

Cricket Hall of Fame moves to more spacious quarters

Hartford's Cricket Hall of Fame is getting close to realizing its dream of becoming a museum that will add to the tourist attractions that are presently available in the city. Through the initiative of its director, Michael Chambers, the Hall of Fame has moved to more spacious quarters at the same location and is presently undergoing extensive refurbishing.

Following the completion of the refurbishing, a grand opening will be held on Friday, July 18, in conjunction with Sportmen's Club, who this year will be celebrating its 40th anniversary. The interior of the Sportmen's Club is also undergoing extensive renovation to bring the facility in line with others of its kind, president John Barrett said.

Established in 1981, by members of Sportmen's, the Hall of Fame's first Induction Dinner was held October 17, 1981, at the Hartford Holiday Inn Hotel. A capacity crowd which was in a festive mood helped celebrate the induction of its first inductees, James Gabriel, John Law and Lloyd Walford, for their contribution to the sport in the U.S., and former West Indian stars Alfred Valentine, Lance Gibbs and Wesley Hall.

A decision to move the induction ceremony to New York resulted in a five-year stagnation of the institution. However, since its revival in 1997, the Hall of Fame has inducted former world cricket stars Sir Vivian Richards of Antigua and Indian batting legend Sunil Gavaskar. The Hall of Fame which has since regained its respect in the community has also taken over the popular Six-a-Side tournament held each year in Hartford and also aided deserving charities.

Members of the cricketing community who may have in their possession books, photographs, cricket objects, artifacts, films or other of historical significance of the sport are urged to consider donating them to the Hall of Fame.

Hartford's Cricket Hall of Fame is a division of the Sportsmen's Athletic Club.

Please stop by the new location at 2000, Main Street , Hartford,CT