



Cricket Hall of Fame's director Michael Chambers, left, receives plaque from United States Cricket Promoters' president Roy Sweeney.

Cricket Hall of Fame's director honored

The director for Hartford's Cricket Hall of Fame, Michael Chambers, was recently honored for his contributions to the sport in the region. Occasion was the New York Metropolitan & District Cricket Association's Annual Awards Presentation which took place at the Antun's catering facility in New York, Saturday, November 19..

Chambers, who took over the leadership of the prestigious institution five years ago, was among a group of individuals who were recognized at the

function for their hard work in helping to preserve the game of cricket in the region.

"I thank you for the honor," Chambers said, "and I hope that cricketers will continue to support the Hall of Fame in its efforts to recognize all those who have made outstanding contributions towards the game whether as a player or just a lover of the game."

He also called on U.S. cricket administrators to work together to bring the level of the sport in the U.S. in line with that of other countries. "We cannot continue to rely on the International Cricket Conference (ICC) to move the game along in this country, we have to do it by ourselves, he said.

Taking a crack at West Indies cricket which has slipped badly over the past couple of years, Chambers said that in his opinion, technology is responsible for the decline of the team. Introduction of a professional competition in the West Indies may be the only way to bring West Indian cricket back to its glory days, he said.

The Metropolitan Association, founded in 1879, is one of the oldest cricket associations in the region. Presently 19 clubs participate in the competition which is conducted in two divisions.