

# **THE EAGLE**

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## **ROUSER**

The Eagle is a news bulletin of ONA and Old Nabhaites. It serves as a means or medium for flow of information or news about Old Nabhaites in one place to Old Nabhaites in other parts of the world. The students, once they break out from the cocoon of PPS fly away. The next decade is spent in studying and making a career for themselves whether in service of the Government, Private companies, own business or farming. This takes them to different corners of not only the state but the country and even the world. They tend to loose contact with their alma mater and their comrades and pals from PPS days. It is in such a situation that the importance of The Eagle has to be realized. The Eagle will keep you in touch with PPS and your colleagues and also bring you close to other Old Nabhaites who were in PPS in different years. The Eagle makes an effort to keep The Family together and from Things falling apart.

However to sustain The Eagle there has to be inflow of information. There can be no Eagle without information or news. The information is about you the Old Nabhaite and it has to come from you. Most ONs complement us for bringing out The Eagle and are in all praise of it. However there is very little information that ONs send us about themselves and about other ONs. All the information that we print here is from the very few responses we get and the rest has been scrooged from here and there by efforts few individuals. Once there is enough information to fill an issue of The eagle comes the next step of raising funds for an issue. So far ONs have been considerate enough to provide some funds but this could become a problem some day in the future. But we hope that could be overcome by an enthusiastic ON who might just come along and start managing The Eagle.

Sometime in the past we had requested all ONs to kindly contribute an article by writing from their memories of PPS. We got very few responses and we are carrying them in this issue. I will request ONs of different eras from PPS to contribute like **Ashok Balwani (R-90,1966)** has done in this issue. He has almost summed up the scenario of the 60s in PPS. Are there any takers for the 70s,80s,90s and the new millennium? We shall await your responses eagerly.

Apart from contributing articles towards The Eagle do send us as much information as possible about your self and if you can about other ONs around or near you. You can even write for some one who is too modest to write about his successes or achievements or for someone who is just shy to pen words about himself. If someone has a problem with the

English language write with mistakes or in *tutty phuty* English and we will get some one to play the desk writer and correct it before publishing.

So pick up your pen write something about yourself, another ON, from any nostalgic school memory or any ON gathering you have attended recently etc. we the ONs here will try to publish it in The Eagle with sponsorship provided by some other ON somewhere else and send it out for information to all the ONS out there in the world whose addresses and emailIDs we have. Thus we can truly say (If one can play with Lincoln's words) that The Eagle is of the ONs, for the ONs and by the ONs.

### WHILE WE ARE BOYS IN SCHOOL

#### *The reminiscences of an old Nabhaite*

My father worked for an oil company. This meant that transfers were de-rigueur every three years. In the early days he was posted in cities like New Delhi which was good for my education but when his postings started to affect my studies he decided to seek help from his friend **J. K. Kate**. I am not quite sure how father knew him but as Mr Kate was then at Sanawar, admission was secured for me to start at Sanawar the next year.

Later that year we had a message from **Mr Kate** requesting my father to see him at Baroda railway station as he was passing through on the way from school to Bombay for his holidays. My father, with me in tow, met **Mr Kate** for the brief minutes in the middle of the night that his train stopped there. His proposition was simple: that he had left Sanawar and was now the Head Master at Nabha, it was an excellent school in every way and if what was prompting my father to send me to Sanawar was his presence there, then my father should seriously consider Nabha. That is how it came about that I came to Nabha in 1963.

My father decided to accompany me to school for my admissions and to deposit me there. We boarded the Deluxe (train) from Bombay to New Delhi at Baroda. We were in New Delhi for a day and my father borrowed a car from a friend to drive to Nabha. I remember very distinctly that we stayed at Greens Hotel at Patiala that night and drove up the final 16 kms to Nabha the next morning. We met **Mr Kate** and later **Mr Punia** who was the Bursar in those days and I was admitted to school. **Mr Kate** called **Mr M. N. Tankha** (Geography) to introduce my father and I was assigned to Ravi House (R 90). My father built an enduring friendship with **Mrs & Mr Tankha** (also House master-Ravi) which lasted well beyond my time at school.

That afternoon **Mr Kate** invited us for lunch at his house which was in a part of the building that housed the junior school. After that my father drove off to return to New Delhi and back to Baroda.

I remember parts of my life at school very vividly - the masters, the boys, the routines and many events, some remarkable and others quite ordinary. **Mr Mukut Narain Tankha** was my House Master and he taught me geography. He was a tall man with an equally towering personality. A great organiser. He was the man behind the athletic meets at the school. We were always accepted very graciously into his home. Mrs (Asha) Tankha was also involved in the activities in the House and a great source of inspiration. We used to exchange books (novels) for reading and then discussed the nuances of what we had read. Their first son was called Monty after General Montgomery. They had a second son called, if I am not mistaken, Timmy after General Thimayya. **Mr Tankha** was an excellent geography teacher and encouraged us to take up projects in geography. We built realistic models of various countries, continents and significant expeditions like Tenzing and Hillary's ascent of the Everest and displayed these to visiting dignitaries and on Founders' Day.

**Mr Tankha** left school and was at one stage the Head Master at the Birla Public School, Pilani and I caught up with him there as I was studying engineering at Pilani at that time.

I learnt English from **Mr Samuel Charles Cowell** and **Mr John Mallon**. **Mr Cowell** was the Senior Master in school those days. He was a very strict disciplinarian with a strong will and was a nightmare for the errant school boy. He was quick to dispense "frog marching around the quadrangle" if he found you out of order. He was the pillar that the school discipline was built on. The boys referred to him as "babba" and some as "buddha babba" as he had a shock of grey hair which he kept closely cropped, a little in the style of the school haircut that was prescribed for all the non-Sikhs. It was not unusual for a prefect to warn a boy that getting out of line to remember as to what might happen when "babba" found out – *"tu vakhein, Babbey nu pata chale ga tey tu vahkhein."*

To continue with English, **Mr Cowell** emphasised building a strong and powerful vocabulary. He said that a word was in your vocabulary only if you could pronounce it, spell it, knew the meaning and could use it in a sentence. He used to walk in to class each day and ask us what new words we had picked up from our reading since the last class. He would list them on the black board and take us through the steps of pronunciation, spelling, the meaning and building sentences. He would then make us write down the words in small pocket sized notebooks that had been issued to us from the school stationery. We had divided the pages alphabetically and noted the words on the appropriate pages. The normal class began only after this ritual. Often **Mr Cowell** picked up words from the morning assembly from what **Mr Kate** had said or one of the prayers. If **Mr Kate** was away or busy then it was **Mr Cowell** who held the assembly. I get the impression from the web site that the school still lays a lot emphasis on building a good vocabulary. I thought the present generation might like to know the genesis of the practice and the debt we all owe to **Mr Cowell**. He was very instrumental in my ability with the language.

I was always fond of books and reading. Often reading stuff meant for more mature ages. Some school mates (**Jaspal Chatha ,R-89, Haramol "Harry" Waraich J-104**) were kindred souls and we fed each other's habit. We actively exchanged books and critiqued

what we had read. These were high intellectual discussions. This was a valuable insight to Hemmingway, Salinger, Huxley, Conrad, Maugham, Orwell, Remarque, Chandler, and the myriad other writers that influenced my generation. Even a new author called Ian Fleming that had recently appeared on the horizon and was making some waves with his James Bond. His meticulous researching of his subjects impressed us. We managed to read anything we could lay our hands on. Apart from this my formal introduction to English literature was through Mr **John Mallon**. He ignited my imagination and introduced me to Shakespeare. To this day I clearly recall the lines from Julius Caesar, Hamlet, Macbeth and Romeo and Juliet and can hear in my mind's ear the voices of Richard Burton or Lawrence Olivier from the long playing records of these plays that he obtained for us from the British Council. It was amazing how accurately these renditions followed the original text. **Mr Mellon** had an olive green MG roadster that I envy to this day.

**Mr Inder Mohan Kakkar** taught us physics. He liked to introduce himself as **I (a)M** the Kakkar of physics. A man of simple tastes, completely in love with his subject who made physics so simple that even the modest student managed to get a good grade. He would often drop in during the Prep to see if anybody needed help. **Mr Y. P. Johri** taught us mathematics. Hands down he had the best handwriting on the blackboard. He was very polished, had fine manners and was a true gentleman. He wrote a book on mathematics that was later a prescribed text for the ISC. **Mr V Bhawe** (I hope I am getting this name right) taught me chemistry. These three gentlemen influenced my decision to study science and to eventually go on to study engineering. I also recall **Mr Katyal** who taught me biology. He was a good master and I scored fairly high marks but when it came to a crunch I took up additional mathematics and dropped biology. I sat for my ISC examination (class XI then) in December 1966. **Preetinder Singh Lamba (Beas)** stood first. He went on to study medicine at the AFMC, Pune and joined the Indian Navy as a doctor. He now practices medicine in Mumbai. **Jaspal Singh Chatha (Ravi)** was second. I lost touch with him. I (again Ravi) was placed third

I went on to study engineering at Pilani, then an MBA at the Faculty of Management Studies, University of Delhi and on to career as an executive in a variety of companies. I am now the Director for Human Resources and Knowledge Management at Det Norske Veritas (DNV) in Oslo, Norway. I am returning to India in 2005 as Director for DNV Certification for the Middle East, South & South East Asia to be located in Mumbai. My area of operation will commence eastwards from Egypt and cover all of Asia except China, Japan and Korea.

Continuing with school, I can not forget to mention **Mr Y. P. Bhardwaj**. He taught us history, was the House Master for Jamuna and was our cricket coach. If he did not like you or was annoyed with you he referred to you as a "waster". His main friends in school were **YPJ, Mr R. Sibal and Mr. Bhatnagar**. They all played good cricket and if I am not mistaken YPB and Mr Bhatnagar at the Ranji Trophy level. Mr Bhardwaj left school for Mayo and was later at a school in Haryana called Motilal Nehru. Many years later I bumped in to his brother who lived in Mumbai at Pali Hill, Bandra.

The diminutive **Miss J Lamba** taught me Punjabi or to be correct “Gurmukhi”. While small in build, she packed an iron resolve. She managed to give me some sense of the language and, to my father’s delight, I could read the Granth though not fluently. Alas, with passage of time and not being an active user, I lost the little competence that I had. As a debt to Miss Lamba, I have resolved that, when I retire, I will take up the language again in order to read the Granth in the winter of my life as I prepare to meet my Maker.

In my time at school **Mr G. S. Punia** was the Bursar. He was a pucca gentleman if there ever was one. I remember borrowing his dinner jacket for my farewell party. With Mr Punia’s well built physique and my puny frame you can imagine how I floated in that dinner jacket. I also recall how **Mr Punia’s** turban was always tied so immaculately. I believe some one from his family is still at the school.

We got pocket money of Rs 1 each week in those days. You got this through a slip with your name and house number that was written out by the prefect and signed by the house master. The only place to spend this was the tuck shop. I think it could buy you a small slab of Cadbury’s. If you spent it on buying sweets which were priced at 5 paise each you got 21 sweets for the rupee which included the bonus of an extra sweet. By the time I passed out the pocket money had grown to Rs 1.50 which was a handsome increase! More importantly, a gentleman who had a shop in the city was permitted to set up a stall in each house by turns on Sunday to sell milk shakes. Rs 1.50 could buy you a tall glass of pineapple or chocolate milk shake.

As my time at school coincided with the early days of the school many of the facilities came up during that time. The dining hall was built, a bakery came up, we had a tie up with the Horlicks factory in our neighbourhood to supply good fresh milk to the school from their supply, the swimming pool was built, we started fish farming, etc. In my days all boys were greatly concerned with food. Some how it was central to many things we did. I guess this was because at that age boys are always hungry. We had a very capable gentleman, who had been associated with the catering service in the army that was responsible for the food in the school. I do not recall his name but he is stuck in my memory with the nick-name that we boys had for him – quite appropriately “Foodie”. Imagine my surprise when I heard even some of the masters referring to him as Foodie. Some of my friends and I had a good friendship with the guy that ran the bakery. We took turns in requesting him for a loaf of bread and hot bread fresh out of the oven went very well with ham, luncheon meat, baked beans, sardines or even condensed milk that we brought to school in great abundance each term. I can even today recall the taste of that fresh hot bread. One of my friends, **Shivpal Singh Virk (R-40)** would amuse himself by breathing on to the faces on unsuspecting guys that he did not like after heartily partaking of (fresh bread and) sardines.

The school band was started during my time at school. I was one of the first to volunteer and found my niche playing the bagpipes. I was soon the leading piper and got the first band prize ever in the history of the school for the year 1965. **Rajpal Singh Mann (Ravi)** was the first leader of the band. He was very good with the leader’s swagger stick and presented a very smart picture.

Let me mention two boys who were senior to me. **Ranjitpal Singh Mann (Ravi)** who was the Head Boy in his time, the first to represent the school at the Republic Day parade as a part of the NCC contingent and a talented athlete. He went to college at St Stephens in Delhi, ran a very fast 400m and represented the University of Delhi as well as competing at the national level. The other was **Nandrajog (B-1)**, now a General. A very persevering fellow who never said die. He was a favourite of Mr Bhardwaj. There was a pint sized brother **Vijay Nandrajog (again B-27)** who was in my class.

There were no girls in school then. The exceptions being **Jyoti Kate ( R-52)**, our Head Master's daughter, who is mentioned on the ONA web site), **Mr Mattoo's** daughter **Basanti ,R-73**(he was the House Master of Sutlej) and **Mr Kakkar's** daughter (he was the House Master of Beas) **Alka**. Jyoti Kate's brother **Jeevan**(Mr Kate's son) died tragically at the IMA after a cross country race just days before his being commissioned as an officer.

I sometimes wonder what happened to the many boys that I knew at school and where they are today. I mentioned **Preetinder Lamba, Narendra Kohli (B-79)**, who was Head Boy and also studied medicine at AFMC, Pune and practices medicine at Calcutta, **Suresh Sofat (Jamuna)** is a doctor in Buffalo, NY and some others. But what happened to the rest of them and where are they now?

I can sense from the web site that the school has changed in many ways over the years. I guess, "Onward and Upward" in keeping with our motto. I hope I can visit the school again some day, perhaps in 2006 as that would mark 40 years of my passing out.

**Ashok Balwani (R 90,1966).**

### ***Marching on the Stomach***

First of all I really appreciate the initiative by ONA to bring out The Eagle

One incidence I remember is that in the junior school we used to take away some chapatis hidden with us from our supper and found great pleasure in eating them while on bed in the dormitory.

I also nostalgically remember the *rajmah* we used to have in Junior school, It must rank as the tastiest dish I have had in my life.

**Harsimer Singh Tiwana J-829**

### ***Cost of Disloyalty***

There was a tradition in PPS to go to *Nabha Sweets* after dinner because mostly at nights

we didnt like the dinner. So we had a group of 7-8 boys. I was new to Sham Bagh,so I was sent with a mate called "toti"(female sparrow) we jumped over the hind wall and went the by a dark way. I was terrified but my partner was good in this work when we approached *Nabha Sweets* he asked me to go and fetch the "paneer Pakoras". I was reluctant to go but had to go and put up a brave show so I went in and there was sitting our house master Mr. **VS Moudgill** "the fiery". So he caught me red handed. there was a tradition in PPS of loyalty . So nobody was to open his mouth ,no squealing, no body will tell his partners name, but I was very new to the environment so I told on the people who were involved with me in this act. My friend toti fled the scene. But all were caught from their respective houses. Then we got the beating from our respectable housemaster and I got special treatment from my group and was thrown out of the group as well for breach of loyalty. Do print this tale of wows

**Simran Sangha, (B-0144,1997)**

### **ORGANISATIONAL MATTERS**

At the last executive meeting of ONA held on 9<sup>th</sup> Oct,2004 the following changes were made unanimously.

1. **Lt Col BS Grewal(S-50,1967)** was asked to continue as ONA Gen.Secy for one more term in appreciation of his commitment to ONA.
2. **Kanwar Gurpreet Singh Gill (R-0095)** was elected as Treasurer.
3. In a policy to induct younger ONs **Harvinder Singh Dhaliwal(B-627)** was unanimously elected to a new post of Jt Secy, ONA

**Harpatap Singh Ajnala(B-45,1967)**  
**President,ONA**

### **PERSONAL FILE**

**COL RS Grewal (R-251)** ,PPS 1970-1973,Commisioned Indian Army 1979,commanded 8<sup>th</sup> Lt Cav,doing presently attending LDMC,Secunderabad. Present:College of defence Management,Sainikpuri-PO Secunderabad,AP 500094.Tel:0140-27100604,M:040-32373309.Permanent:GladHurst opposite PWD rest house,Sangrur,Punjab-148001,Tel:01672-233147. Married Sanit(sister of Jasjit Sandhu,Billy Ex-Ravi).Has two daughters Sukmani aged 18 and Nanki 13years.

**Jaswinder Singh (S-524)**,PPS 1978-84, doing business for 18yrs in USA.Address: PO 516, Livingston Manon, New York 12758,USA.Tel: 607-498-4931(O), 845-439-3560 (Resi) Fax:607-498-4165,M:845-380-5133. Email [anu@uwep.com](mailto:anu@uwep.com).**Married** Old Nabhaite **Anupreet Kaur (B-642)** On March 16 ,1989.They have two sons Inderpreet singh 12 and Dharamhet Singh 9 years.

**Harpreet Singh Kular (B-0205)** ,PPS 1993-1996, seriously injured in road accident,Village Nambardar. Address: VPO Middu Khera, Tehsil Malout, Distt. Mukatsar. Ph:01637-258042, M:98146-00042.Married Harsimran Kaur on 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2002. Has a daughter Abreen aged 10months.

**Lt Col Somvir Singh Mundalia (R-187)**,PPS 1968-1974, attended NDA and IMA.Present: GSO-1(Infantry-6) Directorate Gen of Inf., HQ, NewDelhi-110011.Ph: 011-23019683(O), M:9818882265. Married Sita on 4<sup>th</sup> may,1984.Has a sone Subodh aged 19years and a daughter Mridula aged 14 years.

**Col Upender Singh (R-181)**,PPS 1968-1970.MBA in HRD.Permanent; 6/128 Kishanpur,Rajpur Road,Dehradun ,Uttranchal. M: 9815846807. Married Mandeep kaur on 13<sup>th</sup> June 1982.Has two sons Amriteshwar Singh aged 20 years doing BE(IT) and Deepinder Singh 17years in X+I.

**Kamaljeet Singh pandher (B-869)**, PPS 1986-1991.Did BA,MBA from PAU,Ludhiana. Now in Business. Address: Pandher Colony opposite Civil Courts.Malerkotla, Distt Sangrur-148023. Ph: 01675-252152, M: 98141-85983.Email: [pandher\\_kamal@indiatimes.com](mailto:pandher_kamal@indiatimes.com) and [mangapandher@yahoo.com](mailto:mangapandher@yahoo.com). Married Sukhpreet Kaur on 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2003. Progress awaited.

**Suresh Garg(R-64)**, PPS 1962-68, did B.Sc., LLB from PU,Chandigarh. Now in Business. Address: H.No.417,near kalsi clinic,Sangrur road, Dhuri(Pb) 148024. Ph:01675-220061.Married Chanchal on 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 1982.Has a son Anchit aged 20 years and doing BE(Comp) from PEC, Chandigarh.

**Avtar Singh Randhawa (S-482)** PPS 1977-1981, Graduate, in Life Insurance business. and into Astrology guidance,Address: 2617, Sector47C , Chandigarh-160047. Ph:0172-2401594, M:98140-16104. Married Neelam in 1999

## ONA NEWS

### *Change of Address/Phone/Email*

**Pradeep Batta (J-22)**, the first Secretary of ONA in 1980s has shifted base to Chandigarh. Now in Mali doing business 641/48A, sarvhitkari SocietyChandigarh 2631056.3107245, [pradeepinc@yahoo.co.in](mailto:pradeepinc@yahoo.co.in)

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***Congrats !***

**Dr Harshbir Pannu, M.Ch(S-366,1977)** has joined as Cardiothoracic Surgeon at Escorts Hospital, Amritsar. His Mobile:98140-34456, email: [hpannu@hotmail.com](mailto:hpannu@hotmail.com)

**Sumankant Munjal(S-165,1969)** 's son Ujjawal wed Sonaal at Delhi on 4<sup>th</sup> April

Dr Tarun son of **Jiwan Pal Oberoi (J-58)** got married to Dr Asmeet on 15<sup>th</sup> May,2004 at Jalandhar.

Preetmoninder daughter of **Maj.Gen JS Lidder(B-23)** got married to a New York based anaesthetist in April 04.

Divya daughter of **Suresh khanna (B-26,1967)** got married to Puneet Bhandari of USA in Canada

**Om Parkash Nandrajog(B-1,1963)** becomes first the first ON to pick up the rank of Lt. Gen. and posted at Bhatinda

**Vinay Sharma(S-129,1967)** picked up the rank of Major General and took over 26Div command.

**Mahesh C.Munjal (S-183)** who is running family owned Majestic Auto at Ludhiana has been elected Vice Charman of CII ,Punjab State Council for the year 2004-2005.

**Sunil Munjal(S-182)** who was in PPS for couple of years has been elected Chairman of Confederation of Indian Industries.

**Col RS Grewal (R-251,1973)** and **Col Sandeep Sharma(S-328)** have been nominated to the prestigious 'Long Defence Management Course' at the College of Defence management at Secunderabad.

**Navdeep Gill(USA)** and Sukhi have been blessed with a baby girl on April 8th. Congrats to the proud parents. ph.no. 510 386 7005 Email:nav\_usgill@yahoo.com

**Basanthi Mathu(R-73,1967)** daughter of Late PN Mathu(Ex-Geography is settled in New Zealand where her husband Col Hira Sathu is working in a School for Computing and Information Technology as Principal Academic Staff Member Their Ph.No : ++64-9-8494180 M:027-6632380 and email:[basantisathu@hotmail.com](mailto:basantisathu@hotmail.com) [hsathu@unitec.ac.nz](mailto:hsathu@unitec.ac.nz):

**Avtar Singh Randhawa (S-482)** wants to meet all ONs juniors and seniors. Especialy if you need Astrology Guidance.

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### *Codolences*

**Vinod Mehta (S-4,1964)** Expired in Patiala where he was in family business.He had also done a stint in Canada he is survived by his wife Pooja

**Harinder Bhullar's(R-786,1990)** father expired in Mohali

**Udai singh saini(J-453)** expired on 5 Sept,2003. He is survived by hs wife usha and children Mikki and Mikku

**S.Jyotsinghani (Ex-Biology)** expired in September .The Eagle would like to share the grief of the Jyotsinghani Family.

**Mr PN Mathu** ,Ex Teacher and House Master Satluj House,expired in March in Delhi

## **YOURS NABHAITELY**

1.It is always a great pleasure to read through the the Eagle.This edition has brought back a lot of nostalgic memories since it was a reunion of my batch. I could not attend the get together coz of exegencies of service. Indeed the loss is mine.

2.I would like to convey my felicitations and good wishes to all the ONs who are keeping the spirit going and making so much effort to unite all of us through The Eagle. It is encouraging to know that the younger lot is stepping in. In fact that is the need of the hour and we definitely are moving towards the right direction.

3.Here is wishing all ONs and the present students and staff a very happy new year from the icy heights of Siachen.

**Brig HPS Bedi(R-58,1968)**

I wrote to you that I wanted to donate a Horse for Nabha, do let me know what is the procedure. I am in Montreal since 1981.

**Raman Chopra (S 126,1969)**

Thank you for the update. You and the other members of the ONA committee are doing the real work and showing the spirit to keep the organization running. I am glad to provide a small token of my support.

I want to thank you for the detailed information that you have provided in the email. I do not know about India but for most NRI's US\$100 as NRI Life Membership is not a large amount and most of our ON's here and in India are fairly well off and can afford this amount. You have been most generous, I personally would have gone for \$200 and \$250. I feel very strong about PPS Nabha and the need to have an ON community. People here in the US recognize the power of an Alumni Association and contacts that you make through such a body.

I would be happy to devote some of my weekends for the ONA so please do not hesitate to ask. I will work at rallying some of the troops here to shoot for the Life Membership in the USA.

I do want to commend you and thank you as well for keeping the ONA flag flying. the website and the Eagle are a wonderful achievement and a great source of information and pride to all Old Nabhaites.

With Regards,

**Sunil Suhag (J-261)**

I was looking at one of the old Eagle magazine on the net. I was very happy to see your contributions to the magazine and was surprised that you keep in touch with so many of ONs. I hope to learn a lot from you.

After school, I went to become an Engineer from Institute of Technology, Varanasi and Like Late Mr Lalinder Singh Dhindsa a post graduate from IIM Ahmedabad.

It touched my heart that you remembered your classmates so fondly. I share your grief at loss of your friends.

God give courage to to Mr Dhindsa's family and friends.

**Suraj Kalra , proud ON 1976-82. (ICSE 82)**

I got the eagle , thanks. I just wanted to tell you my e-mail in the news letter is incorrect, so whom do I contact ? it is [jyoti\\_mahajan1@rediffmail.com](mailto:jyoti_mahajan1@rediffmail.com) and not as given in the news letter. Anyway can I get the PPS news letter? Rest is fine. The eagle has turned out well. Why did u delete your name from the article ..not fair ..u have done yeoman service to reviving it. take care, do send me **Bhupi's(S-50)** email.

**Jyoti Kate(R-52,1967)**

I got the Eagle and went through it last evening, as we already talked about it on the phone earlier during the day. I must say you and your team are doing a wonderful job by keeping the spirit of ONA flying high. We feel so proud of the ONA every time we go through the Eagle. Keep up the good work and let us know what we can do for the ONA.

Regards,  
**Bikki (S-84).**

Thanks for the EAGLE

Regards

**RP Singh (S-403)**

This gives me an opportunity to thank you and your team of keeping up the PPS traditions and reviving old but fond memories of the Schhool and friends. I will also like to share with you that last summer (June 2003)I met Mr. and Mrs. **Onial** (ex-English teacher) at Dehradun on my way back from Mussoorie. I had rung him up from Mussoorie that I (along with my family) would be with him for about an hour before we catch the evening Shatabdi train back to Delhi. He was kind enough to give time and when we reached near his house, we found him waiting outside on the road for us so that we do not waste time in searching the house etc. as we had little time. Meeting him after a gap of 28 years was sheer pleasure and in the longingness to be with each other for more time, we nearly missed our train. We caught the train almost on a run after getting through some traffic jams. Anyway, **Mr. Onial** made me promise that I will remain in touch with him and promised to him that I will come back to Dehradun on the occasion of his daughter's wedding in October 2003. Despite my busy office schedule, I could manage to visit Dehradun again in October and had the satisfaction of spending more time with the Onial family. It was also my pleasure to spend some time with **Mr. and Mrs. Chandola**, who had also come for the occasion from Haldwani. Together, we shared so many moments of our past in school that it made me feel as if it was only yesterday that we were in PPS. I am also in touch with many of ONs, esp. my batchmates, eg. **Aseem Chandra, R227, Arvind Kamboj, (Sutlej),Gurmeet Chauhan (R223), I.P. Singh Asija (R236),Sudhir Garg (R200)** etc. and also try to attend the get-togethers of the Delhi Chapter of ONA.Hope the effort continues and hoping to come back to school sometimes.

I am an officer belonging to Indian Economic Service and currently am with Ministry of Finance as Director, in Deptt. of Expenditure. I am looking after the various devolutions to States as a result of the recommendations of the National Finance Commissions. With regards,

**Mohan Chutani ,(R-241, 1969-1975)**  
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Yes, Sandhya and I had a great 5 week trip to USA from 16 May to 21 June..

It all started off with I having quit my job, and deciding to take a break before embarking on any new venture, chose USA as a destination. In any case I had a free mileage ticket from Air India. Sandhya decided that she too would take a break from her routine ( she had just submitted her Doctoral thesis). We had relatives living in Chicago, Los Vegas and New York.

We spoke to a few friends in the US and they suggested that Sandhya have a few classical music recitals and could launch herself in the USA. Just great. She had great performances in Chicago, Los Angeles and Boston. A large number of Indian and Pakistani connoisseurs of music enjoyed the performances.

While in Orlando I spoke with **Dr Vineet Mehta (J-72, 67 batch)** and he promptly turned up with his wife Jane and took us out to dinner. It was great catching up with him since we were both living in Dhaula Kuan in our school years. He lives on an island in the middle of a river in Melbourne, Florida.

While Sandhya was away in Boston, I took off and stayed with **Dr Trilochan Bhamrah (B-90,1968 Tri Bamra to Americans)** and his delightful entrepreneurial wife Pammi. They had just moved into a new house in the Washington suburbs. We sat up until 3AM catching up with each other ( with help of a large number of beers) and news of the school considering I had visited it last year. Trilochan and I pushed off to the American War College in Carlyle, Penn; where **Brig Bikram Singh (B-71, 68 batch)** was graduating his course and returning to India. *It was a great honour to know that Bikki had also won an award. Bikki is a ladies delight. They just cannot resist falling all over him!!* Thank God that his wife Bubbles has great patience. It was there that I also met up with **Ravi Dev Singh ( S-131, 70 batch)** and his wife **Dolly or Jaskiran( B-314,1976 )** and we tied up to meet in New Jersey. in Washington also met with a dear friend **Cdr I J Arora ( J-40, 67 batch)** and the three of us spent the day sight seeing Washington.

In New Jersey attended a dinner at Ravi Dev's house with Bikki and Bubbles also present and on their way back to India. Thoroughly enjoyed the evening. Also emailed **Jagmohan Raju(S-125,1970)**, now Prof of Marketing at Wharton and thought we would look him up but he was visiting India.

The amazing thing of being from PPS is the camaraderie that exists and the bonding that takes place even though you are trying hard to recall what the guy looked like in school !!

Rgds

**Shreesh(S-159,1968)**

At the outset let me wish all the members of the ONA . I have been receiving The eagle regularly off late,thus reminded of my Alma mater.Somewhat never got down to responding-its' never too late so I'll pen down a few lines about myself to reach out to my old friends.(see personal profile)

**Col RS Grewal,(R-251,1973)**

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I am very thankful to The Eagle for giving all the information. Although I am not a member.It is through The Eagle that we get news about nabhaitees.I want to become a Life member of ONA so that I can feel proud of being a member of this great association.Pleas let me know the procedure.

Thanx!

**Sukhjivan Singh Bhullar (B-0199,2002)**

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I have read The Eagle issue no.18,with interest.The Eagle always revives happy memories of PPS. All the best keep up the good job.Take care

**Maj Gen JS Lidder(B-23),UYSM,AVSM**

DGMO,AHQ, New Delhi

Thank you for the Jan 04 issue of The Eagle that I received courtesy Brig.YPS Sambyal(S-43),Cdr 8 Inf Bde. It made such an interesting reading. You all are doing a great job by binding the Old Nabhaitees together .we are all indebted to you and your team.BRAVO! keep it up.Best of luck and good wishes

With deep regards

**Col PS Sandhu(J-262),HQ 180Amd Bde C/O 56 APO**

### **ANOTHER GIANT PASSES AWAY**

*PPS in the 60s was among the top seven schools of India. It was a new school in comparison to others in its league. The reason for it rising to such heights in such a short time lay in the able leadership provided by **Mr JK Kate**. The selflessness with which he worked got him full backing of the Board. Above all it was the team work that existed in*

*the PPS teaching staff during this period. They were hard working, multifaceted and dedicated bunch. They laid such strong foundations for the PPS that despite many upheavals in its short history the school has managed to survive with much of its reputation. The teachers of the founding years over a period of time became giants in the field of teaching and handling children. Most of them went on to head famous schools later in their lives. I don't want to name them all, but Mr **Premnath Mathu (Ex Geography and Commerce)** was among them and it was a sad occasion when he passed away recently in Delhi. and joined the growing list of those giants who have left this world .We carry below some excerpts from letters written by his daughter ON **Basanti Mathu(R-73,1967)** and son JL Mathu and a tribute by Mrs **KP Tandon** in this issue.*

**Dr Jashanjot(S-52,1967)**

I apologise for replying so late but was extremely busy with my work. I really appreciate your idea of placing a write up in the PPS school magazine. Here is a brief about the time after PPS. Please feel free to edit as required for the magazine.

After my father left PPS around 1980 he went to Jammu and settled there. He loved teaching and wasn't going to give it up so soon, so immediately applied for a job in a training college in passed away and my brothers, eldest in Delhi Mr B L Matu, and younger in Denmark, Mr J.L.Mathu insisted that as he would feel very lonely by himself and therefore live with them. So my father moved to Delhi. During those days I too was based at Delhi.

You may recall **Mr YP Bhardwaj** (he taught us history), while he was the principal of Army Public School, Dhaulakuan, Delhi he visited my father whom he held in great respect. At this meeting he offered him a job in his school. My father was very passionate about teaching, and he did not need much persuasion to accept. In fact we told him that he needed the much deserved relaxation now, but he insisted that he loved to be with children, we didn't want to displease him and accordingly he worked in Army Public School.

He was keeping in good health and was very happy. He worked for about an year and then my brother wanted him to go to Denmark. In the summer of 1990 he went to Denmark and thereafter every year he spent 2 seasons in Delhi and 2 seasons in Denmark (March/April leave for Denmark and in Sep/Oct return to Delhi). He followed a regular disciplined routine, going for regular walks, reading, giving a helping hand which kept him physically and mentally in good health. While in Denmark, he used to visit the local library every day, read and had made some friends of his own age group. While in Delhi & Denmark, he used to adjust and mix very well with their friends & children and they all used to look forward to his yearly visits.

Being a Geography teacher he loved visiting new places and used to draw maps of the places he visited, showing lakes & rivers and write long letters giving all information

about the places he had visited. He was fortunate to visit Sweden, Norway, London, France, Switzerland, Germany, USA, niece in Sharjah (Middle East), another niece in Canada and us in New Zealand. He read a lot of books on spiritualism and liked going to places of worship.

My husband (Col H.L. Sathu) who was there just before he passed away in Delhi told me that during his last few days he started forgetting things and kept saying that he has to go to school to teach his students.

Recalling quite some time back, I once asked him, wouldn't he have been happier if he had achieved something more or risen higher, he replied "everytime I see or hear a student of mine has achieved more than me I feel as though I have achieved it and then I get a great feeling of happiness, contentment and satisfaction".

All the best to you and family.

Keep in touch even though I may take time to reply. A copy to my husband would be helpful as he would remind me to keep in touch.

**Basanti Mathu (R-73-1967)**

All I would like to add a few things. While in Denmark, he read Bhagvatam, Bhagvat Geeta and other spiritual books. He attended many lectures and "Satsangs" in temples /Gurudwaras etc in Denmark. After reading many of the valuable ancient "Indian spiritual scriptures", he was asked by a group of Indians living in Denmark "What have you got from these scriptures and Satsangs". His immediate reply was "I am no longer scared of death any more". In his simplicity the last words he chanted before leaving his body on 17th Feb. 2004 were "Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare, Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare". I am thankful to God that I am the son of an extremely noble and simple father, who loved his family, country and most of all his teaching profession.

Kind regards  
J.L.Matu (Mr Mathu's son)

### **A TRIBUTE TO MR PN MATHU( GEOGRAPHY)**

The passing away of **Mr. Mattu** has really made us both very sad. It has opened chapter of our lives covering almost two decades of our stay in P.P.S. Nabha together with the Mattu family that it was in their residence. We moved in 1979-80.

Mr. **P.N. Mattu** was a dominating personality amongst the faculty members of P.P.S. Nabha. He served as Geography head of department after Mr. **M.N. Tankha** and as a House master Sutlej house. **Mr. Mattu's** command over the subject was so strong and his ability to draw the world map on the blackboard while facing the class was fantastic. It made him an awesome personality for all.

My personal relationship with **Mr. P.N. Mattu** was of great value to me as **Mr. Mattu** had also served in Col. Brown's School at Dehradun before joining P.P.S. Nabha. Mr. P.N. Mattu's brother had been a great teacher at Col. Brown's and taught my own brother whose maps used to be so neat and nice that it made me admire not only his work but the teachers who taught him so well.

I am reminded of an episode when on **Mr. Tankha's** going to London and Mr. **Kate** making me shuttle between junior and the senior school in 1968. I was asked a question by '**Ravinder Virk**' now in Lawrence school, Lovedale-what was the exact meaning of the word 'CWM'. I told her I would check and let her know. I met **Mr. Mattu** in the corridor and asked him but look at his modesty, he just said "Why are you pulling my leg ? Are Chhodo !" When I convinced him I wasn't sure through I knew it had something with glaciers he simply said" corrie, cirque aur CWM ek hi to hote hain". He was so unassuming. His daughter **Basanti** and **Jyoti Kate** were classmates and it was really great having them with us. **Mr. Mattu** was extremely brave when he took her for a checkup and straight away went in for her operation without waiting for any one to share his burden. It really made us marvel at the mental strength **Mattu Sahib**.

There are number of interesting anecdotes related to the hardwork he put in and made the pupils work hard too. I am reminded of **Rajpal Singh Mann(Ravi)** who wrote an interesting account of tea production in India by describing how his father relished a special cup of tea and **Mr. Mattu's** reaction to it.

**Mrs. Mattu** was such a friendly person and spoke in her lovable Kashmiri Hindi. Jawahar his son used to stay in Germany – (an excellent person in his own right) so Mrs. Mattu gave me a very carefully packed packet of spices for him when I went to England in 1970. As luck would have it an Indian plane was hijacked to Lahore and terrorism seemed to begin to show up its ugly face. We were frisked and checked and not allowed to get off the plane in Germany. The British were far too fussy over Indian spices – so the packet could never reach Jawahar and it also took away our chance of meeting in England from where he was to collect the same later.

I am sure the students who were in Mr. Mattu's house and had the good foretime of studying from him will join my husband **Mr.K.C. Tandon** our daughters **Amy** and **Puneeta** and myself in paying a great tribute to a towering personality teacher, a good friend and a genuine person I wish god would produce more such personalities I pray to the almighty to make his soul rest in peace and give the family members the strength to bear this great loss.

**Mrs. Tandon**

### **GRATITUDE**

The ONA is grateful to **Harpartap Singh Ajnala (B-45,1967)** President of ONA for covering the deficit of Rs 30,000 incurred at the last ONA Day(ONA DAY 2K3) by a personal contribution.

**Kanwar Gurpreet Singh Gill(R-0095)**

*Treasurer, ONA*

## Get –Togethers

### **CONA BASH**

It was heartening to see the ONA spirit thriving and kicking in foreign climes too. I had the good fortune to attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual meet of California Old Nabhaite Association( CONA) held in Lake Tahoe—United States-on 9<sup>th</sup> of July 2004.The timing was just right. I was visiting my daughters both living on the east coast---so when I got an invitation for the CONA meet being held across the country I did not for one moment hesitate to board the plane and fly off to the west coast with my wife to meet all my school types settled abroad and many old Nabhaite residing on the east coast had also travelled thousands of miles to be a part of this enthusiastic bunch of old boys and girls. It was indeed a pleasure and well worth the effort.

On landing at Sanfrancisco airport we were met by **Dinesh Khurana(S-468,1980)**---an old Nabhaite—married to another diehard Nabhaite **Seepja(J-388)**.Her father **Mr.Nigam--**a most respected old teacher of PPS Nabha was also visiting her.We stayed a day with **Seepja and Dinesh**----who were wonderful hosts and went out of their way to make our visit comfortable and memorable.

The next day we all drove to Lake Tahoe where the meet was held at Edgewood golf course-----which is one of the most scenic golf course I have ever seen and let me tell u that this course is a very popular venue for parties and is booked 365 days of the year---so they were indeed lucky to have got this most coveted place for the function.

The party was great ---the food excellent and the spirits were high---(pun intended!!!!!!!!!!!!) of all the old boys and girlsThere was a show of camaraderie and nostalgia as the old boys and girls were reviving old memories and their ‘better’and ‘worse’ halves were looking on indulgently!!!!!!!!!!!!It was very heartening to see Mrs. Baljit Singh Uppal,

wife of late **Dr. Baljit Singh Uppal(S-300)** coming all the way to be a part of the CONA family.The . dance floor was packed as everyone was shaking a leg to the popular Punjabi numbers and one felt transported to APNA PUNJAB!I was given the honour of cutting the cake with the school insignia on it as I was the oldest PPS boy present there.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of July a round of golf was organized so it was a pleasure playing on such a wonderful course.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the warmth and hospitality extended to me and my wife.Kudos to **Dr. Rupinder Brar(S.291)**President CONA,**Shavinder and Seepja** who had worked very hard to get so many Old Nabhaite together in an alien land.The photographs of the meet are on the net kind courtesy **Jimmy(J-452)** who is instrumental in launching the school website. The old boys and girls are true to their school motto “Onwards and Upwards” and one felt proud to see them all doing so well abroad.

While in the USA I spent a wonderful evening at the house of **Ravi Dev Singh(S-131)** and his gracious wife **Jaskiran(B-314,1976)** in New Jersey----they are another hard core PPS couple.

At the end I would just like to say three cheers for the PPS boys and girls hip hip hurray!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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

### *Jalandhar ONA get together*

Jalandhar Chapter get together was organised by **Col Sukhwinder Singh Aujla(S-264)** at 18 Dogras mess.Jalandhar Cantt.It was attended by ONs of Jalandhar with their families. **Col Aujla** had created an excellent environment for the occasion. There was a live band belting out soft music, dance floor was roofed by a camouflage net. The bar was adequately stocked accompanied by the legendary army service. Mrs Aujla played a perfect host to the ladies and kids. There was even a TV corner arrangement for the serial addicts, Fortunately, no one ventured to this site. The food was delicious and laid out in the old colonial building serving as the officers' mess. At its peak the party had all ONs narrating famous incidents

of their times . The ON crowd stretched from **1960(Hardev Bajwa,S-25)** seniority to **1988 Yudhveer Shergill(R-793)** and various years in between. At the end ,since the party was contributory( as in ONA tradition) everyone was handed over an individualised bill depending on number of accompanying members and the number of visits they made to the bar and their choice of poison. This arrangement was appreciated by all. We all left the venue thanking the Aujlas for the wonderful evening that we had enjoyed.

### *Patiala get together*

The Old Nabhaites of Patiala held an official meeting and gathering on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2004 at Dhillon Residency. Almost 30-35 members attended. An election was held where **Parampal Coonar (S-22),Lt Col NS Sidhu (B-263), Lt Col AK Mehta(R-232) and Kanwar Gurpreet (R-0095)** were elected Chairman,President,Vice-President and Secretary respectively. The personal data of those attending was collected. The Patiala Chapter deeply appreciated the efforts put in and dedication shown by the young Secretary **Kanwar Gurpreet Singh(R-0095)**

### *Nabha Get together*

Nabha Chapter meeting was held in the beginning of the session 2004-2005 and following office bearers were elected to represent the Chapter President: **Ajit Bansal (J-173)**, Secretary :**Satpal Goyal (J-462)** Treasurer :**Vishal Gupta (J-940)**.

### *Get together at Ludhiana*

Former President ONA, **Navin talwar(S-71)** organized a lunch in honour of his batchmate **Mohanjit Singh Gill(S-110)** being promoted to the rank of Brigadier at his residence in

Ludhiana. It was attended by his batchmates **Suman Munjal(S-165)**, **Umesh Munjal(S-166)**, **Dr Ajit Sethi(S-89)**, **Rankesh Kapoor(S-66)**, **Kishan Singh(S-96)** and some seniors **Dr Jashanjot(S-52)**, **Col BS Grewal(S-50)** including the ex-Headmaster of PPS, **MS Bedi(J-84)**. Navin and his wife played the perfect hosts. Afternoon cocktails and snacks were followed by a sumptuous lunch. The conversation as usual was centered on PPS and many were touching base after a long time.

### ***1967 Batch***

A few 1967 Batchmates got together in the Naval mess courtesy **Cmdr K.Ram Chander Singh(R-54)** to meet their visiting old batchmate, now New Yorker and ex Army Major **Virinderpal singh Bindra(B-51)**. He was accompanied by his wife and daughter. Those who made it were **Brig Rajinder Sujlana**, **Dr Jashanjot (S-52)** and **Col Hardeep Dutta(J-64)**.

### ***1966 Batch***

**Maj.HarAmol Singh(J-104)**,(Retd) organized a lunch at the SOI ,Chandimandir on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2004 for visiting aliens **Jaspal Chatha(R-89)**,New York and **Inderjeev Aulakh(R-109)** San Jose,Cost Rica.All 1966 A section Batch ONs of the region attended. They were **Col(Dr) JS Panaiyach**,**Dr PS Coonar(S-220**,**Lt.Col HS Bajwa(Retd)(S-25)**. **Marine Er Kamaljit Sujlana(B-)**, **Manjit Saraon (J-)** **Charanjeev Aulakh(R-1080**,**Wg Cdr JS Shokar(Retd) (R-88)** and **Jaideep Sekhon(S-19)**.

More such get-togethers should be organized for visiting ONs provided their itinerary is known before hand.

## **BATCH REUNION**

The students who passed out in the year 1971-72-73 have their reunion this year in PPS a few days before Diwali and next to Founders' Day of PPS. They are requested to start planning to attend this once in life time gathering from now to make the reunion a success!All ONs belonging to these batches may contact their respective Reunion organizers given below:-

### **1971**

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## **1972**

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## **1973**

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## **SpONsor**

The ONA is grateful to Bindra brothers **Virinder Paul Singh (B-51,1967) and Tejinder Bindra(1973)** .



## **THE OLD NABHAITES ASSOCIATION**

Dear Old Nabhaite

This is to inform you about and invite you to the ONA Day “**ONA DAY 2K4**”. This year it is being celebrated on the 21<sup>st</sup> of Nov. On the morning of 21<sup>st</sup> Nov you can enjoy walking around school and visit your old haunts, classrooms and houses. This will be followed by Headmasters’ Lunch. The ONA Day programme which starts after the Lunch will be tentatively as follows :-

2.00 pm	Headmasters’ Lunch
3.30 pm	Past Vs Present Football Match (PPS Grounds) Registration will start for arriving Old Nabhaites
5.00 pm	Tea in Junior School Lawns with School Staff
6.00 pm	ONA Meeting, self introduction
7.00 pm	Formal meeting
8.00 pm	Entry to Dinner venue starts
8.15 pm	ONA Dinner

It should be reiterated here that Old Nabhaites enjoy PPS hospitality for Lunch and Tea. The dinner is hosted by Old Nabhaites. The ONs do not pay only for themselves and their families but also for the guests i.e. School staff and others. As the ONA does not want to financially depend on individual sponsorship because of its own self respect, the Old Nabhaites are expected to bear the cost of the dinner. There have to be some charges to be paid for ONA Day by all Old Nabhaites and the drinks are at cost. Please see that you register yourself as soon as you arrive in PPS to make it convenient for the organizers. The cooperation of all Old Nabhaites is essential to maintain a healthy tradition for all times to come. **The entry to ONA Dinner will be by invitation cards and no personal guests are allowed.** The cards will be issued at the time of registration.

After a prolonged discussion by the ONA Executive, the following registration charges have been fixed:-

<b>Students</b>	<b>Rs 300 (against ID Card)</b>
<b>Others</b>	<b>Rs 500</b>

**There will be a Rs 100 extra charge for every accompanying child.**

(Life Members will get a concession of Rs 100 on the above charges. Life membership fee at the moment is Rs1400 you can become on the spot member by paying Rs 1300 a concession of Rs 100 plus avail the discount on registration charges)

*All ONs who want accommodation should please inform the ONA Secretariat as soon as possible. If you are coming with family do mention it*

**Harvinder Dhaliwal(B-627,1988)**  
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