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Vision ONA

(At the last ONA Awards Ceremony on 8th October, Brig. HS Gill (S-99, 1965) felt that an ONA Vision be outlined and read out. Somehow it could not be done on that day due to shortage of time. So we are carrying it in The Eagle)

The vision of ONA is nothing but what is enshrined as its objectives in the constitution. The constitution was drafted in 1998 under the Presidentship of **Navin Talwar (S-79)** by **Col Tejinder Singh (S-70)** and **Col SP Singh (R-84)**, when they were in Jalandhar. It was discussed threadbare by thirty Old Nabhaites from different chapters at Hotel Gulmohar, Ludhiana. All Associations have noble objectives. We want to live upto them.

We want ONA to be not just an Old Students Association but also a social organization, that is a body with a soul and feelings.

We want ONA to care for our extended Family. The Family is PPS. Its members are the present students and the Staff, the Old Nabhaites and the Ex -Teachers.

ONA would like the PPS students to realize their full potential. ONA would like to help by complementing the School Programme with extra inputs. ONA would also like to reward excellence in any field to encourage students.

We would like to guide young PPS pass-outs in their careers. We also want to help them get good placements after college, through ONA contacts.

We would like to help any Old Nabhaite who is in distress and hopefully, even the families of such Old Nabhaites.

We want to take up the cause of retired teachers who have no one to turn to after retirement or in old age after a long innings at School.

Finally, to keep alive the legacy as envisioned by the Founders of PPS, ONA will provide scholarships to bright students who may not be otherwise able to afford it. This will be ONA's affirmative action towards society. To achieve this vision and to take ONA onward and upwards we have floated the "**ONA BENEVOLENT FUND**". The objectives and guidelines for this Fund were given in the September issue of The Eagle. This Fund may mark a turning point in the history of ONA.

For accomplishing these objectives ONA has to be well knit and organized. We want to strengthen the ONA network by flow of information and regular contact through **meetings, ONA Day, The Eagle, Website, ONA neck-tie and mementos and now the ONA Directory.**

Vision also includes being cautious that no individual or group of individuals uses ONA or PPS for furthering personal interest. Any ONA activity must be evaluated on two parameters. Is it good for PPS? Is it good for ONA at large? Using a corollary to Abraham Lincoln's words, Old Nabhaites should consider what they can do for PPS and ONA and not what PPS and ONA can do for them.

The vision can only be successfully achieved if all of you take part in it. We want everyone to work for this vision and strive to make ONA into a body that each member can be proud of.

Would you like to volunteer for the organizational work of ONA? Get in touch.

NEWS

Marriages-Congratulations!

Dilbans Singh Pandher (S-918, 1987-93) got married on

25th Dec to Dr Shail Grewal, a Gynaecologist.

Avninder Singh Minhas's (R-120, 1965-71) son, Angad, got married in November.

Pawan Singla (R-149, 1966-71)'s daughter Malvika married Vivek on 12th Dec, 2006

KJS Sujlana (B-125, 1964-66)'s son Akal wed Preeti on 15th Dec, 2006.

Gursharan (B-112, 1964-70)'s son was married on 28th Jan at Ludhiana.

Dr GS Dhani (R-78, 1962-68)'s son got married on 27th Jan, also in Ludhiana.

Jaivir Singh Dhariwal (R-51, 1961-67)'s son Harjeet married Manisha on 9th Feb at Faridabad.

Mansimran, daughter of **Satinder Sampuran Singh Grewal (B-86, 1963-66)** married Jaskaran on 9th Feb at Ludhiana

Mulkjeet Sandhu (S-54, 1961-66)'s son Harsimran married Dipin at Amritsar on 25th Feb.

On the same day, **Col Dr. Jaswinder Panayach (R-110, 1964-66)**'s daughter Preeti got married to Harmanjot on at Chandigarh and **Brig Harbux S Gill, VSC (S-99, 1962-65)**'s daughter got married a few kilometers away.

Sanmeet Hundal (S-794,1992) married Rattandeep Sekhon on 1st Jan 2007

Shehnaaz (B-0107) married PPS Hindi Teacher Shaheed Ahmed

These weddings also served the great purpose of reunions for Old Nabhaites who attended them in great numbers.

Successfull Mandate

Partap Singh Bajwa & Iqbal Singh Jhundhan(B-322) were success full in the last Punjab assembly elections from Kadian and Dhuri respectively.

Condolences

The ONA shares the grief of the Old Nabhaites, who lost their dear and close family members.

Col Karan SinghThandi (S-86, 1963-70)'s mother passed away in the evening of 19th Oct.

Capt Bikram Dev Singh (S-84, 1963-69)'s father left for

his heavenly abode on 24th Nov 06. He was 85 yrs old.

Dinesh Gupta (B-274, 1969-76)'s wife Sunita expired in January 2007.

Jaideep Sekhon (S-19,1960-66)'s son Karan Sekhon met with a tragic end in an accident. The tragedy struck such a cord in Old Nabhaites' hearts that many who knew Jaideep turned up at the Bhog ceremony on reading the newspapers, to stand by him.

Posted

Jagminderjit Singh Grewal (B-625, 1980-88) as SDM, Phillaur

Pardeep Bains (B-644, 1981-86) as Tehsildar, Mohali

Bhupinder Virk (Ex-Beas), SP, Taran Taran

Navreet Virk (S-669, 1983-87) SHO, Dakha

Col Mulkjit Singh Sandhu(S-54, 1961-66) as DSWO (District Sainik Welfare Officer), Ludhiana Tel: 0161 2741066, M: 9417880756

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Lt Col Baljit Singh Mann (B 94, 1970) DSWO, Bhatinda Tel 0164 2212612 M: 9888486008

HPS Bhullar (R-786, 1985-90) after his LLM from King's College, London has joined India's biggest law firm of 'Fox Mandal and Little.'

Ranbir Singh Khatra (S-270, 1976) as SSP, Mohali.

Honoured

Admiral JS Bedi AVSM, VSM (J-3, 1960-64) now with PVSM on 26th January, 2007

Maj Gen RS Sujlana (B-134, 1965-67) becomes Colonel of the Sikh Regiment.

PPS News

PPS won the All India IPSC Hockey tournament. Seven of PPS boys played nationals with IPSC team and IS Kooner (R-18, 1960-66) was the Manager.

PPS won the All India IPSC Horse Riding Competition for the 14th year in a row.

THE EAGLE NOW ONLY TO LIFE MEMBERS

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Dr. Jashanjot (S-52,1967)
Incharge The Eagle

Another ON Girl makes it to the army

(PPS girls have started making it to the Defence Forces too. Meenaxie Bansal (J-661, 1982-1990) was the first to be commissioned in The Indian Dental Corps. Maj. Manmohinder Kaur (B-937, 1988-96) was commissioned into Ordinance Corps in Sept. 2000. This year another young ON Girl, Jaspreet (J-972, 1990-98) has made it to the Army by getting commissioned in the JAG or judicial wing of the Indian Army. Here is a short note on Jaspreet taken from a letter written to us by her father)

Jaspreet was born on September 01, 1981. She was hardly one year old when her parents moved to NABHA. She really blossomed in this historic city.

Her father, Capt Reet MP Singh - a war disabled army officer from 1965 - had won the coveted Vir Chakra. Surprisingly he was never a strict disciplinarian and always permitted great liberties to both his children. As there was hardly a semblance of guidance from the father, she always looked up to her brother - **Major Varendra Paul Singh (R-703)** for guidance.

As per her own version, the happiest period of her life was spent at the Punjab Public School, which she joined in class IV. She passed out clearing her class XII. She still talks

about the "Raj mah" which was served in the School Mess.

Her brother, Major Varendra Paul Singh (R-703), was always her idol. He had also passed out of the PPS after having studied at the Lawrence School, Sanawar. She was very keen to join the Army and was known by the nickname "Faujan" to her friends in the school.

After passing out of PPS she went to Chandigarh to continue her studies. After doing her graduation from the MCM College, Chandigarh, she joined the Law Department of the Panjab University, Chandigarh, from where she qualified as an Advocate.

After this started her quest for entry into the Army. Twice she appeared in the SSB interview and cleared it in the first attempt. But as the seats were limited to 3 only she did not figure in the Merit List. Her father joked that if she goes on this way she may set up a record of having cleared the SSB the maximum times. The 3rd time she appeared in the SSB, she topped the National Merit List.

Now the father, son & the daughter - all three - have qualified for the rubric - Kamle Fauji!

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BEST WISHES

Marriage Anniversary (April)

- 1 Mr. Harvinder Singh Syal (B-173, 1973)(27/4/1979)
- 2 Col. P.S. Gill (B-2990)(24/4/1983)
- 3 Dr. Kulwinder Singh Sangha (B-371, 1976)(24/4/1988)
- 4 Mr. Barinder Paul Singh (B-461, 1982)(3/4/1994)
- 5 Mr. Harinderjit Singh Mroque(B-533, 1986)(10/4/1994)
- 6 Mr. Yogesh Jain (B-708, 1989)(16/4/1900)
- 7 Mr. Kanwarjit Sandhu (J-106, 1970)(11/4/1979)
- 8 Mr. Anil Choudhary (J-20, 1967)(14/4/1979)
- 9 Mr. Maninder Singh Sidhu (J-489, 1983)(2/4/1995)
- 10 Ms Kulvinder Kaur Nagra (J-605, 1987)(4/4/1997)
- 11 Ms Radhika Puri (R-362, 1975)(13/4/1981)
- 12 Mr. Gurbir Singh Gill (R-581, 1984)(2/4/1995)
- 13 Mr. Mandip Singh Grewal (R-70, 1967)(18/4/1982)
- 14 Mr. Kharak Singh Sidhu (R-804, 1990)(29/4/1900)
- 15 Dr. Jatindra Singh Dhatarwal (S-107, 1970)(23/4/1986)
- 16 LtCol Manbir Singh Hundal (S-113, 1970)(5/4/1981)
- 17 Mr. M.C. Munjal (S-183,1971)(19/4/1980)
- 18 Dr. Parampal Singh Coonar (S-22, 1966)(14/4/1976)
- 19 Mr. Gurvinder Singh Chahal (S-644, 1987)(1/4/1996)

Birthday (April)

- 1 Mr Sukhdeep Singh (B-0372, 2002)(24/4/1984)
- 2 Mr. Neel Rattan Kakkar (B-128, 1971)(5/4/1961)
- 3 Mr. Vijay Garg (B-170, 1973)(17/4/1957)
- 4 Mr. Raminder Singh Kapany (B-230, 1973)(11/4/1956)
- 5 Col. Kalwant Singh Gill (B-25, 1967)(15/4/1950)
- 6 Mr. Raj Kumar Jain (B-31, 1963)(4/4/1948)
- 7 Mr. Barinder Paul Singh (B-461, 1982)(4/4/1967)
- 8 Capt. Har Krishan Prashar (B-667,

- 1989)(13/4/1973)
- 9 Mr. Ashok Kumar Goel (B-717, 1989)(10/4/1970)
- 10 Mr Vineet Sharma (J-0309, 2002)(3/4/1983)
- 11 Mr Imandeep Singh Waraich (J-0414,2002)(4/4/1984)
- 12 Mr. Sunpreet Singh Bhangu (J-0841, 1994)(15/4/1976)
- 13 Mr. S.C. Katoch (J-127,0)(30/4/1956)
- 14 Mr. Nikhil Sharma (J-129, 1971)(21/4/1955)
- 15 Mr. Satinder Singh Ahluwalia (J-19, 1967)(16/4/1951)
- 16 Mr Jaswinder Singh (J-513, 1984)(12/4/1969)
- 17 Ms Kulvinder Kaur Nagra (J-605, 1987)(4/4/1972)
- 18 Mr. Sandeep Kang (J-815, 1987)(15/4/1970)
- 19 Ms Divya Vikram Singh (R-0472, 2002)(6/4/1985)
- 20 Col. Upender Singh (R-181, 1970)(12/4/1904)
- 21 Capt Manjit Singh Sidhu (R-235, 1976)(21/4/1959)
- 22 Col. Avtar Singh Waraich (R-27, 1966)(6/4/1950)
- 23 Mr. Jagpal Singh Gill (R-288, 1976)(6/4/1962)
- 24 Mr. Krishan Kumar (R-377, 1980)(2/4/1964)
- 25 Ms Pooja Sharma (R-388, 1981)(18/4/1966)
- 26 Mr. Harmeet Singh Sandhu (R-563, 1988)(6/4/1970)
- 27 Mr. Ashok Kumar Chaudhary (R-605, 1989)(15/4/1971)
- 28 Mr. Gurjeet Singh Sohi (R-660, 1989)(29/4/1972)
- 29 Brig. Jodhbir S. Sandhu (R-7, 1964)(27/4/1948)
- 30 Mr. Jahangir Singh Sandhu (R-758, 1989)(2/4/1974)
- 31 Mr. Jagjit Singh Sandhu (R-771, 1989)(7/4/1971)
- 32 Mr. Ritesh Kumar Jindal (R-843, 1991)(2/4/1975)
- 33 Mr Ujjalbir Singh Grewal (S-0147, 002)(11/4/1984)
- 34 Mr Gurbinder Singh Aulakh (S-0180, 2002)(15/4/1984)
- 35 Mr Karan Sethi (S-0233,2002)(7/4/1985)
- 36 Mr. Kanwarjit Singh Cheema (S-0298, 2000)(24/4/1983)
- 37 Mr. Dev Raj Mahapatra (S-0439, 2002)(27/4/1984)
- 38 Mr. Harjinder Singh Gill (S-195, 1975)(4/4/1959)
- 39 Mr. Vishwadeep Singh (S-521, 1984)(4/4/1968)
- 40 Mr. Harinder Singh (S-62, 1968)(27/4/1952)
- 41 Mr. Naveen Talwar (S-71, 969)(13/4/1953)
- 42 Mr. Anupinder Singh Sidhu (S-806, 993)(3/4/1975)
- 43 Miss. Shveta Garg (S-894, 994)(11/4/1979)
- 44 Mr. Sonu Garg (S-967, 1994)(14/4/1979)
- 45 Mr. Manish Kumar Goyal (S-976, 1994)(24/4/1979)
46. Mr. Pushap Raj (X-529, 1975)(8/4/1942)

Yours Nabhaitely

Very Nice

It was indeed very nice to go through "The Eagle" issue of Sept 2006. I would be happy to receive this publication whenever it is published. I would also be very happy to receive a copy of ONA Directory CD. How much do I pay?

Can you email the procedure? My bio-data is enclosed.

Rear Admiral Satish Soni (R-121,1965-71), AVSM,NM
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A Great Pleasure

Thank you so much for emailing me a copy of the Sept2006 issue. I read it cover to cover with great pleasure.

I was not fortunate enough to receive it during its original mailing. It must be the time when I had to change my broadband service provider and I had to write to the webmaster to change my email address on the ONA website since we could no longer edit it (I guess for obvious reasons if the message portion of the site is any indication). Please let me know if I need to do anything else to update my email address with the ONA list. It is nsuhag@gmail.com.

I do believe I paid my dues for life membership about two years ago when I sent Rs10,000 to the ONA. Please let me know if I am not registered as one or rectify the issue because I did receive acknowledgment from the ONA for the money.

ON leads indian contingent in lebanon

1. It is a matter of great pride to know about the prestigious appointments held by old Nabhaitees in different professions.
2. On 27 Dec 06, another feather was added to the ongoing achievements of the Nabhaitees when **Col Advitya Madan (R-374, ISC 82)** assumed the command of Indian contingent of 15 PUNJAB INF GP as part of United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon.
3. I would also like to bring to your notice that I myself am an old Nabhaite, **J-903 ISC 95, (Head Boy)**, who is serving in UN mission. It is indeed another achievement that two officers of the same school are serving in the same United Nations mission.
4. I would also be sending an article about the achievements of the Indian contingent in United Mission Interim Force in Lebanon under the leadership of **Col Advitya Madan**.

With Warm Regards

Maj HS Grewal (J-903 ISC 95) grewal903@yahoo.co.in

Getting In Touch

I am glad to get in touch with the PPS family after so many years. My address and other related details have changed but I get The Eagle at my permanent address. I am ready to be placed since I am on the brink of completing my MBA. Please record the new details and do let me know if I can be of help to any ON. Some of the ON's of my tenure 1992-2000 are in contact. I can provide you with their E-mails or any other detail if needed.

1. **Ashutosh Bansal ICSE 1998**---- ashutosh223@yahoo.co.in
2. **Pankaj Sharma ISC 2000** --- pankajoo3@yahoo.com
3. **Mukul Mehta ISC 2000**---- mukul.mehta28@gmail.com

He is presently working under the Ministry of Health. I will surely keep sending you any more contacts soon. Thank you sir

I am positive that many of us in the USA would love to sponsor an issue of the ONA newsletter. It is one of the few sources from which we receive most of our information about the school and our fellow Nabhaitees. It is a joy to read about the accomplishments of our schoolmates and share a part of their lives from ten thousand miles away.

I would like to float the idea of getting together an ONA Newsletter Fund so that we can produce the Newsletter out of interest from this fund and not have to touch the principal at all. This would then allow the ONA Committee to publish one on a quarterly basis without having to worry about not having any sponsors for the upcoming quarter. I pledge to send at least RS 25,000 towards such a fund if it is started.

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Could you kindly mail me the contact address of one of my class fellows, **Dr Navdeep Sandhu (J-280/ 1975)**
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Happy Diwali!

Hey all ONs!! Please accept Richa's and my heartiest greetings for Diwali. May it bring continued joy, bliss, good health and lots of prosperity. And with it, more opportunities to meet and live up to the good ol' times!!

Best regards,
Richa, Pragya, Vibhu, **Vimal (J-344, 1973-78)** ,
vimalm@indoasian.com

Wishing you all a very happy Diwali.

May the year bring you much happiness, contentment, peace and good health..

Loving regards,

Dildeep Singh Dhillon (B-405, 1974-'80) Toronto, CA
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Laxmi's Blessings!

Thanks for Diwali greetings. May Goddess Laxmi bring prosperity and happiness to you all in the family. We were in Gurgaon this Diwali with our eldest daughter Deepa and her family. **Dr Satish Jain (R-107, 1964-70)** arranged our meeting with Old Nabhaitees of his batch. **Pawankant Munjal (S-163, 1966-70)** invited all of us to Delhi Golf Club for lunch and to watch a Golf tournament which he had sponsored. **Vidur Gupta (B-217, 1970) General J.S. Bajwa (J-151, 1966-69), Anil Budhiraj (S-109, 1964-71), Ravinder Chhatwal** also came. Well, we all enjoyed meeting after a long time. God bless all old Nabhaitees. We both will leave for California to be with our son Ajit and family. We will return in May. My email

address will remain the same.

"V N Bhava" (Ex Teacher Chemistry) vnbhave@rasik.com

Birthday Wishes

To all members of ONA. Thank you very much for your greetings on my birthday.

Brig TPS Waraich (J-155, 1967-72).

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Best Wishes for 2007

I wish each and every one of you a year ahead like the one you never had - full of happiness, health, and prosperity; the best you have ever had.

Charanjeet S Minhas, (R-586, ICSE - 1985)

Thanks for your New Year wishes. Let me take this opportunity to wish you the same. Sorry for the delay. I just came down to 12000 feet from the roof of the world (Operation Meghdoot).

Harry Saini (B-506, 1977-85) harry23nov@rediffmail.com

Wish you all and your families a very happy and prosperous New Year - 2007.

Regards.

Dalbir Singh Benipal (R-588, 1980-88)

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Dear Friends,

All the best for 2007. Have a wonderful year. God bless. Warm regards,

Dear All,

Wish you all and your families a very happy and prosperous New Year - 2007.

Regards.

Charanjit Dayal (R-162) cdayal12@hotmail.com

Progressing In Life

Thanks a lot for the mail.... Thanks a lot for the wishes and mail Hope you have a wonderful New Year eve and a very prosperous year ahead. I think I informed you that I have quit Fortis and have moved to your old city Jalandhar, as Chief Orthopedic Surgeon in Oxford Hospital!! I got married on 25th Dec. My wife's name is Dr Shail Grewal. She is a gynaecologist.

Regards

Dr Dilbans Singh Pandher (S-918, 1987-93)

Musical Evenings!

I missed this one. Do keep me posted of similar events in future.

Regards

Karan (S-84, 1969). 0172- 2560808 or M: 9814011903, karanhandi@hotmail.com

Thank you for the wishes. I am presently doing private practice at Kotkapura, Punjab.

Dr Manvir Gupta (J-371, 1974-80), M: 09815022987

Happy Holi!

Wish you all a happy n a prosperous holi...wish u n ur family nears n dear ones

Pradeep Gupta (B-315, 1971-76), nabhacottage@yahoo.com

Hi to you and to CONA thru you. My details are as follows; Passed out in 1980 after ICSE, Based in Delhi and working as Joint Commissioner, Deptt. of Trade and Taxes. Wife , Guneet , works for British High Commission

Two daughters, Damini Singh (14) and Sameera Singh (9) studying at Springdales School, Pusa Road. Bye for now.

Manpreet Singh Poonam (S-472, 1976-80),

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Unable to attend ONA Day

Thanks for your affectionate insistence (for attending Founders' Day). I really would have loved to be with you all. I am presently in Indian School of Business, Hyderabad, as part of a new program they have begun on Global Advanced Management Program. It is all about taking India global, and what it takes to be global. I am part of the participants, and also the think tank working on it. This is finishing at 6 pm on Oct 19, and so makes it impossible for me to be in School on Oct 18 or 19.

Having said that, please do convey my personal best to all, and tell them that I still am as much PPS as I ever was, and it is simply some larger and future commitments that keep me away from joining in the celebrations.

Warmest regards,

Vimal Mahindru (J-344, 1973-78) vimalm@indoasian.com

Ona Day And Remembering Good Times At PPS!

I would like to congratulate PPS on its Birthday. Many thanks for the invitations for the Old Nabhaites Reunion in PPS. I was there on the 40th birthday in 2000 but unfortunately I can't make it because my Mother is in hospital. Captain **Inderjit Dhami (R-257, 1976), Dr. Kulwinder Sangha (B-371, 1973-76), Sarbjit Pannu (S-311, 1976) and Dr Jashanjot Singh (S-52, 1967)** are always in touch as we meet once a year or more when they visit England or I visit India. Remember the good times in PPS, now life is too busy. Hope everything goes well. Kind regards to you all,

Govinder Lally (R- 294, 1971-76) govllally@hotmail.com

GREAT JOB!

Wishing you a Happy Founder's Day as well.

Onwards & Upwards!!!! ..always!!

I am really thankful to you for having published my poem and the bio-data in the Eagle.

You are really doing a great job.

I would like to get a hard copy of the magazine, if possible. I might come to Jalandhar in the coming months. My co-brother, DPS Kharbanda has recently joined as S.D.M. there.

I was reading a copy (the only one I possess) of the Eagle, and read about **Ashok Balwani (R-90, 1966)**. He has done his MBA from FMS, Delhi University. We have an Alumni Association of the FMS and I thought since Ashok is in India now, maybe I could invite him to the meetings here. I shall be thankful if you could provide me his email or phone, or could guide me. Hope to see you soon.

Regards,

Manpreet Singh Poonam (S-472, 1976-80),

manpreetsingh64@yahoo.com

**Ona Cultural Evening
(Sham -E-Ghazal at Tagore Theatre) at Chandigarh**

Dear dynamic team of ONA,
Every time I read about the new initiatives u all take, my heart swells in pride. One always wants to be part of the initiative and the events that unfold but the exigencies of service keep me away. I must compliment u for the pioneering work being done to establish the ONA. I am with u and wish the ONA grand success in all its ventures. God bless and god speed.
Brig HPS Bedi, VSM (Peter Bedi)(R-58, 1967)
peterbedi@yahoo.co.in

Holy Thoughts!

Many thanks for remembering me. I had read the March 2006 of The Eagle on the website but reading the September issue that

you sent was very nostalgic. I am very much in India - Mumbai. I am planning to retire from work in December even though I am still away from what may be construed as a normal retirement. Basically, I want to pursue personal interests- Study, network with friends, visit the many places that I would like to, pursue other interests like photography, and yes, religion.

I want to once again learn Gurmukhi in order to read the Granth. So if you know anybody who can help me with that either through your contacts in the Punjab government or the "community", do let me know.

If anybody is ever visiting Mumbai, they are most welcome to get in touch so that we may try and meet up. **Ashok Balwani (R-60, 1966)**
ashok_balwani@hotmail.com

ENCOUNTER WITH VINOD BHARADWAJ (MUSICAL EVENING)

Vinod Bhardwaj is not only a successful Engineer Graduate of BHU, being Vice-President of Challenger International, but also a three in one claimant in the field of Arts. He is a poet (shair), singer and an accomplished musician. In the world of Arts, he is known as Nashad Reza Jaunpuri. The ONA contacted him on his recent visit to India and arranged a lecture-performance on 28th Nov at PPS and a Sham-e ghazal for ONs at Tagore Theatre in Chandigarh in association with Hindustan Times.

The 800 students, staff and local guests were entertained by the three part one hour exhibition of lecture cum performance of Nashad Reza Jaunpuri. The first part was devoted to the Flute. Vinod informed the amazed audience that the Greek influence on the flute came upto Punjab, which is why we have the flute played from one end. The rest of India plays flute from the side hole like Krishna. He took the students on a trip from Assam through Bihar, Lucknow, Rajasthan, Gujarat and finally to Punjab, demonstrating how they are different. While on Punjab he also demonstrated the folk art of playing the algoza or double flute and how it is limited to three notes as two fingers are used for holding the algoza. Therefore all of Punjab folk music is based on three notes.

The second part was devoted to the role of music in reaching out to Gods by followers of different religions. From sufism to bhajans to kawali to shabad kirtan.

Third part consisted of ghazals written by him, which is his forte, starting with an amusing description of the origin of the word ghazal.

We were apprehensive how PPS students will take to a musical event, that too classical version. It was amazing to see the 800 students enthralled and captivated by Jaunpuri, applauding in between at the right moments. They lapped it all up. I am sure they are richer by the experience.

On 29th Nov, we had the Sham-e-ghazal with Vinod Bhardwaj at Tagore Theatre for ONA. It was sponsored by **Vijay Garg (B-170, 1973), Dr Jashanjot(S-52, 1967) and Supreet Puri(S-836,1994)**. The ONs had been informed by email, letters and SMSs. Ultimately we were able to fill half the big hall.

Vinod was accompanied by Rajesh Prasanna, son of Padam Bhushan Pandit Rajendra Prasanna on the flute, The tabla master Athar Hussain and sarangi player Kamaal Ahmed were musicians of national fame. For one and a half hour he held the audience spellbound. From ghazals to sufiana kalam to bhajans and shabads to rendering of a Sardar Jafri verse on urdu being an integral Indian language. As is the tradition in Banaras gharana, the school to which Vinod owes a lot, he ended the programme with Raag Bhairavi. He gave vocal rendition of the verses of the last Moghul King, Bahadur Shah Zafar "babul mora nayhar chhute jaye..." (a la KL Saigal), which was written by Zafar as a British prisoner while being transported to Calcutta. The event was recorded live and a double DVD is available with the ONA for Rs 250 plus courier charges outside Chandigarh. We hope to have more cultural programs in Chandigarh for Old Nabhaites and their families who can make it.

Supreet Puri (S-836, 1994)

ONA AWARDS NIGHT (8TH OCTOBER)

The ONA has been offering scholarships and awards for few years now. These used to be given to the winners at PPS, in Nabha. This year it was decided to give these awards at an ONA function in front of Old Nabhaites. This was on Sunday,

8th October 2007. The ONA organized a grand dinner get-together at the DSOI, Sector 36, Chandigarh, It was attended by almost one hundred fifty old Nabhaites and their families from Chandigarh, Punjab and surrounding areas. It was

organized by **Col Pushpinder (S-490)**, Adm Officer, Western Command, **Col IP Singh (Retd.)(J-77, 1965)**, **Col HS Chahal (Retd.)(J-49, 1966)**, **Brig HS Gill (Retd.)(S-99, 1965)**, with **Dr Jashanjot (S-52, 1967)**, who is incharge of The Eagle and **Supreet Singh(S-836, 1994)** from Chandigarh, backed by Executive Members from Patiala, Nabha, Ludhiana, Jalandhar and Chandigarh, under the patronage of **Maj.Gen GS Dhillon(B-69, 1967)**, MG, Western Command. Ms Gagandeep helped Brig. Harbaksh Gill in compeering the evening.

"ONA has been offering various awards of excellence and scholarships in PPS for the last many years to encourage students. Today is a unique gathering of Old Nabhaites. This function is the first of its kind in the history of ONA. What we are trying to do today is to fulfill a very important objective of ONA, that is, paying back to our alma mater, PPS, that has given us so much and is such an important part of our childhood", announced **Col BS Grewal (S-50, 1967)**, Secretary of ONA, who is from Ludhiana.

Almost thirty PPS students who were award winners in different sections had been invited by ONA for dinner. The evening started with a formal function where the PPS Headmaster Comdr IL Syal read out his address apprising Old Nabhaites about the progress being made in PPS.

This was followed by an Award Ceremony where almost 15 students were given scholarships and "Certificates of Excellence" printed on photographic paper carrying the school picture in the background., for their excellent performance in academics. These are sponsored by **Dr Rupinder Brar (S-291, 1976)**, a cardiologist in USA and an Old Nabhaite. His sister, Ms Arvind Dhaliwal, had been invited to give away the awards.

Then there were awards and Certificates of Excellence for Creative Writing Competition sponsored by **Dr Preetam Singh (J-242, 1969-73)** of Amritsar. The competition had been judged by experts in English Language. Eleven students were given the awards by ex-President of ONA, **Navin Talwar (S-79, 1968)**,

who himself was honoured at the meeting.

Winners of the ONA Late KK Katyal Memorial Award for the Best Karamchari of the School as judged by Prefects of School, were announced.

New Awards that were instituted were Best Teacher Award in Senior and Junior School, sponsored by **Gurkiran Dhillon (J-735, 1983-90)** and one for children from rural areas who show the maximum improvement, offered by **Maj Gurjinder Benepal(S-420, 1975-81)**.

The ONA Directory on a compact CD was released by **Kanwar Sandhu(J-106, 1964-70)**, Resident Editor, Hindustan Times, and Executive Member of the PPS Management (Executive Committee).

"To keep Old Nabhaites in touch with each other, we have a website, The Eagle and today we are releasing an ONA Directory which can be searched with different criteria, name, school, city, state, country, House Number, last name, House etc.", said Jt Secretary, **HS Dhaliwal (B-627, 1980-88)**.

The Day was historical in that ONA Benevolent Fund was announced to raise Funds to provide scholarships to children who are bright but don't have resources to study in PPS. This was to be the affirmative action of ONA towards society. It would also help teachers who have retired and also any old student who might face unfortunate circumstances.

Post formal function, the Old Nabhaites and their families mingled with each other, enjoying fellowship. The lavish dinner was laid out on the terrace of the DSOI, Sector 36, Chandigarh. Many friends who had met after years, continued their exchange well beyond midnight before saying goodbye. It was the biggest gathering of Old Nabhaites and families in Chandigarh, according to some.

Harvinder Dhaliwal (B-627, 1980 88)

SECRETARY'S REPORT (ON A DAY)

This year, as in previous years, ONA has continued to progress further, apart from consolidating its previous achievements.

We had mandatory four meetings of the Executive meetings during the year.

A Grand ONA Awards Night function was held in Chandigarh on 8th October, 2006, to give ONA Awards to winners among PPS students. There were over hundred Old Nabhaites with families present and it was a great success as a social and activity

function.

Thanks to **Jimmy Singh (J-452, 1976-82)** the website www.ppsona.com is functioning well. Each one of you must visit and register yourself there. Some lost ON friend of yours might find you on it. It has been decided to revamp the website in the year 2007.

This year the ONA has awarded Rupees fifty thousand worth of scholarships to merit students of class IV, V, VI, VII and VIII, courtesy **Dr Rupinder Brar(S-291, 1976)**, President CONA.

DONATIONS TO THE ONA BENEVOLENT FUND

You can send your donations to the Fund by Demand Draft/ Cheque to the undersigned. Make it payable at Nabha to ONA 'A/C ONA FUND'. It will be kept under a separate subhead in ONA Accounts and transferred to the Fund /Account as soon as it is opened.

Kanwar Gurpreet Singh Gill (R-095)

Treasurer, ONA M: 09814034447, 279, Harinder Nagar, Patiala

As in previous years, the ONA awarded "The ONA late KK Katyal Memorial Award", a cash prize for deserving *karamcharis* of PPS, worth a total of Rs 10000/ in the memory of late Biology teacher, Mr KK Katyal. It has been made possible courtesy ONs **Vandana (R-344, 1978), & Archana (R-307, 1978)**, children of Mr Katyal.

Creative Essay Writing competition for class IX to class XII was held by ONA with cash prizes worth Rs10,000 courtesy Dr **Preetam Singh(J-242, 1973)**. This was done by involving all the students in writing the essay.. The judges were experts in the English language who were paid separately by the donor.

For second year in succession we have taken the step towards helping school improve in the performing arts by hiring a professional to conduct Theatre workshop in PPS and stage a play Taj Mahal ka Tender which despite some odds, came out well. We plan to continue to help in this area in the future too.

A guest interactive lecture was held on communication skills with the help of **Sumanpreet Singh (J-566)** and ICFAL, Chandigarh. It was very well received by PPS students

The ONA is associating with British Council and Library to help school start a junior English programme, which may be expanded to include senior classes later. We have also done liaison for PPS to get access to The British Library Online Resources. The Headmaster, Comdr Sayal has shown positive attitude on all these points.

The ONA is doing liaison with Punjab Cricket Association to get Turf pitches laid in PPS and sign an MOU with PCA.

In future we plan to raise funds for scholarships in PPS. Anyone of you wanting to honour someone in the family can do so by starting a scholarship in his or her name. There is no better way to pay back to PPS than by helping some bright students. For this, a beginning has been made by floating the ONA Benevolent Fund. It was officially announced at the 8th October function and is part of our payback to PPS. The Headmaster is the Secretary of this Fund.

This year we have enrolled more than 100 Life members to ONA. We are grateful to Comdr IL Sayal for his help.

I request anyone of who is not a member of ONA to become one today and take advantage of the ONA Day concessional fee for the same. Also you can get a free ONA Directory.

We want more members to be involved in running ONA by becoming executive members from different Districts. They should activate their district chapters. If there are any volunteers please come forward and offer yourself. We want to dedicate the next year to increasing Life Membership and involvement of ONs in running ONA from different areas of the state.

I would like to thank all of you for having come to attend this meeting in spite of the ONA Day being in the middle of the week. I will end by saying become a Life member if you are not one. The ONA runs on these funds. Also donate as much as you can for the ONA Benevolent Fund to start scholarships and other projects in PPS. This is the only way we can show our gratitude to PPS.

Lt Col BS Grewal (S-50, 1967)
Secretary, ONA

Personal File

Brig. BS Mander, (R-34, 1961-64). Retired, settled in Chandigarh. Present Address: 590/Sector16D, Chandigarh. Permanent: same, Tel: 0172-277032, M: 9872633473. Married on 10th Oct, 1975 to Jasmeet (housewife). Has daughter Manaka Mander, aged 29 yrs, Manager in MNC and a son, Samar Mander, 27yrs, also a manager in MNC.

Capt. Paramjit S Bath, (R-225, 1969-1976). Qualification : Master Mariner. M. Navy, Settled in Chandigarh. Present Address: # 3431/ Sec 8D, Chandigarh Ph: 01724623611, M: 9316102611. Permanent: Same as above. Married on 30th Oct 1988 to Ashmi Singh (housewife). Has sons, Ishaan Singh aged 16, and Ranveer Singh aged 13, both in School.

Mahesh K Singla, (R-175, 1967-1972), LL.B, Business. Present Address: # 1529, Sec 36-D, 1st floor Chandigarh. Permanent Address: Gopal Oil Mills, Nabha. Ph: 5014929 M: 9814015929. Married On 19th Oct 1985 to Nandan Singla. Has two daughters Ashita Singla aged 20 years doing B.A, and Vinda Singla aged 16 years doing 10+2.

Maj. GS Benipal, (S-420, 1975-1981), B.A, Retd. From Army

Present Address: # 4487, Darshan Vihar, Sec-68, Mohali. Permanent Address: Vill-Mehmadpur, PO-Gadapur, The-Rajpura, Distt-Patiala. Ph: 0172-4634953 M: 9316005991, 9815344953. Married on 16th Feb 1991 to Charanjit Kaur (Housewife). Has a daughter, Shagufa Benipal aged 14, studying in 9th and has a son Dilawar Singh Benipal aged 11, studying in 6th.

Pushap Raj, Ex PPS Staff (1961-1975), Present Address: # 173, Richard St, Rochester, New York, USA. 14607. Permanent: Same. Ph: 585-461-5756. Email: Pushap@excite.com.

Iqbal Singh Chahal, (J-315, 1972-1979), Ex-IAF Wg. Cdr. Present Address: # 212, Sec 18A, Chandigarh. Permanent Address: # 2092, Phase-X, Mohali. M: 9815086563. Married on 29th May to Simrat (Teacher). Has 2 daughters, Sahiba aged 16 and Mallika aged 12.

Mandip Grewal, (R-70, 1961-1967), M.A(Eng), Business. M: 9815475661. Present Address: H. No.159, Sector 17, Panchkula, Haryana. Permanent: Same as above. Married on 18th April 1982, to Kiran Grewal. Has two sons Kanwardeep

Grewal, aged 22 (Hotel Management-USA), and Yuvraj Grewal, aged 19, Student.

Col. Jasvinder Singh Panaych, (R-110, 1964-1966), MBBS, M.D, Doctor. Ph: 0172-2600878, 4642571. M: 9872012571. Present Address: # 2571, Sec 35-C, Chandigarh. Pin-160022. Permanent address: Same as above. Married on 16th Oct 1977, to Preeti Panaych (House Wife). Has 3 sons and a daughter. Jujhar Singh Panaych, aged 26, working at an MNC. Preetika Panaych, aged 25, working at HDFC Bank. Ajit Pratap Singh Panaych, aged 21, doing MBBS, and Karan Pratap Singh Panaych, aged 21, doing MBBS.

Lt. Col. M S Sahota, (R-306, 1971-1974), LL.B, PGDPM. Ph: 01795-220527, 0172-3299623. M: 9357240792. *Email: manjitsahota59@yahoo.com* Present Address: # 633/1, Sec 36-B, Chandigarh. Permanent Address: Same as above. Married on 24th Feb 1986 to Mankirat Sahota (Home Maker). Has a son Fateh Sahota, aged 18.

Dr. N S Sandhu, (J-280, 1971-1975), Doctor. Present Address: #1059, Sec 27 B, Chandigarh. Permanent Address: Same as above. Ph: 2557551. M: 9814014574. Married on 9th July, 1986, to Satya Sree (Doctor). Has a daughter Simarjit, aged 19, and a son Rajveer, aged 15.

L M Gulati, (J 604, 1979-1983), Advocate. Present Address: # 517, Sector 4, Panchkula. Permanent Address: Same as above. Ph: 2743347, 2583163 M: 09855408087. *Email: lmgulati@rediffmail.com* Married on 17th Aug 1991 to Simi Gulati. Has two daughters, Divya Gulati, aged 12. Katayayani, aged 6.

Wg Cdr. TPS Arora (Retd), (R 290, 1971-1978) Retd. IAF Wg CDR. Present Address: # 1325, Sector 34-C, Chandigarh. Permanent Address: Same. Ph: 6346974, 4636973. M: 9217880999. *Email: acelmack@yahoo.com* Married on 10th May 1987, to Monica Arora (Teacher). Has two sons Akshat Arora, aged 18. Ashank Arora, aged 11.

Harpreet Singh, (R 996, 1989-1993). Business, Member of American Foundrymen's Society (USA). Present Address: Carrier Automatic Components. 21-A, Industrial Estate, Sirhind Road, Patiala. Permanent: 9 Friends Colony Back Side Laxmi Palace, Patiala 147001. Ph: 0175-3290333, 3297970 M: 9872578780. Married on 29th Jan 1999 to Sonu (House Wife). Has a daughter, Amy Singh, aged 7.

Chander Kant Sood, (R 268, 1971-1976). M.Tech, Army officer. Present Address: HQ Centre Command, Lucknow 226002. Permanent: same. Ph: 0522 2292742, 2292743. M: 9935563010. Married on 28th Nov 1985 to Ragini. Has a son Anuj Sood, aged 17 and a daughter Shruti, aged 20.

Anil K Bansal, (J-233, 1969-1976), Business. Present Address: C/O Ruldu Ram & Sons, Patiala Road, Nabha. Pin 147201. Permanent: same as above. Ph: 01765-220052, 222944 M: 9815617151. Married on 22nd Aug 1985 to Veena Bansal (House Wife). Has a son and a daughter, Yashu Bansal, aged 19 and Palak Bansal, aged 14.

Sanjeev Gupta, (J- 166, 1966-1972), B.Com, Business. Present Address: # 195, Sector 19A, Chandigarh. Pin 160019.

Permanent: Same as above. Ph: 3048589, 5088449, Fax: 2 7 2 8 0 0 7 . M : 9 8 1 4 6 1 8 1 9 5 . *E m a i l : kamas_sanjeev@hotmail.com*. Married on 9th Dec 1978 to Meenakshi Gupta (Business). Has 3 sons Ankur Gupta, aged 26 S/W Programmer, Kunal Gupta, aged 24 S/W Programmer, Anshul Gupta, aged 18.

Sandeep Bansal, (R 572, 1980-1986), B.A, Business. Present Address: # 854, NAC, ManiMajra, Chandigarh. Permanent: Same as above. Ph: 5074854, 2735008 Fax: 4642854. M: 9814612854. Married on 27th Sep 1992 to Madhu Bansal. Has a son Nikhil, aged 13 and a daughter Megha, aged 9.

Manjit Singh Saraon, (J-94, 1964-1966), B.A, LL.B, Business. Present Address: # 112, Sector 36A, Chandigarh. Permanent Address: Same. Ph: 2600116, M: 9815550332. Married on 26th Jan 1981 to Harpreet Saraon (House Wife). Has two daughters Gurleen Saraon, aged 24, Harleen Saraon, aged 21, student.

Col. Sukhminder Singh Aujla, (S 264, 1970-1976), M.Sc, MBA, Army. Presently at Bangalore. Address: Col GS (SD/WE), HQ 1 ARMD DIV, C/O 56APO. Permanent: 4 TEG Colony, Kheri Gujran Road, Patiala. Ph: 2392410 (O), 2392436 (R). M: 9876110027. *Email: sukhminderaujla@yahoo.co.in*. Married on 21st Oct 1984 to Amrit Aujla (School Principal). Has two daughters and a son, Simran, aged 20, Noor, aged 16 and Sartaj, aged 15.

Mohit Bansal, (J-654, 1982-1989), LL.B, Lawyer, in Judicial service, Punjab. Present Address: "ELYSIUM", Friends Colony, Cantt Road, Nabha. Pin: 147201. Permanent: same as above. Ph: 01765-222005, M: 9814015984. Married on 6th Mar 2002 to Charu Sharma (House Wife). Has a son Mitul Bansal, aged 3.6 yrs.

Satwinder, (J-777, 1986-1993), B.A, Manager. Present Address: # 348, Sec 40A, Chandigarh. Permanent: Same as above. Ph: 0172-2693456 M: 9815741415. Married on 11th June 2000 to Param. Has one daughter and one son, Anmol Reet, Aged 3 and Jai Singh, aged 2.

Ms Neelinderjeet, (B-807, 1984-1988), Teacher. Present Address: Commando Complex, Phase XI, Mohali. Permanent: Sandhu Farm House, Urban Estate, Phase II, Patiala. Pin: 147002. Married on 3rd Feb 1991 to SP Capt. Rajbachan Singh Sandhu (PPS). Has 2 daughters and one son, Aafreen, aged 13, Jasleen, aged 10. Manmohan, aged 8.

Dinesh Singla, (B 821, 1988-1995), Family Jewellery Business. Present Address: C/O Chowdhary Jewellers, Adalat Bazar, Patiala Permanent Address: same as above. Ph: 0175-5007010, M: 94172-05570. Married on 9th Feb 2001 to Nitika Singla (House Wife). Has a son Suryansh, aged 4, and a daughter, Sia Singla, aged 2.

Gurinder Kaur Virk, (S 347, 1978), M.A, B.Ed. Communication Co-ordinator Present Address: A-7, Nizamuddin West, Delhi. Permanent: H5/1 Qutab Enclave Phase 1, DLF, Gurgaon. Ph: 0124-2355141, M: 9810187766. *Email: gurivirk@rediffmail.com, gurinder@virk.in*. Married on 4th Jan 1995 to Sarbjit Singh Virk, has a daughter, Anoushka, aged 8.

Satish Soni, (R-121, 1965-1971), Indian Navy. Present Address: 220 C, Sena Bhavan, IHQMOD, New Delhi. Permanent: N-110, Greater Kailash-I, New Delhi. Ph: 23792713(O), 24106838(R) M: 9871619596. *Email: satish_soni@hotmail.com*. Married on 24th Aug 1983 to Payal (House Wife). Has a son Karan, aged 22, MBA and a daughter, and Kanica, aged 19.

Shobby Vinayak, (B-863, 1985-61), PG Ed., working for a Placement Agency. Present Address: office No.5, Hotel Shivalik View, sector-17, Chandigarh: Present:same. Ph:5047019,M:9876081363. *Email:vinayak@careergrowth.in* Married Timsy on 18 August,2002 and has a son Rishit aged 4yrs.

WHILE WE ARE BOYS IN SCHOOL

Mr Cowell's List

Many later day old Nabhaites may have heard of Schindler's list but there has been another historic list, that of **Mr. SC Cowell**. The legendary Senior Master was no believer in soft approach to erring and naughty students who crossed his drawn line of discipline. He believed in not sparing the rod when it came to dealing with such delinquents. Like a *Dus Numbria* list of notorious persons maintained by *thanas* or police stations in their areas, Mr. Cowell maintained a list of notorious PPS students in a diary provided by the Company VOLTAS, aptly standing for Volume of Liars Thieves and Scoundrels. Some of the esteemed Old Nabhaites of today have had the honour of being enrolled in **Mr. Cowell's List** during their schooldays. In times of a mischief anywhere in PPS, the list was scrutinized and prospective culprits rounded up. Such was the close monitoring done by Mr. Cowell' list. It was a dynamic list and not a vendetta list. Students were constantly getting on or off the **list-Mr Cowell** was a very fair man.

One fine evening, the great Senior Master walked into his office and to his dismay found his diary had been tampered with and ink strewn over some papers. Some devil of a school boy had dared to challenge him! His red chubby face became redder. Soon his thunder could be heard down the corridors and in

Honesty does not Always Pay

Inderpal Singh (J-77, 1965) was School Prefect and an active sportsman. But he was also like other boys having a fertile mind and making his share of mischief. He had a strong dislike for Hindi like many PPS students those days, who had difficulty mastering the nuances of the national language. With difficulty in language comes your difficulty with the teacher of that language. It leads to hate- hate relationship with the teacher. The vicious cycle never ends. A time comes when the student just hates the idea of attending that dreadful period. For many, medical problems like fever and stomachache begin to happen with unnatural frequency and the MI room seems to be the only solace at such a time Sometimes there is an outlet. One day **Mr OP Bhatnagar** (Ex-Hindi) took **Inderpal's** class and asked the students to write an essay on *Vichitra Sapna* or a 'Strange Dream'. He asked the students to be dead honest and write whatever they dreamt. **Inderpal's** literary reserves poured out and the essay just flowed. Somewhere in the essay he mentioned

distant classrooms. The students sat in pin drop silence in their prep time. He summoned **Inderpal Singh (J-77, 1965)**, the School Prefect and set up an inquiry committee in a much democratic manner (might have been a precursor to the later day Bofors etc inquiry committees) to probe the matter.

The possible time period of crime was determined. A list of all students seen in the vicinity of the office during this time was prepared. This list was cross-checked with **Mr Cowell's List** a la Scotland yard. Soon two suspects were hauled up, **Manjit Saraon (J-94, 1966)** (now a lawyer) and **Mulkjeet Sandhu (S-54, 1966)** (now a retired Colonol). Inderpal was asked to interrogate them. First one in was **Manjit. Inderpal**, sitting in the chair of authority asked him "Manjit why did you do this? What's wrong with you?" Pat came the counter question from a calm and an unflustered **Manjit**, "first of all you prove you have not done this mischief yourself and played this trick on us". The inquiry was wound up immediately. **Mr Cowell** used tyranny to mould the lives of so many ONs. Since the rod could not be spared, **Manjit** and **Mulkjeet** were punished despite their protests of innocence. **Mr Cowell's List** never lied. The jury is still out whether they actually committed the crime.

As told by **MS Sandhu(S-54,1966)**

students get spanked or caned on their bottoms whenever they are in the wrong. Similarly, if a teacher is wrong, he should be punished too, he expressed. The *Vichitra Sapna* he described was one in which his Hindi teacher was hauled up by God. He was howling like a child as he lay across God's knees and was being caned on his naked bottoms by God.

Some how the concerned teacher came to know about this and he took offence. The matter went up to the Headmaster with possibility of expulsion thrown in. **Mr JK Kate**, in his usual manner not wanting to hurt the already hurt teacher and not punishing the student for honesty, ultimately decided to strip **Inderpal** of his School Prefectship and demoted him to House Prefect as the middle path. Obviously honesty had not been rewarded.

As told by **Manjit Saraon (J-94,1966)**

HELPLINE

All those young Old Nabhaites who need guidance or help in their careers may contact **Supreet Singh Puri (S-836)** at 9888283900 or at supreet8@gmail.com, or **Shobby Vinayak, (B-863,1985)** at shobby_vinayak@yahoo.co.uk. The ONA will try its best to help out through him.

What Is In A (nick) Name?!

One day I needed some help in Dehradun. I had to find information about a Girls School for my daughter. I punched a few buttons here and there and located the address and the phone number of our dear Sir (*Tiger*) **Mr. P N Onyal (Ex-Teacher English)**. I rang him up immediately and tried my best to introduce myself. He could not remember **Minhas** or **Avaninder(R-120, 1970)** but the moment I said 'Fatty' Ravi House, it took him just a few seconds to place me.

It set me thinking and I went down the memory lane. Everyone would fondly remember the *Makhis* and *Machchars* but may not remember their names- **Dr. Harpreet Sandhu (S-7, 1964)** or **Col. DPS Waraich (J-281, 1976)**. One would fondly remember the abilities of 007 James Bond (**Mr. Johri**) to solve all the mysteries in the School. Perhaps the most famous of the Nabhaites in the school were the Kashyap Brothers remembered as '**Bodi**', **Vinod (J-65, 1967)** '**Bhishti**.' **Vineet (J-117, 1970)** and '**Pappu**', **Varinder (J -172 , 1972)**. Equally famous were the **Nandrajog Brothers** (the Tinda Clan). **Om Prakash (B-1, 1963)** *khachar*, was followed by **Vijay Prakash(B-27, 1966)** *tinda* and **Sheetal Prakash. Manjit Saraon Mianji (J-94, 1966)** would be fondly remembered by Jumna House for his patronage of gumboots. Beatles were in great fashion worldwide and PPS had its own in the form of **Paramjit Bhullar Sr and Jr (Both Ex-Ravi)** because of the famous Beatle haircut they supported when they joined the school. Talking about brothers, there were the '*Englandis*' **Jaspal Shokker (R-88, 1966)** and **Sukhpal Shokker (S-117, 1971)** and the The Dhillon Brothers **Maj.Gen. Gurjeet Dhillon(B-69, 1967)** *Bhedu* and **Rupinderjit Dhillon (B-68, 1967)** *Khilji*. If one needed the clothes washed, **Dr. Ved Prakash (R-60, 1968)** *Dhobi* was always there.

Remembering the extra milk drinking, the cats (Billis) were in plenty-. **Manoranjan Singh (B-117, 1965-71)**, **Urvinderpal Singh (Ex J, 1965-71)** and **Manbir Hundal (S-113, 1964-70)**. There were many Tigers too. The **Aulakh Brothers, Inderjit(R-109)** and **Chirnjeev(R-108)**. The biggest gang was of the 'Bhoonds' of the Jat clan from Haryana. If one were to freshen one's mouth *Elaichi* **Dr J J Singh (Ex-S-52)** was the obvious alternate because mouth fresheners were not around at that time. '*Tooti*' and '*Taula*' (R - -) was a very famous pair. The Three *Musketeers* of the 1964-70 batch were **Bandy, Rajeev Tandon (B-131, 1970)**, **Saira Banu Jagdeep Singh Minhas (R-102)** and **Godu ,Vidur Gupta (B 217,1970)**. They made an interesting trio.

Not to leave Shakespeare out, we had **Romeo (Kiranpal (Ex- Ravi-)**. **Madame Curie Maninder Dhindsa (R-168, 1964-70)** was always available if any female role was to be performed

If you were a nature lover and a wildlife lover, you could have had all the animals and birds covered. We had the likes of tigers, *baanders*, *Khotas*, *Bhedu*, *Totas*, *Mors*. The list is endless. Anybody who feels neglected or left out, need not be offended, as we would be back at your service with a second edition. We do have space constraints. If anybody feels hurt or offended, my sincere apologies. The idea was to live those days again "While we were boys at school", and touch base with each other.

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WHILE WE ARE TEACHING IN PPS (Reminisces of an Ex-PPS teacher from PPS Chronicle)

It is December 13, 2006 and I feel I have come home. But this time I have brought my family. In spring of 1969 I arrived at **Punjab Public School** for the first time having spent several months teaching at a Government School in Rohtak, Haryana. It was a revelation. **PPS** was school keen on principles of industry, wisdom and compassion. Headmaster Kate and Junior Headmistress Malkani personified those principles and not only expected them of the students and staff but modeled themselves to set an example.

For one full school year I , a 23 year old Canadian taught students of 5 and 6 standard in the Junior School. The routine was demanding the hours were long, the work was the most satisfying I could **imagine**.

PPS was relatively new having been founded in 1960, but already it was beginning to send out impressive graduates into the world.

I left in 1970 and returned to Canada where I continued to teach before I entered, Federal Government Service and later Government Service in the West Coast province of British Columbia. India remained in my blood and PPS remained in my heart. Even though I returned to India several times in the 1970s on Government business I never made it to Nabha or PPS.

I have remained good friends with **Miss Anita Williams** now

Mrs. Seammell(Ex-VSO Junior school) and we would often reminisce about our time at PPS. She kept in touch with some of the boys from Junior School and we two visited **Sushil Bajaj(J-199,1968-74)** in London in the mid 70s. We also visited Pushpraj(Ex-staff) in Rochester, New York when she visited Ottawa from London in 1975. It was a dream always to revisit PPS.

In 1986 I married and in 1993 our daughter Amy, was born. As years went on and PPS was mentioned over and over, it seemed only natural that our family would make the trip. In 2006 we decided it was time.

Through **Mrs. Seammell** I contacted **Rajiv Vadhera(S-189,1968-74)** a grade 5 student from 1969. He connected me with the Old Nabhaites Association and the school. Also he put me in touch with **Mr. Arwinder Singh Brar**, residing successfully in Jaipur.

We made our plans, plotted our programme and left Victoria, British Columbia on November 30 deep in snow. We arrived in India December 2 and were met by former student **Arvinder Brar (R-189,1968-74)** in Jaipur on December 7 and 8. Both **Arvinder** and his charming wife **Meenu** treated us with the gracious and generous hospitality for which India is known around the world.

After a quick visit to Amritsar to introduce my wife Nola and Amy to the home of the Sikh faith, we drove south arriving at the Junior School just before sunset.

My first instinct as I got out of the car was to look up at the windows of my "home" at PPS with an immense feeling of belonging. My heart had been satisfied and I loved the fact that my family could finally share a place that was so special to me.

Entering the Junior School after 36 years I felt the presence of **Mr. Kate, Miss Malkani** and all the other teachers, staff and students who had enriched my life so long ago.

Touring the school over the next day and a half made me realize so much had changed. First, the expansion and enhancement of buildings, programmes and infrastructure; the dining halls, computer labs, classrooms, libraries, dormitories, stable basketball court, playing fields, equestrian program, field hockey, roller hockey, photography and athletics; swimming pool, gardens, fruit trees, bottle palms and **Ashoka** trees.

Second, the number of girl students had increased from 9 day students in my time to more than 130 today with residences created with far all. Third, the increased security at both senior and junior schools. The world in 1969 was a safer and saner

place.

Finally, the expansion of *Nabha* up to and around the schools. What is more important than the changes is that all the fundamentals that have stayed the same. The quality of teaching, coaching and instruction remains at the highest standard. The care and compassion provided by the house masters and mistresses to orient and comfort the new comers and encourage and support the older students.

The spirit of **Miss Malkani** is carried on by Mrs. Thaper in the Junior School.

The vision and discipline that has seen PPS expand and gain in reputation over the years. Again, a legacy of **Mr. Kate** carried on so admirably by **Commodore Syal**.

I have spent many years in many schools over my lifetime. My one short year at PPS was the most profound and the one to which I owe the greatest debt.

I am thankful that I was able to come home again and share it with those I love.

Ilan Callier(Ex-Teacher 1969-70)

DONATIONS TO THE ONA BENEVOLENT FUND

As you are aware ONA has floated the above Fund for the welfare of bright and needy students of PPS. You can send your donations to the Fund by Demand Draft/ Cheque to the undersigned. Make it payable to PPS or ONA 'A/C ONA FUND' at Nabha. It will be kept under a separate subhead in ONA Accounts / PPS Accounts and transferred to the Fund/ Account as soon as it is opened.

This can also be sent directly to Headmaster, PPS, Nabha .
Let a few of your rupees do a good deed.

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ONA Baisakhi Bash !

PPS was started in the month of April in 1960. The first students came in on the 6th to 10th and the first formal session was held on 11th April, the auspicious Punjabi Day of **Baisakhi**. The ONA wants to start the tradition of celebrating this day as 'Baisakhi Bash' every year on the nearest Sunday available as a FUN DAY where we would like ONs to come with their families and just enjoy and interact with each other. The formal part will be absent or minimal.

All Old Nabhaites are invited with their families to this Grand Dinner and Dance. Come with your dancing shoes and put your best foot forward as we plan to have a DJ (till the time the DSOI rules permit) for the kids and those young at heart (body not withstanding). Do become a Life Member on the spot if you are

not one.

Venue: DSOI, Sector 36, Chandigarh.

Date: 22nd April, Sunday

Time: 7.30pm

Dinner Served: 10pm (as per DSOI rules)

The evening is being organised by **Col Inderpal (J-77, 1965), M: 9814607760; Col HS Chahal (J-49, 1966) M: 9872695656; Col Pushpinder (S-490), M: 9815590377; Gp Capt KS Rana (R-41, 1966), Ph: 0172-2612839; Rajinder Jain(R-266,1976), AS Minhas(R-120, 1971), Ms Gagandeep (B-678,1987) M:9417152902 and Ms Neelinder Sandhu (B-807). 9914323014**

CONA ANNUAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The annual California ONA meeting has been changed to 7th July. The details will be informed later

Batch of 1976
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Considering the cost of tents, lighting, DJ, drinks, non-vegetarian snacks and dinner and prizes, the subsidized charges will be as follows:

Single ON	Rs 300
Couple (wives are special)	Rs 500
Kids	Rs 100/ child

For those who are not Life Members, we will be offering a Baisakhi concession in the form of a free CD of ONA directory or Neck tie if they become Life Members on the spot. There will be other memorabilia on sale for those interested.

CD of ONA Directory	Rs 100
CD ONA Awards Night Photos (8th Oct.)	Rs 50
CD 23rd April Party (Honouring PPS Riders)	Rs 50
ONA Neck tie	Rs 150
Nabhaite Coffee Mug	Rs 50
Gazal Night Live! (Double DVD)	Rs 250

Please contact any of the organizers for conforming your participation. This will help them plan the evening better. Hoping to see you with your family at this grand evening.

Yours Nabhaitely,

Col BS Grewal (S-50, 1967) Gen. Secy., ONA
P.S. Please inform other ONs3

RSVP
Supreet Puri (S-836, 1994)
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BATCH REUNION

This year at ONA Day & Founder's Day we are calling for Silver Jubilee Batch Reunion of 1982, which completes 25 years of passing out from PPS.) Please starts organizing your Batch's get-together at PPS on ONA Day in October from now itself. If you

need any help from ONA, Please get in touch. You could start by making someone in charge or forming and organizing committee of your own. Harvinder Dhaliwal (B-62, 1988) Jt Secretary, ONA; M: 98724 00139, E-mail: onapps@yahoo.com

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