

BIN WALSH, COURTNEY

# RJR lauds Walsh

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THE RJR Communications Group paid tribute to Ambassador Courtney Walsh O.J. with a lavish, yet intimate awards dinner at Le Meridien Jamaica Pegasus Hotel on Tuesday night.

Walsh was honoured for his innumerable achievements during a 17-year career as a Jamaica and West Indies Test cricketer. He was presented with a citation and a wooden token of a bowler in action.

The idea to honour Walsh was the brainchild Norma Brown-Bell, public relations/sports marketing consultant and radio personality.

"We thought it fitting to honour Courtney because he has done so much for himself and for Jamaica. As the station that has carried cricket over a period of time, it just falls into place.

"We also thought of making it intimate

because we know he likes his privacy. He's very humble that way," she said.

Brown-Bell is toying with the idea of recognising other sporting icons in a similar matter. "There is always something in the making," she said.

Group managing director/chairman Lester Spaulding, who made the presentations to Walsh said: "Jamaica itself is proud of Courtney Walsh. And Radio Jamaica, the pioneer in local radio, thought it fitting to honour him and recognise his greatness.

"He has been so much a part of Jamaican heritage. Where we feel that athletes have improved and represented Jamaica in an outstanding manner, they too stand to be recognised."

Sharing the moment with Walsh was his mother Joan Wollaston and his two children, Courtney Walsh Jnr and Crystal, as well as many representatives of the RJR Communications Group.



-DENNIS COKE

RJR's Group managing director/chairman Lester Spaulding (right) making a presentation to former West Indies pacer Courtney Walsh at the Le Meridien Jamaica Pegasus on Tuesday night. ■

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