and tourism attracted few. The first era of casinos in the DR is well documented. Now, is one of the top 5 countries wit # of casinos per capita. And that is just the legal ones/

Luis.

I sent an email to a friend that manages a casino there, he worked under some of the older owners from the Chantilly, he may have some info if it is from DR

Talk to you soon,

Westen

Email from the friend:

Hi,

It seems that these plans were never concluded. May 1961, Dictator Rafael Trujillo was assassinated after 31 years of regime and the following years were very messed up. These ended in a Civil up rise in 1965, and a US-led invasion to the country.

The casino Bud was operating in Curacao was the Inter-Continental.

Credit to Charles Kaplan for this article.

[The Miami News - Jul 15, 1964](#) [Browse this newspaper »](#) [Browse all newspa](#)

Miami Confidential

Freshman legislator-to-be Kenneth Myers is prepping a reapportionment plan to present to the Dade delegation this month. It'll provide for a 100-member House of Representatives, with 18 members for Dade. The Senate would be apportioned on the basis of U. S. Congressional Districts, with two senators for each district . . . Constable John Gilbert's one of the signers of a petition that'll be presented to Metro Commission requesting exclusive use by surf-board fans of the beach area between Haulover Park fishing pier and Haulover Cut . . . Cliff Jones, former Lt. Gov. of Nevada, has taken over the gambling casino in the Curacao Intercontinental Hotel. The hotel, incidentally is about ready to add a new wing. And Bud Sweet of Hollywood (Fla.), who ran the casino for some years, is expected to head the casino in the a-building Bonaire Hotel . . . Prince Serge Obolensky weekendend aboard the Imperial Bahama boatel in Freeport . . . Who says you can't buy happiness? Mal Marshall, the Miami playcation-wear manufacturer, just bought himself a Rolls Royce and says he's never been happier



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Freeport

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Hey again Friend,

The city directory has "Bud" at:

H. 1544 Jefferson in (1958) and then

H. 738 N Crescent Dr. in (1960) "where the chips were delivered"

Can you tell how long he was at that address? That may give us a better time period. I can't find city directory past 1960 online.

1960 is kind of early for Bonaire or Curacao but possible.

1st Casino in Curacao is the Inter-Continental Curacao, opened in 57'

1st Casino in Bonaire" in "Casino Bonaire" opened in 64'

Weston.

Cool find Westen. Floyd died in 2006 in Hollywood, FL. The Savoy, TX guy has no connection to him.

My note: We had a different FJ Sweet in Savoy, TX that had to be eliminated.

Floyd's obit from 2006 (plenty of relatives listed if you want to contact some <g>):

Floyd Sweet

Miami Herald, The (FL) - Tuesday, September 26, 2006

FL United States

SWEET, FLOYD "BUD," 86, of Hollywood, FL, passed away Saturday, September 23, 2006. Mr. Sweet was born in Cass County, Indiana on May 27, 1920. He was at Fort Benjamin Harris Army Post, 1936. He was with the U.S. Naval Service in 1944. Resident of Hollywood since 1940. Mr. Sweet had business in the Caribbean, Central America and South America before his retirement in 2000. Bud will be missed by all the friends that he made. He is survived by his wife Sally M. Sweet of California; his sisters Bernice Grover of Wabash, Indiana and Donna Seely of California; daughters Candy Nichols of Orlando, FL and Robin Wagner of Hollywood, FL, son Mark Sweet of New York; grandsons Randy Nichols of Denver, CO, Chris and Robin Nichols of Orlando, FL, Sean McClenahan of Las Vegas, NV, Trace Nichols of Denver, CO, granddaughters Nicole Wagner of Hollywood, FL, Talia Nichols of Denver, CO and Rose Obenauf of Hollywood, FL and numerous friends and relatives and people whose lives he touched. National Cremation Society, West Palm Beach. To visit this Guest Book Online, go to www.herald.com/obituaries.

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He was associated with several casinos in the Caribbean, including the Hilton Curacao and the Casino Bonaire in Nederland Antilles (as well as stuff in Florida).

July 24, 1961:

Twenty businessmen from Hollywood, Fla striking out by plane this month for the Caribbean and Latin America in search of a "sister city" for their town. Broward County Commissioner Herb Burke checks out of town today on a trip to the Dominican Republic and Curacao. So is Bud Sweet, who lives in Hollywood Hills when he isn't running the casinos in Ciudad Trujillo and Curacao.

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Dec. 22, 1961:

And Bud Sweet of Lauderdale Hills, operator of casinos in Ciudad Trujillo and Curacao, will open a night spot on U. S. 1, across highway from South Pacific Restaurant. It'll be called the Belvedere . . .

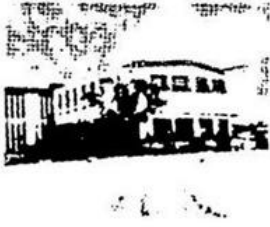
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pic of Sweet and John Scarne circa 1966 at Bonaire (Scarne is playing slots):



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1965--



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Miami Office, 377-3575

BONAIRE TOURIST BUREAU
Krolendijk, Bonaire
Netherlands Antilles

or

BONAIRE INFORMATION CENTER
1270 Avenue of the Americas
New York 20, N. Y.

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MIAMI CONFIDENTIAL: Up for grabs is 60-room semi-luxury Bonaire Hotel and Casino, in which a couple of Miami-ans lost their shirts, on Dutch island of Bonaire in south Caribbean. Hotel, now in hands of Dutch Antilles Government trustee, on the auction block April 7. Understand three groups, none of which are Miami-ans, planning to bid for the premises. One group is the Arthur Frommer hotel chain, which has been operating the Bonaire Hotel since December on lease basis; and which also has a hotel in neighboring Curacao. (The two Miami-ans who lost a pile in this place are State Sen. Richard Fincher and Beach architect Robert Swartburg. Casino in the hotel is operated by Bud Sweet of Hollywood, Fla., who also runs the casino in the Hilton Hotel in Curacao) . . .

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Post mentioning Sweet on the Chip Board:

<http://www.thechipboard.com/archives/archives.pl/bid/318/md/read/id/741205/sbj/ex-special-chip-added-to-the-caribbean-chipguide/>

Info from Ralph Pollack

Hi Gene

Yes, I have correspondence from Sally Sweet

Some dates in the research do not jive with her dates.....

Will do more research

Hi Gene

FACTS;

1. I do know that Bud had chips made with "FJS" on it with the Ewing mold and ordered in 1969, 1,5 25 & 100 dollars denominations
2. His first time in Curacao @ Intercontinental was 1959, before that he was in DR

Best

Ralph

Scan credit to Chipguide.

<http://www.caribbeanchipguide.com/chip2.php?primarykey=curhil&sort=type>



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Opinions are welcome. Sometimes the smallest clue can trigger new research and give us the answer we are searching for..