

Cricket Hall of Fame to mark 25th anniversary with grand celebration

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Cricket Hall of Fame and a grand induction ceremony is planned for Saturday, October 7, at the Marriott Hotel, downtown Hartford. Plans for the event have not been finalized as yet, but the organizers are promising that it will be just as entertaining, exciting and enlightening as previous ceremonies. The theme for the celebration will be “Founding Fathers.”

Among the nominees are Denzil Powell of Poughkeepsie, New York, Lloyd Scott, of the United States Cricket Umpires Association and George Wilson of Bridgeport.

Powell, one of the oldest persons still playing the game in the northeast region, holds the distinction of being one of the only cricketers in the world to own his own field. Scott played an instrumental role in the launching of the United States Cricket Umpires Association, which is based in New York, while Wilson is credited as being one of the founders of the now thriving Connecticut Cricket League.

International nominees for this year’s induction include former England all-rounder, Tony Greig, former Indian opener Chetan Chauhan, Australian batsman Ian Chappell and Antigua/Texas cricket enthusiast Allen Stanford. Former Australian mogul and cricket enthusiast Kerry Packer, will be inducted posthumously. Chauhan, opening partner of Indian legend Sunil Gavaskar, served in the Indian Parliament, and made outstanding contributions to the sport especially after his playing days.

The organizers are working feverishly to try and get some of the former inductees to be present at the function.