

Cricket Board celebrate in style

By HERMAN ROOP DASS Tuesday, January 5 2010

AZIM BASSARATH, newly elected president of the Trinidad and Tobago Cricket Board (TTCB) has a new approach to the administration of local cricket.

The local government technocrat was the guiding light at the TTCB's Christmas Get-together on Saturday night on the compound of the Sir Frank Worrell Development Centre in Balmain, Couva

The well-attended event was planned to say a big and sincere "thank you" to all those who have contributed over the years to the development of the game in the country and in the region.

And one key person in the audience was the veteran administrator Alloy Lequay, whose vision it was to establish the centre on lands formerly owned by Caroni (1975) Limited.

Lequay left four years ago after being defeated by Deryck Murray in national executive elections and had been to the Sir Frank Worrell Development Centre since.

Lequay was overjoyed at being invited by this new regime and he was warmly greeted by the president Bassarath and other executive members when he arrived looking dapper as usual in casual yet elegant evening wear.

"The last time I was here was four years ago when I walked down the stairs and said goodbye," Lequay said. "Today I am glad to be back to celebrate with you and I am particularly happy to see so many old faces," he said.

In a short speech welcoming the specially invited guests, Bassarath said: "I am here to extend thanks for all that you have done. We have not forgotten you for the contribution you have made to the TTCB.

Without naming the many sponsors who have been supporting the TTCB over time, Bassarath paid tribute to them saying "Without your help we would not be where we are today."

He extended best wishes of the season to all TTCB committee members for their continued contribution to the development of the game.

A Special Award was handed out to Ann Brown-John, an Executive Member of the the TTCB for her contribution to cricket and other sports throughout the years.

Brown-John played cricket and hockey for Trinidad and Tobago and is a former school teacher.

Her outstanding resume was outlined in an address delivered by Patrick Rampersad, an executive member of the TTCB

At present Browne-John is the Technical Advisor to the Trinidad and Tobago Women's Cricket Team.

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TOP CRICKET officials, from left Patrick Rampersad, Arjoon Ramlal (TTCB Secretary); and Baldath Mahabir enjoyed pleasant company. ...

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