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WATERBURY – The United Cricket Club continues to make the most of its 20th anniversary this summer as Waterbury's sole cricket organization, with the most recent celebration plans including an all-star meeting this morning at City Mills Park.

When the Connecticut Cricket League plays the Southern Connecticut Cricket Association at 11:30 a.m., the growth of the UCC over the years will be evident, as it enjoys the longest run of any cricket club in Waterbury's history.

Formerly a member of both the CCL and SCCA, the United Cricket Club is now a member of the Commonwealth Cricket League (as of 2010) – the premiere cricket league in New York.

However, UCC has roots in both leagues that will be playing today.

UCC President Arnold Arnajallum spoke to the significance each league played in the club's history and how the clash of both today is a fitting way to celebrate 20 years in Waterbury.

"Prior to our 20 years, there were several different clubs in Waterbury, but none lasted. Since our start, we maintained," said Arnajallum. "Most people thought we would last just a year or two. Not only are we existing, but we are a vibrant club."

A picnic will take place throughout the match, while an award presentation is scheduled afterward to distribute trophies. The winning team will receive a trophy and the best player will be awarded MVP, both sponsored by U.S. Cricket Gear.

Remarks are planned by both league presidents and team captains to commemorate the CCL and SCCA's first-ever meeting in Waterbury. A "champion of Connecticut" will be crowned based on the result.

"If it wasn't for our vibrant executive committee, club members and supporters, none of this would be possible," said Arnajallum. "I'd also like to thank Mayor O'Loary, the Waterbury Recreation Department, our sponsors and donors. It's a collective achievement."

