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“The Eagle” would like to wish all ONs a happy, healthy, progressive and prosperous “**New Year 2003**”! We would also like to wish a happy *Lohri* to all ONs since this is the most popular festival in this season in North India. The wishes especially go to those for whom it is their first *Lohri* after marriage (**Harbir Singh Randhawa, J-650 etc**) and to those who have become parents (**Gulshan Bansal, J-653** and **Ashish Garg, B-033 etc**) in the last year.

“The Eagle” should be reaching you when you are just recovering from the holiday mood of Christmas and New Year. We hope this issue will be as informative as the previous issues. This is basically a Post “**ONA Day 2K2**”, “**Founders’ Day**” and a New Year issue. We have tried to give you glimpses of the ONA Day and Founders’ Day happenings apart from the usual information. This time we also carry news about the first ever batch reunion in PPS, that of 1967 ISC Batch. It should motivate other batch reunions in PPS.

For the first time the Founders’ Day, ONA Day and the Batch Reunion were held close together, almost on the same day. The idea is to have the maximum attendance at these events and also to give the ONs visiting PPS, the maximum possible value.

“Founders’ Day”

The “**Founders’ Day**” this year was somewhat different from the usual. Firstly the Chief Guest was not only the CM of Punjab but also a Public School product (Doon School). His speech was cryptic and to the point - not the sermon usually given by politicians or bureaucrats. He showed great appreciation of the hobbies and craft work done by school students and did not just walk through it. In spite of the financial situation of the state, he was generous enough to offer a grant of rupees forty lakh for the maintenance work of the School buildings and Girls’ Hostel. He even promised to give 12 acres of horticultural land to school.

Another unique feature that followed was the announcement by ON **Darshan Singh Dhaliwal (S-5)**. True to his promise of matching the CM's offer, he donated a similar amount to the School from personal funds.

Another first at this year's "**Founders' Day**" was the awarding of "**Roll of Honour**" to **Major General Om Parkash Nandrajog (B-1)** for his outstanding achievement as an ON. This is the first time such an award has been instituted in PPS. It will be given every year to an outstanding Old Student of PPS in recognition of his/her achievements.

The Band, PT and the cultural show put up by the students was of very good quality. The Gymnastics show was indeed breathtaking.

The formal function was followed by Lunch for the whole school, ONs, children and parents at the Tennis Courts.

There was great apprehension and anxiety that the CM being very busy may not come; if he comes, he may be late; he may stay for a short while and push off; he may not stay for Lunch. All these turned out to be false alarms. He not only attended the whole function but was relaxed, enjoyed the Lunch and even stayed for a cup of coffee after Lunch.

The Headmaster **MS Bedi (J-82)** was extremely happy with the conduct of the "**Founders' Day**" and it could be judged by the beaming expression on his face throughout the day.

"ONA Day 2K2"

After an excellent Lunch provided by the School to all the guests on the Founders' Day the Old Nabhaites moved to the Pavate Hall. From 2.30pm the registration for the evening started in the lobby of the Auditorium. After 3.30pm all those present seated themselves in the Auditorium. **Dr Jashanjot (S-52)** introduced to all the Old Nabhaites a game called "*Goldmine*". Basically, the idea behind the game was to meet as many Old Nabhaites as possible from different Batches and take down their particulars on a given sheet. The winners would be the top three Old Nabhaites who had met the maximum number of other Old Nabhaites. Three gold pendants were at stake as prizes. These were sponsored by **Dr Arjinder Singh Bains (B-428)** from his Tanishq Jewellery Showroom in Jalandhar.

As soon as the Headmaster arrived with **Darshan Singh Dhaliwal (S-5)**, the Chief Guest for the ONA Meeting and **Maj Gen Om Parkash Nandrajog (B-1)**, the meeting was called to order by the President **Naveen Talwar (S-71)**. **Mahesh Munjal (S-183)** was asked to conduct the proceedings. He did his job in an excellent and professional manner. The Secretary's Report (for the year 2001-2002) was read out by **Dr Jashanjot** in the absence of **Lt Col BS Grewal (S-50)**, General Secretary, ONA, who was not well. The Headmaster, in his address, welcomed the Old Nabhaites. He was a very happy man as the Founders' Day had gone wonderfully well. The Chief Guest, **Chief Minister Capt**

Amrinder Singh, was ideal. His response to the School was warm. He announced a grant of Rs 40 lakh and 12 acres of land to be given to PPS. Though initially there was a feeling that the Chief Minister would rush off after his speech but it was a great honour for the hosts as the CM not only stayed for Lunch but waited long enough for a post-Lunch coffee. The Headmaster was very pleased with the response of Old Nabhaites to the School. **Darshan Singh Dhaliwal** had announced a donation to PPS matching with Chief Guest's grant. Old Nabhaites like **Dr Preetam Singh (J-242)** and **Dr Rupinder Singh Brar (S-291)** had come forward to offer scholarships to the deserving students in the PPS.

The keynote address at the meeting was delivered by none other than **Maj Gen Om Parkash Nandrajog (B-1)** who had been awarded the "*Roll of Honour*" by the School Board at the Founders' Day function. **Maj Gen Nandrajog** addressed mainly the young Old Nabhaites. He stressed on a strong value system, determination, aiming big and not being cowed down by any road blocks in one's objective. With persistence, hard work and strong belief in one's own self, anything could be achieved.

Due to the paucity of time the accounts for the year 2001-02 could not be presented (this will be done in the next Executive Meeting).

The last part of the meeting was the investiture of Presidency of ONA on **Sqn Ldr Kedar Nath Bansal (J-4)** by the outgoing President **Naveen Talwar (S-71)**. With this the meeting came to a close and the Old Nabhaites were asked to rush to the playground to witness the Horse Show put up by the PPS horse riders. The Horse Show was enjoyed by all the Old Nabhaites. It was a moment of pride for the Nabhaites to see the young riders of the School perform tasks of great skill on horseback.

The Horse Show was followed by a grand Tea in the Junior School lawns, providing an opportunity to the Old Nabhaites to really interact with each other.

After 8pm the scene shifted to the ONA Complex, the venue of the ONA Dinner. The ONA Dinner is a very unique tradition to the Old Nabhaites Association. This Dinner is hosted by the Old Nabhaites where the staff of the School and the families of the ONs are invited as guests. Unlike in the past, the entry to the venue this year was very well regulated by the Ropar Chapter of ONA. The Registration Counters set up for the late arrivals were deluged by a large number of Old Nabhaites but the Jalandhar Chapter and the Bhatinda Chapter did an excellent job. For the first time in ONA Day celebrations the liquor was served on payment as was demanded by most of the Executive Members of the ONA. The Ropar Chapter did an excellent job in handling the Bar. The Nabha Chapter which had been assigned the task of organizing the Venue had done a job par excellence. The whole venue had been very well planned. The lighting, the seating, and the eating stalls had been well managed. The layout of the Dinner was attractive and inviting. The food was sumptuous and delicious.

Due to a difference in the attitude of the senior Old Nabhaites and the youngsters, it was tough deciding whether to have a DJ or not. It is really disturbing when the loud music interferes with your conversation with others. The ONA Day is basically to meet old

friends and talk and share your time with them. On the other hand the youngsters are full of energy and high spirits and are looking forward to dance with the music to channellise their excess energy. Their enjoyment of the ONA Day is incomplete without it. As a compromise this year the DJ was allowed to play after 10.30pm and the dancing continued past midnight after all the senior Old Nabhaites and staff had left. The prizes for the Goldmine game were won by **Dr Jaivir Singh Dhariwal (R-51)**, **Kuljeet Singh (S-0175)** and **Neeraj Sharma (B-833)**.

Col Tej Inder Singh, VSM (S-70)

Secretary's Report

(Salient features)

1. I welcome all the Old Nabhaites to this Annual General Body meeting of ONA.
2. The ONA has completed another successful year
3. Four Executive Committee meetings as enshrined in the Constitution were held during the year at Nabha, Patiala and twice at Ludhiana
4. A new ONA Chapter of Ropar district came into existence. We welcome **Sandeep Singh Sandhu (R-512)** and **Maj GS Benipal (S-420)** as new Executive Members from that Chapter
5. The ONA has now really taken wings with the formation of **Toronto ONA** Chapter (TONA) and **California ONA** Chapter (CONA) in the past year.
6. Due to financial constraints only two issues of "The Eagle" could be brought out but they were very well received by the Old Nabhaties. I would like to thank **Jasbir Singh Ryait (B-413)** and **Toronto Chapter** of ONA for sponsoring these issues.
7. Another feather in the cap of ONA this year was the organization of "PPS Equestrian Show" at Chandigarh. This got rave reviews in all the newspapers. The ONA is indebted to **Kanwar Sandhu (J-106)**, SP Chandigarh Police **HS Dhaliwal (J-728)** and many other Old Nabhaites of Chandigarh for this achievement. The ONA is also grateful to **Pawan Munjal (S-163)** for having sponsored the show.
8. This year we have also come out with Directories of Old Nabhaites, Constitution and photographs and slide shows on a compact disc, which is available on the Life Membership counter for Rs 200/- (it includes Minutes, Constitution, "The Eagles" issues, Photographs from the past and directory). We have only limited CDs so you can place an order for delivery at your residence.
9. A beginning has been made in making the ONs payback to the school. **Dr Preetam Singh (J-242)** of Amritsar has agreed to pay Rs 10,000/- every year on a merit-cum-means basis to a deserving student as long as he is working. We are working on some other proposals too and I hope all of you will come forward in contributing to the school in whatever way you can.
10. The ONA received a distress letter from one of the Old Nabhaites. The ONA was able to help him get a job in his home town.
11. In all it was a very fulfilling year for ONA and I hope the next year will take us to greater heights.

Lt Col BS Grewal, General Secretary, ONA

ISC 1967 Batch Reunion

The Old Nabhaites Association and PPS have taken another unique step to cement the bonds between the Old Nabhaites and their Alma Mater. It has been decided to set a tradition of reunions of some of the old batches of PPS one day before the Founders' Day or the ONA Day in PPS. This year the trend was set by having the reunion of 1967 ISC Batch on the 1st of November, 2002.

The process for the 1967 Batch Reunion was started more than 6 months back. A list of all the students of that year was acquired. Then addresses were collected from all those in touch with ONA through letters, telephone, emails and Internet. The first letter of information regarding the reunion was sent six months back and two more reminders were sent subsequently. The letters were reinforced by personal communications through telephone and Internet. Thus a lot of motivation was infused and further built up in the process.

On the 1st of November about 15 of the 34 ONs of 1967 Batch reunited after a gap of 35 years in the Junior School Library. Five (**Attar Singh (R-49)**, **Tarif Singh (J-53)**, **Lalinder Dhindsa (B-52)**, **Dayapal Singh (B-50)**, **Jasbir Gill (J-43)**) of the Batchmates are no more; another seven (**Basanti Mathoo (R-73)**, **Dr Vineet Mehta (J-72)**, **Dr Karamvir Singh Mann (Ex-Ravi)**, **Dr Shivinder Singh Athwal (B-108)**, **Paramjit Singh Bhullar (Ex-Ravi)**, **Vijay Kanwar (Ex-Beas)**, **Bharat Bhushan Aggarwal (R-76)**) are abroad and could not make it; and, a few could not be located or contacted (**Anil Bhalla (Ex-Ravi)**, **Jasbir Singh (Ex-Sutlej)**, **Inderbir Singh Khokha (Ex-Ravi)**, **Rajiv Joshi (J-102)**). A few (**Col Harjeet Chahal (J-49)**, **Brig GS Dhillon (B-69)**, **Lt Col RJS Dhillon (B-68)**, **Dr Vaneet Mehta (J-72)**, **Jyoti Mahajan (R-5)** nee *Kate*, **Rajiv Nagar (J-63)**, **Kulwinder Singh (R-44)**, **Jeet Singh (R-62)**, **Ripudaman Singh (S-59)**, **Mandip Grewal (R-70)**) sent their best wishes for the occasion and regretted not being able to make it.

The joy and the feelings felt by these Old Boys who made it to PPS on the 1st of November can not be put in words but could only have been experienced. It was a wonder that they could recognize each other. Some of them were bald or in the process of being so (**Amarjit Malik (S-46)**, **Ram Chander Singh (R-54)**). Many had a peppered appearance due to the mixture of white and black on their heads (**Vinod Kashyap (J-65)**, **Jaivir Singh (R-51)**, **Hardeep Dutta (J-64)**, **Vinay Sharma (S-129)**, **Harinder Jolly (S-62)**). While **Dr Jashanjot (S-52)** had gone almost completely gray, **Harpertap Singh (B-45)**, the Head Boy of 1967, **Brig RS Sujlana (B-134)** and **GBS Chhachhi (S-76)**, the topper of ISC Batch, did not appear to have changed much and looked youthful. **Lt Col BS Grewal (S-50)** made it in the nick of time by arriving with his wife straight from the airport after returning from a trip to USA. There was a surprise guest during the meeting, none other than **Vilas Kate (S-96)** with his family (**Vilas's** sister **Jyoti** was a Batchmate of 1967, though he himself was junior). **Vilas** happens to be the younger son of **Mr JK Kate**, the founder Headmaster of the School.

Those who had arrived early, had had Lunch with the Junior School students in the Dining Hall. The smell and noises in the Dining Hall suddenly seemed familiar. We were looked after by Mrs Meena, in-charge, Junior School. The post Lunch session was used up by the group to visit their former dormitories and Houses. A walk about the Junior School revealed the drastic changes that have taken place since 1961. It was an interesting exercise for the memory cells to reconstruct and retrieve what used to be what. The extension of the old building and the construction of the new block behind the Junior School had somehow disturbed the fine architecture of the once Guest House of Nabha State. But then everyone realized that things have to change with time and as per need.

Soon we settled around a row of tables in the Library with the wives at one end and the Old Boys at the other end. What used to be an ISC class in the sixties, was handed over to the Head Boy **Harpatap Singh (B-45)** to conduct the proceedings thereon. **Gurinder Bir Singh Chhachhi (S-76)** initiated the meeting with a unique mark of respect to those Batchmates who were no more in this world today. We prayed silently for one minute for their souls and the second minute was spent on imagining that each one of us was dead and who all would come and say what on our deaths. Following this each one of us recounted what we had done after leaving School, what we were doing today and about our families. Finally it was decided that the Batch would meet again next year in Delhi. The dates were to be finalized later but it would be somewhere in February or March.

After the Meeting we were joined by the Headmaster for a cup of tea. All were familiar with the Headmaster **Mr MS Bedi (J-82)** who was only two years junior to them in School.

After a one hour break we assembled in the Auditorium to witness the Variety Entertainment put up by the PPS students. The English play “Tempest” was enjoyed by all. The show was followed by a detailed prize distribution ceremony. The chief guest was none other than ON **Brig JS Sandhu (R-7)**. The Old Nabhaites could not resist cheering the prize winners from their respective Ex-houses. Old loyalties had not died with time. The Bhangra at the end of the show reminded the 67 Batch of the vigour and enthusiasm that they had once possessed when in PPS.

The post-entertainment evening was spent under open skies where, in high spirits, the old batchmates mingled with the present Headmaster and senior staff and the executive committee members of ONA. Some pre-1967 ONs also joined in from neighbouring areas including **Brig Jodhbir S Sandhu (R-7)** the chief guest of the evening. **Navin Talwar (S-71)** the president of ONA obliged everyone, especially the 1967 ONs, by shooting them with his digital camera for posterity. The evening came to an end early for most as the next day was the “**Founders’ Day**”. However the 1967 ONs continue to revel for some more time till some of them left for their destinations, as they had some commitment or the other the next day.

Col Hardeep Dutta (J-64)

Batch Reunions

The novel experience of the reunion of old batches (as for 1967 Batch this year) in PPS should now become a tradition. Next year there will be reunion of 1968, 69 & 70 batches. There will be a grouping of two or three batches every year till we reach the batch that passed out 25 years back. From then on it will be understood that every batch will have its reunion in PPS after 25 years of passing out from PPS. We hope you will all take interest and make this bonding with school and amongst ourselves a great success.

This year we plan to have a reunion of 1968, 69 and 70 Batches. The students who passed out in these years from PPS may contact the following organizers for their respective batches:

1968 **Col Tej Inder Singh, VSM (S-70)**

Deputy Commander, 120, INF BDE, C/o 56 APO.

Tel: 01962-26005

1969 **Naveen Talwar (S-71)**

M/s Talwar Gas (Opp Govt College for Men), 33, College Rd, Civil Lines,
Ludhiana

Tel: 0161-2428433, 2410634

1970 **Col Sukhpal Shoker (S-117)**

13/4, Mall Road, Jalandhar Cantt

Tel: 0181-2661394

ONA News

Change in ONA Office Bearers

Naveen Talwar (S-71), who had completed his term of presidency, relinquished his post with effect from 2nd November 2002. The Executive Committee Meeting held on 1st of November unanimously elected **Sqn Ldr Kedar Nath Bansal (J-4)** as the President and **Gurdarshan Singh Gill (S-587)** as the Treasurer. **Lt Col BS Grewal (S-50)** continues to remain the General Secretary of ONA.

Welcome Aboard

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The ONA welcomes aboard the following Old Nabhaites who showed their keenness in the ONA by becoming its Life Members on “ONA Day 2K2”:

1. **Lt Col Manbir Singh Hundal (S-113)**
2. **Sohan S Brar (J-274)**
3. **Simrat Pal Singh Choudhary (J-284)**
4. **Shwinderpal Singh Gill (J-270)**
5. **Maj Manjinder Singh Guram (S-608)**
6. **Mahesh Chander Munjal (S-183)**
7. **Kunwar Vikram Singh Dhaliwal (S-0055)**
8. **Gp Capt Kuldip Singh Rana (R-41)**
9. **Harjinder Singh Mangat (R-883)**
10. **Gurneet Singh (B-0225)**
11. **Maj Gurjeet Singh Rajpur (R-500)**
12. **Avtar Singh Brar (J-293)**
13. **Gurinder Bir Singh Chhachhi (S-76)**
14. **Amit Vanaik (R-984)**
15. **Satwinder Singh Saini (J-452)**

If you are not a life member of the ONA yet, you can become by sending a Draft for Rs 1,300/- (in India) and US \$100 equivalent (if you are staying abroad) payable to ONA at Nabha. Send it to ONA Secretariat, 50 Mahavir Marg, BMC Chowk, Jalandhar – 144001 (Pb) India.

Gurdarshan Singh Gill, Treasurer, ONA

Abhijit Singh (J-0860), PPS 1987-1994. BSc, MSc in Computer Applications from Thapar Institute of Engineering & Technology. Software Engineer in Amdocs Development Ltd in Cyprus (www.amdocs.com). Address (Present) Flat No 3, Anthial Court 1, Oikonomou Panagidi Street, Limassol, Cyprus –3101. (Permanent) S/O Mr Ram Singh, The Punjab Public School, Nabha-147201. Tel (O) 00-357-25-886167, (R) 00-357-25-580135. Fax 00-357-25-886120. Mobile: 00-357-99763543. Email: abhijits@amdocs.com.

Hardeep Singh (B-882) PPS 1986-1991. Doing Computer Course. Temporary Weighment Clerk in Sugar Mill at Dhuri. Address: S/o S Gurbachan Singh, Near Sukhbir Singh Sukhi’s Hospital, Railway Road, Dhuri, Sangrur (Punjab).

Gurinder Bir Singh Chhachhi (S-76) PPS 1962-1968. B Tech, IIT, Delhi. IT Consultant. Address: C-529, Defence Colony, New Delhi – 110024. Tel: (R) 4622835. Email: gbdest@yahoo.co.in.

Amit Vanaik (R-984) PPS 1990-96. Student. Address: Opp Civil Courts, Street No 8, Muktsar – 152026 (Punjab). Tel: (O) 01633-61455, (R) 01633-62361. Fax: 01633-61455. Mobile: 098140-70093.

Kunwar Vikram Singh Dhaliwal (S-0055) PPS 1991-98. Medical Student – 2nd Prof. Address (Present): Room No 6, Boys’ Hostel, Smt NHL Municipal Medical College,

Ellisbridge, Ahmedabad (Gujarat). Address (Permanent): C/o Dr RS Dhaliwal, Eye Infirmary, Nabha – 147201. Tel: (R) 01765-520209. Email: kunwarvsdhaliwal@hotmail.com.

Gurneet Singh (B-0225) PPS 1994-2002. Studying Engineering. Address: Thunda Road, VPO Amargarh, Teh Malerkotla, Sangrur – 148022. Tel: (O) 0167-3684228. Email: gurneet225@yahoo.co.in.

Swinderpal Singh Gill (J-0270) PPS 1995-2002. Student. Address: 347-A, Mohalla Kumharan, Nabha – 147201. Tel: (R) 01765-526617. Email: scorpiongill_270@yahoo.co.in.

Amritpal Singh Rupal (S-744) PPS 1984-1991. BA (Hons) DAV College, Chandigarh. Agriculture. Address: S/o S Harinder Singh, Narain Nagar, Dhanaula Road, Barnala – 148101. Tel: (O) 3930071, (R) 3936708. Email: laly_744@yahoo.com.

Shallu Garg (R-0326), PPS 1997-2001. Engineering (Electronics & Communication). Address (Permanent): Street No. 6-B, House No. 203, Ward No. 2, Sangrur – 148001. Tel (R): 0167-3230582. Email: cy_sha27@yahoo.com.

Maj Gurjeet Singh Rajput, SM (R-500) PPS 1978-86. Address (Present): GSO 2 (SD), Headquarters 15 Corps, C/o 56 APO. Address (Permanent): S/o Sh Achhar Singh Rajput, Village Baroungu Aland, PO Naraingarh, Via Amloh, Patiala (Punjab).

Dr Satish Jain, MD, DM (R-107) has taken voluntary retirement from the services of the AIIMS and has joined as the Director of the Indian Epilepsy Centre, A-258, Defence Colony, New Delhi – 110024. Tel: 91-11-463-1874, 91-11-4648218. Email: satjain55@hotmail.com.

Dr Aneesh Chaudhry, son of **Anil Choudhry (J-20)**, got admission to post graduation in Medicine at Dayanand Medical College, Ludhiana.

Javesh Jindal (S-945) is in France for higher studies and doing M.S in Supply Chain Management. He is eager to know about ONs in France. Email: j.jindal@esc-lille.fr.

Selections

Brig Vinay Sharma (S-129) and **Brig RS Sujlana (B-134)** have been selected for the much coveted course at the National Defence College.

PPS continues to maintain its excellent DSSC record. The following Old Nabhaites are presently at Defence Services Staff College, Wellington:

1. **Lt Col Advitya Madan (R-374)**
2. **Col AS Parhar (J-56)**
3. **Col Pramod Behl (R-147)**

4. **HS Mehta (J-190)**
5. **Sqn Ldr DS Bhullar (J-397)**
6. **Mrs Simmi Bhullar (B-664)**
7. **Sqn Ldr AJS Heer (B-663)**
8. **Maj Bhatti**

Promotions / Appointments

Ravinder Khanna (Ex-Beas) has joined Engineering College, Moga as Principal.

Lt.Col PS Gill (B-299) promoted to the rank of Colonel and appointed as Commandant, 5 GUARDS.

Ajay Gupta (J-375) promoted to the Director of Sales and Business Development at the Hyatt Regency, Delhi.

Lt Ravinder Singh (J-799) promoted to the rank of Captain.

Preetam Singh Brar (J-359) alias “**Landar**” is settled in Toronto, Canada. He has joined CIBC Bank as Manager of IT Integration. His contact number is 905-306-2390 (Work) and 905-654-0156 (Home). Email: sonnybrar@hotmail.com.

Shaping Business Technology in India

The figure of **Pawan Kant Munjal (S-163)** towers on the cover of “Smart Inc.” (December 2002 Issue), a magazine on business & information technology published by the ‘Living Media India Ltd’ (India Today Group). The lead story of the issue is ‘The men who’ll shape Technology in Indian business.’

Family Matters

Harbir S Randhawa (J-650) married Namanpreet on the 12th of October, 2002.

Gulshan Bansal (J-653) has become a proud father of a daughter.

Ashish Garg (B-033) doubled the stakes by becoming a father to twins (a son and a daughter).

Hindi Debate

The second **SC Cowell** Memorial Hindi Debate was held on the 22nd of November, 2002 in the School Auditorium. It was organized by the Nabha Chapter of ONA. **Mr OP Sharma** was the Chief Guest. Apart from PPS, 5 schools from Nabha and 3 from Patiala took part.

Get Well

Avtar Singh Waraich (R-27) met with an accident and is admitted to hospital with multiple injuries. “The Eagle” wishes him a quick and complete recovery.

Grieved

Mother of **Late Pawanbir Singh Chahal (Ex-Jumna)** and **Dr Bhalinder Bir Singh Chahal (Ex-Jumna)** passed away on the 1st of December.

Error Regretted

Maj Sushil Kumar Garg (J-342) writes, “I have been promoted to Lt Col from Major on 01 Dec 2001 and not as ‘Col’ from ‘Lt Col’ as mentioned in “The Eagle”.”

The Eagle’s Pride

Old Nabhaite likely to boost Indian Golf

(K.R. Wadhwaney, “The Tribune”, Friday, 27th December 2002)

No other individual has contributed more for the progress and prosperity of Indian professional golf than Pawan Munjal. As chairman of the Asian PGA Tour Board of Directors, he is expected to provide further boost to Indian golf and Indian professionals.

Munjal, a golf addict and genuine promoter of sports, believes more in action than talking. He is short but his ideas are lofty and planning meticulous. Not for nothing has he become the chief of the prestigious Asian body for a term of two years.

The first Indian to head the all-important Asian body, Munjal has been the president of the Professional Golfers Association of India (PGAI). “We have taken off and we have to make allout endeavour to secure a larger piece of cake in the affairs of international golf” said Munjal, adding: “We have potential in Asia”.

According to Munjal, more Asian pros should be seen playing in international circuit outside Asia. With Munjal at the helm, maybe some more Indian pros will be able to get sponsorship.

Old Nabhaite makes History
(Saying It In Punjabi)

Punjab Congress MP **Jagmeet Singh Brar (J-116)** made history of sorts in the Lok Sabha last week when he spoke in Punjabi during a debate on the plight of farmers. Apparently, it was the first time that an MP from Punjab (Akali or Congress) had addressed the House in the language (though Punjabi is amongst the top seven spoken languages in the world).

Of course, **Brar** speaks perfectly good Hindi and English, but in a fit of parochial pride, he seems to have decided to make a point on behalf of his Punjabi brethren. It took him several months of lobbying with late Lok Sabha Speaker G M C Balalyogi to get Parliament to employ a Punjabi interpreter. The idea got fellow Congress MP Rama Pilot so excited that after Brar finished his speech, she stood up and asked to be allowed to speak in Punjabi too. Unfortunately, it was an impromptu request and the interpreter had already gone off for a tea break. According to **Mr Jagmeet Brar**, Punjabi is the language of more than 11 crore people spread out all over the globe and must get its due in the Indian Parliament.

Payback Time

Generous Contribution, Great Thoughts

(The following letter was received from an Old Nabhaite who has offered to give a scholarship of Rs 10,000 every year to an outstanding student, the first instalment for which has already been received by the School.)

Dear **Dr Jashanjot**

Regarding the scholarship fund, as we talked earlier I don't want it announced anywhere ("The Eagle" etc) under my name.

I just request the following:

1. It should be announced as from an old Suttlejian but under the larger title of an ONA scholarship fund.
2. I want to be informally informed about the winner, every year, along with his\her house, and the criteria used to decide the winner.
3. Any other suggestions are welcome.

My intention is to make it (scholarship fund) a humble (and semi-anonymous) gesture from a grateful ex-student. Please take care that this should not deteriorate into an exercise in glorification of the donors.

Sincerely

Anonymous

Personal File

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Yours Nabhaitely

“I write to inform you of my appointment as Commandant, 5 Guards. To refresh memories of all, I draw the attention of everyone to the two statues in school quadrangular lawns, the squatting lady was made by me (named FORLORN) and the standing lady by **Lt Col Dalel Singh Ahlawat (Barada).**”

Col PS Gill (B-299)
5th Bn Brigade of the Guards, C/o 56 APO

“I must confess that my joy knows no bounds, whenever I receive a copy of “The Eagle”, a newsletter of ONA. I experienced the same feeling when I got issue No. 14 of Aug 02. I convey my sincere thanks for dispatching me a copy on regular basis. This newsletter in the form of “The Eagle” is doing a yeoman’s service and helping us to keep up-dating ourselves on the whereabouts of our good Old Nabhaites. I would wish it a very long life and good going in times to come. Please send me correct answers to all the questions given in the Quiz.”

Lt Col Advitya Madan (R-374)
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Reaching Out

I want to contact my batchmates. Please help me to link with them. My email is sandeepkumar83@hotmail.com.

Sandeep Kumar Garg (R-0027) ICSE 1998

Get-Togethers**Jalandhar Chapter Get-Together**

The Jalandhar Chapter had its last get-together of the year 2002 on the 30th of December at Hotel Leo Fortune. A grand party was organized for the occasion to welcome the New Year 2003. The party was dedicated to the families of Old Nabhaites of Jalandhar and for a change the Old Nabhaites played second fiddle. A special guest at the occasion was **Satwinder Singh Saini (J-452)** and his family. **Satwinder** (alias *Jimmy* alias *Kainchi*)

has made great contribution to the international spread of ONA by sponsoring the ONA website and being a founder member of California ONA Chapter. He was honoured at the party by the President of ONA **Sqn Ldr Kedar Nath Bansal (J-4)** by putting the customary collar badge on him. Mrs **Lt Col BS Grewal (S-50)** (wife of General Secretary, ONA) presented him the ONA Necktie.

The party was a huge success with the ONs' families, especially with the kids and the teenagers who danced their hearts out to the DJ's music. Interesting and full-of-fun and activity games had been organized by Mrs **Capt IS Dhami (R-257)** and Mrs **Dr Jashanjot Singh (S-52)**. It was a pleasure to see everyone from the oldest to the youngest participating sportingly. Even the guests felt at home. While it was raining and bitterly cold outside the temperature at the party reached sweating proportions. All in all, it was great fun!

Kulwaran Athwal (S-178)

Ropar Chapter of ONA (RONA) Get-Together

Old Nabhaites of Ropar district had another meeting to discuss various issues regarding ONA, and the role of ONA. They resolved to revisit, redefine and stress the role of ONA. They also resolved that Executive Committee of ONA be energized to bring more benefit and mutual cooperation amongst the members of ONA. Helping Old Nabhaites in need or with any problems at any stage in their lives should be given priority in ONA's ideology and ONA should not be merely limited to social functions.

Sandeep Sandhu (R-512)

Nabha Chapter of ONA Get-Together

The **ONA Nabha** Chapter held its regular get-togethers on the 7th of September, 2002 (60th get-together) hosted by **Anil Bansal (J-233)** and **A Bansal (J-609)** and on the 23rd of November, 2002 hosted by **Charanjit Singh (J-467)** and **Harcharan Singh Chatha (J-510)**.

Sanjay Mittal (S-609)

Ferozepur Chapter

A get-together was organized on the 1st of December in Ferozepur by **Maj Gen & Mrs OP Nandrajog (B-1)** at their residence. The opportunity was used to hold the post ONA Day Executive Committee meeting in Ferozepur and to float the new Chapter of ONA at Ferozepur. Apart from Executive Members and Old Nabhaites of Ferozepur the meeting was attended by **Ex-Teachers Mrs and Mr KC Tandon**. The meeting was followed by a session of beer and a splendid Lunch laid out in true army style on the sprawling lawns of GoC's residence. The warmth of the **Nandrajogs'** hospitality exceeded that of the sun in the winter morning. The lunch was followed by a Dog Show and some members later went to see the Change of Guard at Hussainiwala border.

Ajit Singh Sodhi (J-455)

A Friendly Reunion

Date: December 19, 2002, Venue: DSOI Club, Dhaula Kuan, New Delhi. After a lot of effort, we were able to put up a small Old Nabhaites get-together (1981-83) batch. The host of the evening was **Lt Col & Mrs Sandeep Johal (J-367)** and the coordinator of the evening was **Ajay Gupta (J-375)**. The ONs who made it were: **Jimmy Singh (J-452)**, **Pavittar Singh (J-347)**, **Mrs & Mr Vimal Mahendru (J-344)**, **Deepak Nath (S-437)**, **Manmohan Thandi (S-349)**, **Lt Col Dr & Mrs Sushil Garg (J-342)**, **Ashok Gehlawat (J-394)**, **Mr/s Manpreet Singh Poonam (S-472)** (singer) and **Sajjan Dhaiya (B-438)** (*Jungle*). A special mention must be made of **Sarabjit Bal (R-345)** and **Raman Bala Subramaniam (Ex-Jumna)** who came especially for the occasion from Patiala and Ludhiana respectively. Excused were **Vikesh Bansal (J-376)** (though in India could not make it because of ill-health), **Jasbir Singh Ryait (B-413)** (*Giani*), **Baljeet Grewal (J-377)** and **Dheeraj Chandola (S-375)**.

It was a walk down memory lane for all of us, some of whom were meeting after 20 years or so. Most emotional moment was looking at the "house photograph 1976" carried by **Sushil Garg**.

The party wound up by 2330 hrs as per the regulations of the club and we all left with a heavy heart and couple of notes with contacts of the others who could not make it and a promise to meet again.

The reunion carried on for another two days at Hyatt Regency Delhi, where **Jimmy Singh** had booked a suite.

Ajay Gupta (J-375)

CONA

(Some Letters received by **Dr Rupinder S Brar (S-291)** on floating of California ONA Chapter)

Birth of CONA (a nostalgic moment)

NABHA!!! the very name evokes so many emotions, it is impossible to describe them in words. The only analogy, which comes close, is the way expatriate punjabis, remember their 'pind' after downing a few 'glassies' of scotch. Junior, Middle and Senior school represent my/our 'pind'. Every kid in the world grows up in the company of about a dozen or so siblings, cousins and friends. In eight years we changed from cute little scoundrels to ugly 'parshade phans' in the company of 60-80 siblings [same class] and over 400 cousins [seniors and juniors] and umpteen friends [all those who wore/wear Onwards and Upwards on their chest] - All moulded by dedicated teachers and staff. Well I could go on and on and on, time for a reality check. Some of us flew away half way around the globe and landed in California. Today you guys are meeting in **Yuba City** and giving birth to CONA. **Rupinder** called a few times to remind me, I did receive **Seepja's**

e-mails, however due to unavoidable circumstances I can not make it in person but I am with you in spirit and wish you all a wonderful, fulfilled and memorable evening. Turning green with jealousy and envy.

Baljit S Uppal (S-300)

Shifting House

Thank You for the invitation. I congratulate you on your effort to bring Old Nabhaites together as a group. I will be unable to attend this get-together because I am in the process of moving to my new house. I extend my invitation to everybody to have the next get together at my house. My address is 1015 Turquoise Drive, Hercules, Ca 94547. You can call me at (510) 410-2624. I will talk to you soon.

Birender Sandhu

Wife's Relatives

I was glad to learn that you guys are doing a great effort to unite the Old Nabhaites and form a California chapter. I am fully aware that these kind of tasks are not easy and they require a great deal of mental, physical and financial effort. I had planned to attend the meeting scheduled on 24th August but I did not remember that my sister-in-law (SAALI) had the plans to celebrate her daughter's birthday on that day. You know that you cannot take PANGAS with your wife's relatives. Anyhow, convey my regards to all in attendance and my appreciation to all the organizers, specially **Jimmy**. I will definitely try to make it for the next meeting.

Thanks!

Manjeet Bedi

CONA will have its next meet in January 2003. (We will meet at **Birinder**'s house in Jan.)

Dr Rupinder Singh Brar (S-291)

Welcome to the Board

“The Eagle” and the ONA welcome the appointment of **Lt Gen Vijay Oberoi, PVSM, AVSM, VSM (Retd)** on the Governing Board of Punjab Public School, Nabha.

Space does not permit us to enumerate all of his achievements. He has seen action in Goa and 1965 Indo-Pak conflict (where he was injured and lost his right leg). He was closely associated in conceptualizing and conduct of exercise Brass Tacks.

Apart from attending NDA and IMA, he also attended Defence Services College, Wellington and he is postgraduate of Defence Studies from Madras University. He was an international fellow at the United States Army War College.

He has held some important appointments and assignments such as Military Naval and Air Advisor at Indian High Commission in Malaysia, DGMO Army Head Quarters, GoC Armtrac Shimla, GoC-in-C Western Command and Vice Chief of Army Staff. He was also appointed Honorary ADC to the President of India. He was appointed “Colonel” of the Maratha Light Infantry on February 1, 1993.

He has been decorated with AVSM, VSM and PVSM.

Close Encounter

At the Lunch for the Chief Guest at the “Founders’ Day”, the **Chief Guest Capt Amrinder Singh bumped** into **Darshan Singh Dhaliwal (S-5)**. The Raja Sahib enquired why **Darshan Singh Dhaliwal** took such a keen interest in PPS that he had donated so much money to the school at different occasions. “Why not? It is the best School in India”, replied **Darshan Singh**. The CM, who is himself from Doon School, remarked, “You know Darshan, I can take you on, on that one.”, but then seeing so many Old Nabhaites in the room, he said, “On second thoughts, I better not.”

M.O.D.

I am very thankful to you for writing nice things about my husband. He loved his work and he always tried to do his best. I am really touched by your sentiments and feel happy and proud that my husband is still alive in the mind of his students and friends.

I am staying in Toronto with my elder son Rajeev (whose pet name was Monty). He lives here with his wife Shirlay and son Karan (10yr) and daughter Kaveri (7yr). Our younger son Sanjeev, his wife Sharmila and son Varun (2yr) live in Los Angeles. He and his wife are architects, both passed out from SPA (Delhi) and did their Masters from UCLA. Sanjeev was born in Nabha (pet name Tiny).

My husband and myself were coming to live here with Monty. Unfortunately before he could come here, he suffered a stroke and went into coma. This is the story of “Man proposes, God disposes”.

Asha Tankha

(W/o Late MN Tankha (Ex-Teacher, Geography))

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The ONA and “The Eagle” are grateful to **Dr Rupinder Singh Brar (S-291)** of California Chapter of ONA for sponsoring the New Year Day (January) Issue of “The Eagle”.

Fund Raising (Thank You Darshan Singh)

The ONA has many noble objectives apart from interaction, socialization and flow of information amongst Old Nabhaites. These objectives include projects to be taken up in the PPS for the benefit of the current students and for Old Nabhaites who may need help. These objectives have not even been touched yet because of lack of sufficient funds. At present the ONA has a few lakhs as fixed deposits in the bank. The interest from this deposit is just sufficient to run the ONA. This year the ONA plans to come out with a souvenir to raise funds. This is an initial information. Be prepared to dig into your pockets and contribute to this noble cause of ONA, as and when we come out with the souvenir. The funds thus collected will be fixed deposited as a corpus, which will never be touched. The interest from this corpus will be used for the various projects to be launched. The day the ONA starts fulfilling all its objectives as enshrined in its constitution, it can be said that the ONA has arrived. In this regard the contribution to ONA made by **Darshan Singh Dhaliwal (S-5)** is laudable.

Sqn Ldr Kedar Nath Bansal (J-4), President, ONA

The ONA Memorabilia

All those who are interested in purchasing the ONA Necktie may send the following amount to us by draft:

Life Member

Rs.100/- + Rs.30/- (postage)

Non Life Member

Rs.125/- + Rs.30/- (postage)

We have prepared CDs (Compact Discs to be used on computers) with the following information:

1. Addresses of all Old Nabhaites on record with us
2. Email IDs of all Old Nabhaites on record with us

3. All issues of “The Eagle”
4. The Constitution & Memorandum of the Association
5. Minutes of all the Executive Meetings of ONA held so far
6. Photographs and Slide Shows (in Power Point) of all the meetings and events that have been stored by us till date

If you are interested in acquiring this CD please send the following amount by draft:

Life Member

Rs.150/-+Rs.50/- (postage + packing)

Non Life Member

Rs.200/-+Rs.50/-(postage + packing)

(The draft should be made in the name of ONA and payable at Nabha and send it to ONA Secretariat, 50 Mahavir Marg, Jalandhar - 144001)

PPS Watches

Designer Watches with School Crest on them are available as follows:

HMT Watch: Rs 525/- each

Citizen Watch: Rs 1,500/- each

Order may be placed with **Lt Col TS Dhindsa**, Bursar, PPS by sending a DD for the cost-price mentioned above. Add Rs 50/- for postage within India.

Bio-Data

If you have not sent your personal details to the ONA in the recent past please fill out the following form and mail it to “The Eagle”.

Name Date of Birth

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Profession

Address (Present)

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(Permanent)

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Spouse’s Name Date of Marriage

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