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“2006- The year of the payback”

PPS was the brainchild of **Col Naunihal Singh Mann**, **General Kulwant Singh** and of course the visionary politician **Sardar Partap Singh Kairon**. They utilized funds given by Punjab Government and Postwar Reconstruction Fund left by the British to start the School. The Punjab Government and PWRF also provided scholarships for students of PPS. These students unlike those from other fancy Public Schools were children of JCOs, small businessmen, farmers, middle and lower middle class families. Thus these children mainly from rural areas and small towns got quality education at a very low cost. This was the only Public School that served a social cause. The PPS which started as a Sainik School was a trendsetter; this model was later copied by India's Defence Minister, Krishna Menon, to start Sainik Schools all over India. Later this school was changed into a Public School as Sardar Kairon did not want to lose **Mr JK Kate** the first Headmaster when it was decided that all Sainik Schools would have only Army Officers as Principals.

Has the school achieved the objectives of its Founders? Well today we have **Lt Gen JS Lidder (B-23)** as a UN Commander in Sudan, and **Gen OP Nandrajog (B-1)** is GOC Central command. There are numerous Major Generals and hundreds of officers in the Defence Services. **Admiral JS Bedi (J-3)** is Vice Chief, Indian Navy. **Gurinder Dhanoa(S-9)**, IPS is ADGP rank attached to Indian Cabinet secretariat. The **Munjhal** family led by **Pawankant (S-163)** is steering the Hero Group to dizzy heights of the corporate world. **Darshan Singh Dhaliwal (S-5)** is one of the most successful NRI businessmen from Punjab in the USA. **Rajeev Bakshi (B-151)** heads Pepsico, India.

Jagmohan Raju (S-125) is Professor of Marketing at Wharton School of Business, USA, and **Jaspal Chatha (R-89)** is Professor of Economics at Lehmann College in New York. In politics we have **Partap Singh Bajwa** as a senior Cabinet Minister in Punjab, and our President, **Harpartap Singh Ajnala (B-45)** is MLA from Ajnala. **Dr Satish Jain (R-107)** is an Ex-Professor of Neurology (AIIMS). Apart from these there are numerous Doctors, Engineers, businessmen and successful farmers. It is not possible to name them all.

The PPS has certainly achieved its objectives. However the original providers of funds, the Punjab Government and PWRF are no longer capable of carrying on the good work that they had undertaken owing to the financial crunch. The legacy of PPS is slowly being eroded because of the rising fees (though still the lowest in the country, considering the facilities and quality of environment). It is wake-up time for all the Ex-students of this school to keep the unique character of PPS alive. It is time for the successful Nabhaites to pay back something to the School or more specifically its needy students so that the children of ex-servicemen, small businessmen, farmers from rural areas and small towns continue to receive the same education that once **they** were privileged to get. The ONs need to rise to the occasion. ONA will do its bit in awakening you.

His Excellency, the Governor of Punjab, recently, through the Executive Committee has asked the ONA to help the School in this regard. There are two options that have been considered by the authorities and ONA. Those ONs who have enough family funds or trusts run by them should come forward and announce scholarships in names of family members. They can provide this facility directly or through the School on a regular basis to the selected students of PPS. Those who do not have this kind of regular funds can contribute to PPS by providing direct donation to a PPS Scholarship Fund that is to be floated. The ONA will try to follow up the end use of these Funds. The contribution to this Fund can vary according to your pocket and generosity and motivation. The ONA has asked the School to get some kind of IT exemption for donors of such funds under the relevant act. ALUMNI Support is a known source of funds for scholarships in the most well known Institutions of the world. The Old Nabhaites who come forward will not only be helping their school but also helping the greater good of society at large.

We also need to have a similar look at Old Nabhaites who may not be as lucky and did not get the right breaks or just met with a tragedy and are not doing too well. This needs to be discussed in the different forums of ONA.

We hope all Old Nabhaites will rise to the occasion and make 2006 **“The year of the Payback to PPS”**

LETTER FROM THE GOVERNOR

General (Retd) SF Rodrigues, PVSM, VSM
Governor of Punjab & Administrator, UT, Chandigarh
Punjab Raj Bhavan,
Chandigarh

Dated : 14-3-06

Dear Alumni,

I am writing this as Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Punjab Public School, Nabha – of which you have been a student.

You would have heard of the initiatives the School has taken, to retain its position as one of the leading educational institutions of the region, and indeed, the country. One of the basic tenets underlying our work in this direction is the attempt to ensure that every child is given the fullest opportunity to develop his/her potential.

We feel that the active involvement of our alumni is essential in this attempt. This, therefore, is a request to you to strengthen your involvement with your *alma mater*. One way to do so would be to share your expertise, vision, and values with the students during visits to the School – this would motivate the students and prepare them better for the outside world.

Of course, if you are in a position to help financially, we would welcome your monetary assistance, too. This need not be restricted to actual cash donations, but could take the form of sponsorship of various school activities, and/or provision of scholarships to deserving students.

I look forward to your positive response, and am confident that the qualities you developed, during your stay at the school will encourage you to help those who are not as fortunate as you are.

Yours sincerely,

[General (Retd) SF Rodrigues, PVSMS, VSM]

THE ONA CONTRIBUTIONS TO PPS

(excerpts of letters written to ONA by The Headmaster, PPS)

1. The ONA Essay Writing Competition

Thank you very much for your Award of Rs 10000 to the students of the Punjab Public School, Nabha, for Essay Writing Competition that was organized by ONA to promote English language skills in the students. As judged, the following students have been given the cash prizes for the ONA Essay Writing Competition on 18th April 2005, in the School Assembly.

Group A: Classes XI and XII

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|----------------------|--------|----------------|
| 1. Gagandeep Kaur, | B-0675 | Rs 2500 |
| 2. Jasmine Bhardwaj, | S-0503 | Rs 1500 (XI B) |

3. Nimrat Kaur,	R-0247	Rs 500 (XII B)
and		
Harsimranjit Singh,	S-0661	Rs 500 (XI B)

Group B: Classes IX and X

1. Gurpreet Singh Dhanoya,	R-0354	Rs 2500/- (X B)
2. Navseerat Kaur,	R-0491	Rs 1500/- (IX A)
3. Tejvir Kaur,	R-0452	Rs 1000/- (X A)

On behalf of the entire PPS family, I convey my sincere thanks.

2. The ONA Scholarships

(sponsored by **Dr Rupinder Brar**)

Thank you very much for your donation of Rs 40000 for the award of "ONA Scholarship for Fully Residential Meritorious Students" to the PPS students for the academic year 2004-2005. In the Fourth Year since its inception, this year the following students have been awarded the Scholarship, as per the details given below:

CLASS IV (Presently studying in class V)

Japjot Gill,	B-0640
Gursimranjeet Singh,	S-0635
Apinderjit Singh,	J-0646

CLASS-V (Presently studying in class VI)

Kanika Goyal,	R-0609
Harjas Gill,	B-0604
Areet Sandhu,	B-0653

CLASS VI (Presently studying in class VII)

Tanvir Singh,	R-0606
Narinderpal Singh,	J-0618
Harry Garg,	S-0603

CLASS-VII (Presently studying in class VIII)

Sarfraz Dhaliwal,	B-0578
Harsimran Kaur,	J-0527
Parnav Goyal,	J-0573

On behalf of the entire PPS family, I convey my sincere thanks to ONA. This gesture of yours will definitely motivate the students to excel in studies.

3. ONA Late KK Katyal Memorial Award

The ONA Late KK Katyal Memorial Award worth Rs10000 for the best class IV employee of the School, given by ONA and sponsored by the **Katyal Family**, has been awarded to the following class IV employees of the PPS on recommendations of Head

Boy and the School Prefects. The awards of Rs 2000 each were given at the Community Supper held on 9-10-05

1. Rattan Singh, Electrician
2. Bakshish singh, Watchman
3. Ram Murat , Groundsman.
4. Shiv Ram, Cook
5. Padam Bahadur, Syce

The Headmaster thanks the ONA for the above contribution.

4. ONA helps PPS stage “Oliver Twist”

The evening before Founders day and ONA Day, the School children staged a grand play “**Oliver Twist**” one of the most difficult and most staged plays adapted from Charles Dickens novel. The Director was a theatre person from Chandigarh, selected and sponsored by the ONA. Over 60 children took part in the musical. This activity was deliberately selected by ONA as drama helps in building confidence and increasing awareness, expression and observation power in children.

5.ONA helps PPS get more land

Few years back the Chief Minister of Punjab, Capt Amrinder Singh had promised to give some land to PPS for its further development. As it happens the government machinery hardly moved. The ONA, through its President, **Harpartap Singh Ajnala (B-45, 1967)** MLA from Ajnala after long persuasion was able to get the tedious and long process through with the help of his friend SS Randhawa, the Agricultural Minister. The land is almost 13 acres and close to Junior School.

Your Contribution

If you would like to contribute to the cause of PPS or ONA in any way please write back to The Eagle at the contact numbers and email IDs given at the end on last page .The modalities can be decided after discussion.

Harpartap Singh Ajnala (B-45,1967) 9814314545
President,ONA

PERSONAL FILE

Vijay Garg (B-170) (1967-73) MSc, M.Phil (Assistant General Manager in SBI). Present Address: H No 2117ff, Sector 21-C, Chandigarh. Permanent Address: C/O Mr Hargopal Garg, Advocate, Ward No10, H No 6, Dhuri. Tel: 6822850, Mob: 9888066601, Email: *vijaygarg1@hotmail.com*. Married Poonam Garg on 17thJan 1987. Has daughter Kanika (17yr) and son Siddharth (12yr).

Mehardeep Singh (R-743) (1984-91) BALLB (Asstt. Advocate General) Present Address: Hno 63 Ph 3A, Mohali. Permanent Address: Vill Santokhpura Distt. Sangrur.

Tel: 260063, Mob: 98141-83139. Married Upneet Kaur on 19th Oct 2001. Has daughter Anahat (2yr).

Anil Joshi (S-226) (1969-73), MBBS,MD(Skin) State TB and Leprosy Officer, Parivar Kalayan Bhawan 34A, Chandigarh. Present Address:161, Phase-7, Mohali, Punjab. Tel: 9316135888 (M) Married Veena Sharma on 12th December 1985. Has sons Arjun Pratap Joshi (18yrs)and Surya Pratap Joshi (15years).

Ripudaman Singh (S-59) (1961-67) MSc LLB. Address: H No 1091, Sector 7, Panchkula, Tel: (R) 3099414,(O) 5077498. Mob: 9417141041. Married Hemlata on 31st Mar1977. Has daughter Richa(28yr) and sons Arjun(24yr), Himanshu (19yr).

Mandip Singh Grewal (R-70) (1962-67) MA Eng , Business. Address: H No 159, Sec-17, Panchkula 134109. Tel: 0172-596378. Married Kiran on 18th Apr 1982. Has sons Kanwardip(20yr) and Yuvraj (17yr).

Bhupinder Singh Brar (S-450) (1975-80) BS Computer, Retired. Address: #2115, Phase-7, Mohali. Mob: 9815119654, *Email:bubrar@yahoo.com*. Married Sarbjeet Brar on 11th Jan 1991. Has daughter Manpreet (6yr) and son Navjot(3yr).

Ajit Pal Singh (S-505) (1977-81) Running a Restaurant in Mohali. Address H.No 2796, Phase 7, Mohali. Mob: 94173-41665. Married Anju Sekhon on 15th Jan 1989. Has daughters Naindeep (12yr) and Ikroop (7yr).

Dr Parampal Singh Coonar (S-22) (1960-66) MD, M.Hta Mgt(New Zealand). Address: 119, New Officers Colony, Patiala. Tel: (R) 0175-2212416, M:9814855566 *Email:coonar@yahoo.com*. Married Manjeet Coonar on 14th April 1976. Has son Paramvir (28yr) and daughter Prabhjot (26yr).

Dr NS Sandhu (J-280) (1970-75) MBBS, MS, MCH (Paediatric Surgery). Address 1059 Sector 27B, Chandigarh-160019. Mob: 9814014574. *Email: nssandhu@sify.com*. Married Veena Sandhu on 9th July 1986. Has daughter Simarjit (17yr) and son Rajveer (14yr)

Mr Harinder Singh Sidhu (B-439) (1975-81) M.A(History) Deputy Registrar, Co-op Societies, Patiala. Present Address H No 1020 Sec 21B, Chandigarh. Permanent Address: V&PO Singanwala Teh: Moga, Distt: Moga. Married Arshdeep Kaur on 17th Jan. Has daughter Lagan(11yr) and son Vireshwar(8yr).

Mr Sajjan Singh (B-438) (1975-82) M.A, SI , Delhi Police. Address: Q 836, Sec-III, R.K Puram, New Delhi. Permanent: VPO Nahri, Distt. Sonapat, Haryana. Tel: 011-55699478 (R) Mob: 9810303980. Married Sunita on 15th Feb. Has daughter Mansi(12yr) sons Jai(7yr) and Parwam(2yr).

Mr Baljeet Singh Sohal (R-565) (1980-86) MA(English), Business. Address:Vill- Laut, PO- Allowal, Teh -Nabha, Distt- Patiala. Tel: 01765-283186 Mob: 98551-68841. Married Ranvir Kaur. Has son Romanpreet(9yr) studying in Class IV, PPS

Mr Karnail Singh (R-545) (1979-83) Ex.-Sarpanch, Business. Address: Vill Dharonki, P.O - Thuhi, Teh- Nabha, Distt- Patiala. Tel:01765-287060. Mob: 98156-59673. Married Gurpreet Kaur on 12th Dec 1993. Has sons Gurdeep(10yr) studying in class V, PPS and Karamjit (7yr) in class I.

Dr Manvir Gupta (J-37) (1974-80) MBBS.MD(Medicine) Doctor. Address: Dr Prithipal Nursing Home, Satta Bazaar, Kotkapura. 151204. Tel: 01635-223165(O), 309454(R), Mob: 98150-22987. *Email: manvirarchana@hotmail.com*. Married Archana Gupta on 2Nov 1992. Has daughter Mehal Gupta(11yr) studying in 7th class and son Madhur(9yr) in 5th class.

Dr Baljeet Singh Grewal (J-377) (1974-80) Veterinary officer with Punjab Govt.. Address: 414 Urban Estate –I, Bathinda 151001.Tel: 0164-2212415(R), Mob: 98884-99414. Married Kanwalpreet Kaur on 27th Jan 1990 (Lecturer). Has daughter Ravleen (14yr) in IX class and son Ishmeet(11yr) in class VI.

Mr Swaran Danewalia (R-399) (1975-81) Journalist, Postgraduate. Address: 1128 Phase 3 PUDA Model Town, Bathinda. Mob: 94170-48714. Email: danewaliaswaran@yahoo.co.in. Married Karampreet Kaur on 21st Oct 1991 (lecturer). Has daughter Aashman(3yr).

Mr Avtar Singh (B-709) (1983-90) Teacher, MA English. Address: Guru Teg Bahadur Colony, opp: Kendriya Vidyalaya, Cantt Road, Nabha 147201.Tel: 01765-226273. Mob: 98550-83107. Married Davinder Kaur on 11Jan1999. Has son Chashamjit (4yr).

Dr Major S Jawanda (R-428) (1976-82) Doctor, MBBS,MS(Gen surgery). Present Address: Jawanda Nursing Home, Peerkhana Road, Near Jarg Chowk, Khanna. 141401. Permanent Address: Vill. Moherna Khurd, PO Ahmedgarh, Distt Sangrur. Tel: 01628-309669(O). Mob: 98148-15746. Married Dr Beant Kaur on 7th Sep 1997. Has daughter Anmoldeep(6yr) in Ist standard and son Gunrattan(1yr).

Capt Shiv Raj Brar (J-445) (1976-86) BA (Bank officer) Address: H No, New Lal Bagh Colony. Tel: 2308338 (O), 2301372(R). Mob: 98140-80454. Married Nandita on 25th Nov 1969(Teacher). Has daughters Seeraj (11yr), Navreet (5yr)and son Navraj (5yr).

Mr Yadvinder Singh Sidhu (R-674) (1982-88) Graduation. Address: H.No-90, Phase II, Urban Estate, Dugri, Distt Ludhiana Tel: 0161-3141918(O), 0161-3951533(R) Mob: 93169-41918.Email: yadisidhu@hotmail.com. Married Shinderpal Kaur on 14th Feb1999. Has son Sahib(4yr) studying in Nursery

Mr Harinder Singh Khatra (J-597) (1980-88) Graduation. Address: Vill. Kaler Majri, PO Bhadson, Nabha Distt.Patiala. Tel: 01765-260001(O), 98142-60001(R). Mob: 98145-60001.Married Old Nabhaite **Ramandeep Sekhon** on 16th July 1993. Has son Fatehjeet (9yr) studying in class 4, PPS.

Mr Muneet Maur (R-915) (1988-96) MBA , Business. Address: M/S Jangiri Mal Arjan Dass, Tapa Mandi, Distt Sangrur-148108. Tel: 273980(O), 272415(R). Mob:98157-87567. Married Alka Garg on 10th Nov 2002. Has son Mehul (1yr).

Mr Nikhil Sharma (J-129) (1965-71) Running a NGO for mentally and physically disabled.(Social worker).Address: B-2 Strawberry Hill, Shimla-2. -171004. Tel: 0177-2621566(R). Mob: 9816200039. Email: rajour@yahoo.com. Married Shikha Rajour on 16th Jan1982(Special educator). Has sons Dhruv(22yr) and Vaibhav(16yr).

Dr Inder Bir Singh Nijjar (R-167) (1967-70) MBBS,MD Radiology (At present running a diagnostic center, Nijjar Scans, at Amritsar). Address: 570 Basant Avenue, Amritsar-143001. Tel: 0183-2221433(O), 2226859(R), Mob: 98140-522212. Email: inderbirnijjar@yahoo.co.in. Married Gurbir Kaur on 21st Aug 1983. Has daughters Simran(20yr) and Mannat(16yr).

Col JS Grewal (R-98) (1965-71) BCom, MBA,(Army) Address: 409, Master Tara Singh Nagar, Jalandhar. Tel: 0181-2240561(R). Mobile: 98726-35561. Married Manjit Kaur on 21st Feb1982. Has daughters Deepinder (21yr) MBA, Meetinder (17yr) in +2 and son Damanvir Singh(14yr) in 9th class.

Col Bawa Harinder Pal Singh (B-121) (1965-71) MTech, MBA. Address: H No 823, Sector-2, Panchkula 134112. Tel: 0172-2722855(O), 2576029(R). Email:

hpsbawal@rediffmail.com. Married Ravinder Kaur on 12th July 1960. Has daughters Mannat (18yr), Keerat (16yr) and son Karanvir (13yr).

Mr Harinder Pal Singh Mann (S-181) (1967-73) BA LLB(Business). Address: 1027 ,Sec-27B, Chandigarh. Tel: 0172-2650966(O), 2656264(R). Mob:94170-21739. Married Gurpreet Kaur on 25th Dec 1977. Has son Ratinder Pal(25yr), and daughter Shareen (21yr) MBA.

Mr Manoranjan Singh Sidhu (B-117) (1965-71) MBA, LLB (Selling Software) Address : 2362, Phase-10, Mohali. Tel: 0172-2233335. Mob:093161-30370, 9814260797. Email: *cadcam_in@yahoo.com*. Married Harbir Kaur on 27th Dec 1982 (Banker). Has son Jujhar (21yr) in BA(Final).

Mr Gurpreet Singh Gill (J-851) (1986-92) Address: Village: Haripur, P.O. Noorpura, Teh: Amlah, Distt: Fatehgarh Sahib 147203. Mob: 98724-64141. Married Mandeep Kaur on 1st Oct 2000. Has daughter Daamanpreet (3yr).

Mr Narinder Dhindsa (R-686) (1983-91) Graduate. Present Address: VPO- Manari, Teh- Malerkotla, Distt- Sangrur. Permanent Address: M.D, Dhindsa Tractors, College to Bus Stand Road, Malerkotla. Tel: 01675-282310. Mob: 98141-47410. Married Sukhjot Kaur on 16th Jan 1999. Has son Mehtab Singh (4yr).

Dr. Kuldeep Sharma (B-626) (1979-90) BDS (Dental Surgeon),(ECHS). Address: H.No.185 UE II, Hissar 125001. Tel: 242484(O), 245162(R). Mob: 94162-51483. Married Dr Shruti Sharma on 10th Dec 1998 (Dental Surgeon). Has son Puru (2 ½ yr).

Mr Jagwinder Sohal (R-699) (1983-90) Address: VPO- Laut, Teh- Nabha, Distt-Patiala. Mob: 98551-20983. Married Daljit Kaur on 14th Jan 1994. Has sons Jashanjot (10yr) and Karanjot (5yr).

Col Karanbir Singh Brar (B-442) (1975-81) Army. Present Address: FP Dte Army Hq, New Delhi. Permanent Address: 905, Phase 9, Mohali. Tel:011-23016531, 26156829 0172-2270427. Email: karanvirbrar@gmail.com. Married Jasbir Kaur on 28th Feb 1992. Has son Armaan (13yr), and daughter Jasmine (6yr).

Mr Gagan Dhaliwal (S-867) (1985-90) MA History. Address: Rure ka house, Dhaliwal Colony, Near HPO Patiala(PB) 147001. Tel: 2220538, Mob: 93162-64711. Married Preety on 15th Oct 2002. Has son Muradinder.

Mr Manwinder Singh (J-568) (1979-85) BSc BED(Business). Address: 67/2, Rampur Road, Doraha Mandi, Distt Ludhiana 141421. Tel: 0161-2844979(O), 259581(R). Mob: 98726-08061. Married Hardeep Kaur on 9th May 1993(Teacher). Has daughters Jasleen ,studying in PPS and Ravleen.

Mr RPS Dhaliwal (R-276) (1969-75) BTech (Job in Various Multinational). Address: 1140, Sec: 8C, Chandigarh. Tel: 0172-2380149. Mob: 98156-15028. Married Mandeep on 28th Dec 1989. Has son Kabir (16yr), and daughter Simrat (12yr).

Mr LM Gulati (J-604) (1979-83) BSc LLB(Advocate). Address: 516, Sec-4, Panchkula. Mob: 98554-08087. Married Simmi Gulati on 17th Aug. Has daughters Divya (11yr) and Katayani (4yr).

Mr Narinder Garg (R-673) (1982-1989) Working as Civil Engineer in Edmonton, Canada. Address: 4220-32 AVE, Edmonton, AB, Canada.T6L 4H6. Tel: (780 430-1576. Email: *garg73@hotmail.com*. Married Ritu Garg on 1st Aug 1999(Physician). Has son Bharat(4yr).

Mr Baljinder Singh (B-790) (1984-91) BALLB (Advocate). Address: Vill Bhatton, PO Noorpur, Teh-Amlah. 147203. Tel: 01765-232770(O), 282170(R).Mob:094172-82170.

Married Rupinder Kaur on 16th Jan 1998(Working as Horticulture Development Officer). Has daughter Jassimrat (5yr) and son Ishvarpratap (2 ½yr).

Mr Raman Balasubramaniam (J-438) (1976-78) BE (Electrical), Business. Address: Daudhar Service Station, Daudhar, Distt- Moga. Tel: 01636-253893(O), 0161-2303270(R). Mob: 98145-15194. Email: *ramakanu@siffy.com*. Married Kanu on 17thSep1997. BE(Mech.). Lecturer in Mech. Engg. Has daughter Raji (10yr) in 5th class and son Karam(8yr) in 3rd class.

Mr Preet Mohinder Singh (R-762) (1985-87) Agriculture, Address: Vill Kharak Singh Wala, Tehsil Mansa, Distt Mansa. Tel: 01655-268103, 0164-2218704. Mob: 98145-83199. Married Jatinder Kaur on 18th Feb1996.

Dr Dalbir Benipal (R-588) (1980-88) Veterinary Doctor. Address: 34491- Lariat Palace, Abbotford, B.C., Canada V2S8N.Tel: 001-604-852-3030(O),001-604-852-0427. Mob: 001-604-825-8097. *dsbenipal@yahoo.co.in*. Married: Dr Soni Benipal in Nov 1995. (Veterinarian). Has daughters Sukhmani (7yr) and Charlene(1yr).

Mr Jasbir Parhar (R-405) (1978-82) Business. Present Address: Vill- Lutera Khurd, PO Kalra, Distt Jalandhar. Permanent Address: 826 Kingsdale RD Fresno, CA, USA. 04955. Tel: 1812714019. Mob: 98152-01772. Married Kulbir Parhar on 9thFeb 1992 (Business). Has sons Sukhraj, Kanwar and daughter Anmol.

Mr Kamal Jeet Jain (S-238) (1969-73) BSc (Business). Address: 2- Tribune Colony, Ambala Cantt, Haryana.133001.Tel: 0171-265272(O), 2643090(R). Mob: 098120-35690. Email: *jsgw@sancharnet.in* Married Surbhi Jain on 14th May. Has sons Anubhav (19yr) Chemical Engg. and Himanshu(18yr) Production Engg.

ONA DAY 2K5 (The Annual celebrations)

To make it worthwhile for visiting ONs from outside, it was decided this year to have all the major functions within a day and a half, i.e 29th and 30th October. This included an evening of entertainment followed by Headmaster's Dinner and the next morning was the Founders' day, the afternoon Football Match of Past vs Present and the grand ONA Dinner in the evening.

The evening entertainment this year consisted of a beautifully staged musical play "**Oliver Twist**" which was made possible by **ONA** bringing a theatre person from outside who stayed for a month in PPS to direct over 60 students who acted in the play. The play was excellent and the exposure to PPS students very different from the previous years. Several Old Nabhaites and batchmates of 1974-5&6, and 1980, the ONA Executive Committee members and the ONA Day organizers watched the play. The Chief Guest was **ON ADGP Gurinder Singh Dhanoa (S-9)**, IPS, attached to Govt of India's Cabinet Secretariat. He is also the proud winner of the Roll of Honour for the year 2005. He gave a nostalgic speech after very fondly giving away prizes to the various winners of PPS.

The Founders' Day next morning was full of the usual pomp and show. The Chief Guest was the Chairman of PPS Governing Body, His Excellency Gen RF Rodrigues, the new Governor of Punjab.

The afternoon saw a rush of Old Nabhaites wanting to play the football match with the present team. There are no points for guessing that, as per tradition, the better team won,

that is the Past. It is one of the finest moments at ONA Day when very senior Old Nabhaites and the recent ones get into the games kit to play the game in a festive spirit. The ONA meeting took place in the Auditorium at 6.30 pm. It was compeered by Ms **Gagandeep (B-678, 1987)**. The assembly this year was conducted by Old Nabhaite and senior teacher, **Iqbal Kooner (R-18, 1966)**.

The Secretary, Treasurer, and Incharge of The Eagle presented their reports, after **Col NS Sidhu (B-263, 1974)** the Chairman, Organizing Committee had welcomed all the members. In the end **Harpartap Ajnala(B-45)**, President, ONA presented the Vote of Thanks and exhorted **Old Nabhaites** to come forward and do something for their Alma Mater, The PPS.

The dinner was organized very well. All **Old Nabhaites** who had come from far and wide unwound themselves. The younger lot spent most of their energy on the dance floor to the beats of the DJ. Those who were visiting the School after many years for their batch reunion were having the time of their life as they bumped into friends they had not met for a long period. There were many prizes for the wives of the **ONs** and there was even a contest for the ladies in the form of a "Soap and Shampoo quiz". The winners got handsome prizes.

The Party finally over, another **ONA Day** became history. The **Old Nabhaites** gradually started trickling out. Though plenty of arrangements had been made for **Old Nabhaites** to stay, most left for home late in the night wanting to sleep over the fond memories in their own comfortable beds.

Harvinder Singh Dhaliwal (B-627)

Jt Secy, ONA

ONA REUNION 25yrs AND STILL IN SCHOOL

while travelling to attend ONA meet on 30/10/2005, which meant 25yrs of our batch passing out, I was hooked on to the time slot dating back to 1976-78, when I with my parents entered principal **Mr. Gupta's** office and my reigns were handed over to **Mr.Nigam** , house master of MIDDLE JAMUNA house. **Manvir Gupta**, from my native place Kotkapura, being made my guardian, a responsibility he is religiously carrying out till today.Life at Nabha taught me cardinal rules of survival in life.

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Secretary's Report

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

1. We had the mandatory four meetings of the Executive during the year
2. The ONA held a function in Ludhiana in honour of the new Headmaster **Cmdr IL Sayal** who took over the School reins last December.
3. With help of ON **Jimmy Singh (J-452)** the new website www.ppsona.com is functioning well. Each one of you must visit and register yourself there. It may help to unite some lost friends.
4. This year too, the ONA has awarded, as usual, Rupees **forty thousand** worth of scholarships to merit students of class IV, V, VI and VII courtesy **Dr Rupinder Brar (S-291), President CONA.**
5. Again this year, the ONA awarded "**The KK Katyal Memorial Award**", a cash prize for deserving Class IV employees 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), Archana (R-307) and Puneet (R-425)**, children of **Mr Katyal**.
6. Essay Writing Competition for class IX to class XII was held by ONA with cash prizes worth Rs10000, courtesy **Dr Preetam Singh (J-242)**. This was done by involving all the students. The judges were experts in the English language.
7. This year we have taken the first step towards helping the School improve in the performing arts by hiring a professional to conduct **Theatre Workshop** in PPS

and stage a Classical Musical, “**Oliver Twist**” which despite some odds came out well. We plan to continue to help in this area in future.

8. In future we plan to raise funds for scholarships in PPS. Anyone of you wanting to honour someone in your 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 student.
9. This year we have enrolled more than 110 Life Members to ONA. I request all of you to become Life Members if you are not already so today and take advantage of the ONA Day concessional fee for the same. Once we have a number that is sizeable we plan to approach different commercial organizations to give concessions to ONA members against Life Membership cards of ONA.
10. 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 yourselves for this task.

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.

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

The Eagle Report

I have not been able to bring out more than one issue this year because of health, and professional reasons. Obviously some other persons have to come forward and first partly and then gradually take over the responsibility of ‘**The Eagle**’. **The Eagle** must keep soaring; those in control may change.

The cost of **The Eagle** by printing and posting is almost Rs22000, a large amount. It is not fair to keep getting huge sponsorships from individuals every time. If ONA were to meet these costs, it would exhaust the meager interest income of ONA, which is also required for running it and other activities. Therefore I request every ON to start using the website for getting access to **The Eagle**. The website is www.ppsona.com. This will be at almost no cost to ONA. So get yourself an Email ID, give it to us so that we can contact you and pass on any information. It will not only make the work of **The Eagle** easy but also that of ONA. It is important that you do not change your Email ID. Stick to one. If there is a change in your email ID or address, please inform us. Otherwise we lose touch with you.

If anyone of you would like to sponsor or partly sponsor an issue you can contact me or any ONA Office Bearer even though we would like to stop dependence on sponsorships and just use the internet for sending **The Eagle**.

The Eagle spreads news and information about ONs. So you must keep informing the ONA about any news concerning any Old Nabhaite or Chapter. We will share it with others through **The Eagle**. I have put a register outside at the Registration counter. Do write in that register any news that you would like us to know.

Thank you and have a nice ONA Day.

Dr Jashanjot Singh (S-52, 1967)

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In charge, The Eagle

The Vote of Thanks

It is my privilege to thank all those who have worked to make this event The ONA Day happen.

First of all I would like to thank the Headmaster Commodore IL Sayal, the Bursar Arvinder Singh and the School staff without whose help we cannot even think of an ONA Day celebration. We would like to thank the PPS students who have helped us with the registration.

Next I have to thank the Organizing Committee members who have taken pains over the last one month to plan and execute this event. No one today appears to have time for things other than those of personal and remunerative interest. Only real dedication towards a cause brings out volunteers and sponsors. I will mention here the names of **Harvinder Dhaliwal (B-627), Gulzar (B-431), Viresh Batta (S-383, 1980), Gagan Dhaliwal (S-867), Col NS Sidhu (B-263) and his Organizing Committee team from Patiala Chapter, Yudhveer Shergill (R-793, 1988), Yadvinder Sidhu (R-674, 1988) Kanwar Gurpreet (R-0095, 1998), Miss Gagandeep (B-678, 1987), Mrs Ramandeep Khatra.** I would like to thank those who have come forward to give financial help to this event. **GS Gill (S-587, 1988)** for the DJ, **Yudhveer Shergill (R-793, 1988)** and **HS Mansahia (R-507, 1986)** for drinks, **Harinder Khatra (J-597, 1988),** for the generator and lights., **Supreet (S-836, 1994), Dr AS Bains(B-428, 1976)** and others who have sponsored different prizes. If I have overlooked any name I apologize. It is by oversight and not any lack of gratitude.

The **ONA** runs on the shoulders and contribution of sincere and hard working **Old Nabhaites** like you. Last but not the least I would like to thank all of you present here today. Without your presence all this would not have had the same meaning.

Since the **ONA** base is now established, we would like more **ONs** to take part in its deliberations in order to build a stronger Association. We would like more members from different Districts to become active in its deliberations. A representation of all districts has been envisaged in the Constitution of **ONA**. But this participation has not reached significant level. The **ONA** holds Executive Meetings in different places to involve local **ONs**. We would like all of you to come forward and float Chapters of **ONA** in your areas and become a conduit of information and **ONA** activities. There are many objectives of **ONA** we have not even touched as yet. We have to have channels where we can help each other in problems, guide young students, help any needy Old Nabhaite, provide support to PPS in areas where it is deficient and so on. These can only be achieved by participation of the majority of **ONs**. It would be a first step if all those who are here today can start a movement "Contact Old Nabhaites" and meet as many of them as possible in your area. You can even start by locating your PPS Batchmates. Then link them up through the **ONA**.

I hope you will enjoy the evening and I welcome Batches of 1974-5-6 and 1980 and wish them good luck! And Thank you.

Harpatap Singh Ajnala (B-45, 1967)

President , ONA

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While We Are Boys(Girls) In School

The Bond

The planners of PPS gave it some unique characteristics. It was made accessible to children of Ex-Servicemen, small businessmen, and rural folks who may not have been able to make it to some fancy Public School. PPS could provide such children with quality education at reasonable costs with help from Post War Reconstruction Fund and the Punjab Government. Such a school was a great vision and a building block for a new and less than fifteen years young India.

It was with this very motive that my father who was in the army got me admitted to PPS. My early childhood was spent in a village that had open spaces and we could wander wherever we wanted. There were hardly any restrictions on us. The whole world and time were ours.

PPS was too big a change. We had to live within the four walls of the dormitories and classrooms except while at PT or games. The whole day was fitted to a timetable and there was too much discipline to be followed. All this made me uncomfortable and I felt shackled and imprisoned in Junior School when I was in the fifth class. One day when all my mates were resting in the afternoon I decided to get some fresh air and stepped out quietly behind *Satluj* House (there was open space and far away one could see the *dhobi ghat* at that time). As I wandered around I saw a horse standing there all- alone. He was motionless. His hind legs had been tied to restrict his movement and to prevent him from fleeing. He would walk a few steps and stand there staring in the vacant space- his freedom curtailed. Was his feeling not too different from what I was feeling- tied down and shackled in PPS? I got a strong feeling of kinship with him. From then on, every day I went to see him in the afternoon or whenever I had time. Gradually I felt the horse too started to sense and appreciate my presence or perhaps, my predicament. There was a strange sense of mutual respect. One day when I went close to him to pat him he did not move but responded to my hand in his mane with a positive movement of the neck. His eyes glistened and there was a streak formed on his face, probably from tears going down the inside of his eyes. As days went by he would walk towards me when I went out to see him. Later he would come whenever I whistled. I developed a strange bond with this animal. I looked forward to seeing him whenever possible. My classmates and housemates nicknamed me *ghora* for being so fond of this animal. Although a nickname is meant to be a tease but I never got any such feeling. In fact, I felt exhilarated when I was told I ran like one.

As I moved to Senior School, I lost contact with my friend and never saw him again. Many years later while visiting PPS I felt myself being pulled to that space behind *Satluj* House. Against saner sense I went looking for him but the whole scene had changed. In the open space had come up a hostel and there was no *dhobi ghat* to be seen. My friend was nowhere to be seen or found. I stood there motionless staring in space reminiscing for quite some time till I was awakened from this strange dream by my son's voice, "Papa what are you looking for?"

Gurjinder Benepal (S-420,1981)

A heartfelt response

It was a shock to learn about the demise of the all time stalwarts, **Mr Om Prakash Sharma and Mr Shiv Mohan Lal Nigam**. This sad news indicated a personal loss to me. Both taught me Hindi and Physics respectively. I extend my heartfelt condolences to the families of **Mr Sharma (Mrs Sharma, Pooja (R-388, 1981), Geeta (R-529, 1987) and son Anubhav (R-573, 1986))** and of **Mr Shiv Mohan Lal Nigam (Deepshikha (R-293, 1976) and Seepja (J-388))** both his daughters). All this while I never knew **Mr SMLN** was suffering from cancer. May their souls rest in peace. This is my first letter to '**The Eagle**' since I left school and I hope to keep in touch reviving old memories of the School. First in the series is a small note on **Mr OP Sharma** – a teacher who was very fond of me and, of course, I am still very fond of him.

The Teacher

*'Guru Gobind dou khade kake lago pae,
Balihari Guru apno jin Gobind diyo dikhae.'*

(When Teacher and God both are in front of you whose feet will you touchit is the Teacher.....who has shown you the God Almighty)

These were the words of **Mr OP Sharma** with whom I had come in contact in class VII in 1967-68. He was our Hindi teacher. Tall, sincere, a strict disciplinarian, full of zeal, he never compromised with his principles. He was a master of his subject and put Hindi above all languages, saying Hindi was full of variety and respect. To elucidate, he told us of an episode. He was going towards his class one day when some mischievous boys of class VIII A called out from inside the class....*Aa gaya Aa gaya...* **Mr Sharma** heard that and as he entered the class, asked the boys who were involved in this to stand up. He took them straight to **Mr Cowell**, the Deputy Headmaster and told him in English that the boys were sayingHe has come....He has come. (He had a habit of repeating the sentences). **Mr Cowell** could not understand a sausage. "So what's wrong with this?", he asked. **Mr Cowell** sent back **Mr OP Sharma** saying that that it was perfectly alright. Mr. Sharma was angry. Angry with English language and with **Mr Cowell** beyond control, he entered the class saying loudly in Hindi, '*Kaash mein us gori chamri ko us kutti bhasha mein samjha sakta, ki agaya aur agaye mein kya antar hai!*'. Meaning thereby that Hindi language was the queen of all languages and full of respect for elders. In 7th class, we had a lesson '*Imandar ladka*' (Honest Boy). I was asked to read out the lesson to the class. When I had finished, he asked for comments. I said,"No one is honest in this world and I don't agree with this sort of absolute honesty. A person in his daily ritual is prone to be dishonest and only the degree varies depending on the situation one faces." He started calling me '*Jootha Ladka*'. One day he entered the class and called out, '*Jhootha Ladka, khade ho jao*'. I knew he was asking me to get up. But I did not since I was not too happy with this tag. He again repeated the same line looking at me but I didn't get up. **Baljit Singh Mohil (J-128, 1971)**, my buddy, sitting next to me prompted that **Mr Sharma** was calling me but still I did not take the hint. He came to my seat slowly, gave me a tight slap and said, 'Why don't you get up?' I looked up crying, 'Sir,

mein jhootha ladka nahin hoon'. He understood the point. With tears withheld in his eyes, he looked at me in silence for a moment, meaning thereby that he was sorry. He never called me by that name again and developed a special liking for me. I always got the highest marks in his subject thereafter. Some of it was my effort and the rest was his. The last time I had met him was on Founders Day of 2003 at his house in Hira Mahal Colony. He had a stiff neck and some back problem. He was invited to the function but did not join in purposely. He was not too happy with the development between the Headmaster and the Bursar- both ex-Nabhaites. Since both of them respected him immensely, he genuinely tried to patch up the issue but possibly could not. But one thing was sure. He still held the interest of the School as supreme.

Mr Sharma was a pillar of strength to all of us. He was an excellent teacher besides being a good human being. '*Tum aur Kagaz (Suresh Dogra, Beas House) to pakka fauj mein hi jaoge,*' he used to say. Both of us are in *fauj* today. Not only both of us but even our sons are in NDA trying to follow their fathers' profession.

Col Jai Prakash Singh (J-125)

Down Memory Lane..

I do not know from where to begin. When I think of PPS, a host of memories come running to the mind, each more precious, than the other. It was a wonderful time. The best childhood and girlhood one could ask for. Being both a student of PPS and a staff child, it was like living in one large extended family.

The atmosphere in the staff colony was wonderful. It was like living in a world of our own where the outside world did not exist or intrude. It was a very happy time. To this day I remember whatever was taught in school. We had such wonderful teachers. At that time we took everything for granted but now I realize what an all round development we had. Today when I see children concentrating mostly on academics I remember how PPS gave us the chance to develop our talents whether it was in writing, elocution, music, acting, games or academics.

When one thinks of PPS, the special summer fragrance when we went swimming comes rushing back. The wait for the Saturday movie, the wonderful, well equipped library, the solemn, serious assembly with its melodious Prayers, celebrating all festivals with great enthusiasm – all this and many more things are indelibly etched on the mind.

All good things in life come to an end. It was with deep sorrow that I came to know about **Mr SA Jotsingani, Mr KK Katyal, Mr SML Nigam and Mr. OP Sharma**. It is hard to believe that they are no longer in this world. They were not only my teachers but also the friends of my father. Hence they were very close to our hearts. God grant strength to their family members. Their loss leaves a void in the heart. **Mrs Katyal's** death comes as a shock. I met her and **Vandana (R-344, 1978)** in 1997. It was as if we had never parted. She had in her arms **Puneet's** son, who looked exactly as **Puneet (R-425, 1981)** used to look in his childhood. My parents **Mr RK Sharma** and **Mrs Pamela Sharma** also send their condolences.

I could go on writing but I must stop now. 'The Eagle' is doing a wonderful job. You must keep up the good work.

Our class union is taking place on 30th October 2005. I wish I could be there. It would have been great to meet everyone and see PPS again. It is hard to believe that 25 years have passed. My best wishes to all of you. May you all progress even more in life and touch new heights. I end with these lines,

I cannot sing the songs I sang long years ago-
For heart and voice would fill and foolish tears flow.

Alka Sharma (R-358, 1974-82)

Great Teachers

I went through the Eagle. Brought happy memories of school life. The most distinct memory is of the great teachers we had. No student ever felt neglected by the teachers. Each teacher gave individual attention to each student. **Mr JK Kate, Mr Joginder Singh, Mr SC Cowell, Mrs Lyall, Dr Surjeet Singh Bedi, Mr GS Punia, Mr MN Tankha, Mr PN Mathu, Mr OP Sharma, OP Bhatnagar, Mr KC Tandon, Mrs K Tandon, Mr M Vodden, Mr Mial, Mr Chatterjee, Mr Johri.** They were more like lifelong friends, philosophers and guides. I really don't remember what we were taught in classes but I distinctly remember what we were taught outside the class. **Mr Cowell:** walk in twos, in step and no talking. VOLTAS Diary: Volume of Liars, Thieves and Scoundrels (luckily I never got a mention in it!). **Mr OP Bhatnagar,** by example taught how to shine shoes; also making sketch portraits of students, particularly of *machhar* comes to memory. **Mr OP Sharma,** after an aeromodel engine was stolen from NCC office, said that if he locked the cupboard it would show his lack of trust in the students, which he said he did not want to lose; so he said he would pay for the aeromodel engine himself, but would keep the cupboard unlocked. He taught us to have trust in people. **Mr KC Tandon** was just a very, very, very good friend, nothing more, and nothing less. What to say about **Mrs Tandon?** On one of the Founders Days, I felt, somehow the spirit of the school was missing. Later I found out she had left the school some days back. **Mr Kate:** one day he was taking our Maths class (by this time **Mr Vodden,** who stopped physical punishment in the school, had left). My classmate **Shivpal Singh Virk (R-40)** was unable to understand the problem being tackled. Out of frustration **Mr Kate** came close to him and gave him a big whack, and suddenly **Shivpal** smiled and said he had got the solution. Those were the days!

Capt A S Sidhu (S-11, 1960-1965)

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Welcome! New Life Members of ONA

The ONA welcomes the following Old Nabhaites who have shown the motivation to become Life Memembers of ONA .

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2. **Satbir Singh Khatra (S-0051)**
3. **Paramjit Singh (B-425)**
4. **Harjit Singh Bhagat (R-318)**
5. **Harinderjit Singh Mroque (B-533)**
6. **RPS Dhaliwal (R-276)**
7. **Sandeep Mittal (R-498)**
8. **Manvinder Singh (J-568)**
9. **Brig Deepak Vashisht (S-130, 1971)**

You too can become a Life Member of ONA by sending a Demand draft for Rs 1400 to ONA payable at Nabha at the address given below.

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PRAYER FOR OLD NABHATIES

(Prayer Book of School)

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Farewe

O Lord, give thy blessings to our Old Nabhaites, be there with them so that they may always so order their lives, as to be worthy of their heritage in the fellowship of this foundation and by their examples help to establish a brotherhood amongst all men , now and always.

It was the fall of 2003, when one afternoon I received a phone call from **Sarabjit Sandhu**, (Billa to his friends). I was happy to talk to him since I had hardly spoken to him after he had moved from California to the east coast. He mentioned in the passing that he had lost weight, was having an occasional heartburn and difficulty in swallowing. I told him that it may be nothing more than gastritis but he should see a doctor.

I checked on him a few days later and he told me he had seen a physician who shared my concern and had referred him for an upper GI endoscopy. Billa didn't seem to be concerned and told me he would call me after he had had the procedure. Although I was a little worried, I said nothing and told him it would probably be OK.

Next time we spoke, Billa told me evenly that a biopsy had been done and cancer was suspected. I was dumbfounded but Billa sensed my unease and rather nonchalantly replied that he had been reading about esophageal cancer on the Internet and already

knew that his odds were grim if the disease had metastasized but he would do whatever it took to beat it.

This was indeed a shock as Billa was a very popular **Nabhaite** in California where he had settled after retiring as a major from the Indian Army. He was a founding member and the first President of the CONA. He was the life of all social gatherings and although he was several batches senior to most of us, he was one member who instantly made friends with even the youngest **ONs**. His jokes and stories were legendary for both the originality and his style of telling them. We often told him he had missed his calling as an entertainer. Billa stayed in touch even after he moved away. It was a ritual to put him on the speakerphone whenever we had a CONA gathering so he could enjoy the conversation.

Over the next few weeks, while he underwent surgery all his friends in California called him to cheer him up and to keep up with the news. He always appeared happy and optimistic and assured us that he would beat the cancer in time to see us in California for the annual ONA gathering. Incredibly he kept his word. He gained weight after the surgery and was pronounced cancer free. In July 2004 he flew in to Lake Tahoe for the national meeting as promised. In an emotional moment his friends in the CONA officially recognized him with a memento for his courage in the face of adversity.

Unfortunately the good luck did not last. Earlier this year an old medical college friend of mine called me. He was now an oncologist in Texas and was treating Billa for a lung and a brain tumor. The cancer had returned! The battle started once again. **Rajiv Vadhera (R-189, 1974)** a life long friend from School, flew to his side and arranged for his flight back to New Jersey so that he could be close to his family.

In spite of this setback, Billa's spirit remained as indomitable as ever. With his wife Tejinder and **Rajiv** by his side, he again put his heart and soul into fighting his illness. Although the effects of chemotherapy were ravaging his body, Billa, ever a soldier, never let out a pessimistic thought. On one hand he coped with the cancer, on the other hand he planned the future safety of his family. A few weeks before his death, he was able to move his family back to Bellingham, WA on the west coast so as to be close to their extended family.

I remember years ago when I was in Junior School, Billa was a star senior sportsman for our Sutlej House. Whether it was field hockey, football, or gymnastics, Billa scored big for our side. We youngsters were filled with pride that such an athlete belonged to us. We watched his moves and we all wanted to be as good some day as he was. Today he is no more. We still admire his courage and grace during his final difficult battle and hope one day we can look death in the eyes as fearlessly as he did during his final days.

We, the CONA members join all his family in their hour of grief and offer our deepest sympathies and pray for his eternal peace.

Goodbye, dear friend. You will always be missed.

Rupinder S Brar (S- 291) and all CONA members

Mr Jasbir Bahra's(J-192) father passed away on 17th February . We, ONA members, join **Mr Jasbir Bahra** and family during this time of grief and offer our sincere condolences and pray to Waheguru to rest the soul in peace.

Rajeev(R-189) and Sanjiv Vadehra(S-377) lost their father a few days back. May God give Rajeev and Sanjeev and their family courage to cope with this tragedy. You can contact **Rajeev** at rajeev.vadehra@chiron.com and **Sanjeev** at ketan@rcn.com

Congratulations! (to)

New arrival

Chris and **Harsirat (CONA)** had a baby boy on Oct 5th. Congratulations! You can congratulate the proud parents on email (agondara@yahoo.com).

Wedding Bells!

Rassaljit Khatra (S-0026), member of the faculty and an Old Nabhaite of ISC 97 batch married Jasleen Kaur on 18th December, 2005

Rajinder Sohi (R-0980) of the same batch got married to Aman on 29th November, 2005

Paramveer Jhajj (R-0963) of again the same batch got married to another ON **Arshdeep Kaur (S-0296)** of ICSE 98 batch on 22nd Jan, 2006.

Dr Rupinder Brar(S-291) got married to **Archana Katyal, (R 307)**, daughter of **Late Mr KK Katyal (Ex Biology)** in USA.

Lt Col Rupinder Dhillon's (B-69) son got married in December.

Kedarnath Bansal(J-4), on the wedding of his son **Puneet(J-897, 1994)** with Simmi on 12th December.2005

Dr Jashanjot Singh Bhangu (S-52) on the marriage of his daughter Dilshad to Vikram on 24th December, 2005

Dr Parampal Singh Coonar's (S-22) son Paramvir got married to his Australian fiancée in December .

Capt SP Singh (S-80) on the wedding of his daughter Preeti with Capt Gobind on 31st October, 2005.

Gen JS Lidder to head UN peacekeeping mission

Tribune News Service, (NEW DELHI, JANUARY 6)

India's **Lt-Gen Jasbir Ssingh Lidder (B-23)** has been selected by the United Nations to head its Peacekeeping Mission in Sudan (UNMIS). He will be the second force commander in the rank of Lt. General from India to be selected for this prestigious assignment by the UN.

The UN has a mandated strength of over 10,000 troops in Sudan, comprising contingents from 42 countries. India has deployed two infantry battalions and an Air Force helicopter squadron.

Lt Gen Lidder (B-23) is an alumnus of Punjab Public School, Nabha, and was commissioned into 3 Grenadiers. Lt Gen Lidder has had vast experience in counter terrorism operations in Jammu and Kashmir.

And the Central Command goes to.....

Lt Gen OP Nandrajog (B-1) continues to attain newer heights as he took over command of Central Command at Lucknow as GOC-in-C

Satish Jain (1964-70) R-107 has been conferred FRCP by the Royal College of Physicians, Glasgow, Scotland

SJS Chahal (R-422, 1983), (Ex-Head Boy and Geography Teacher) has left PPS after sixteen years of teaching to become the Principal of BGS Public School, Barnala

Expedition with a cause

(This news was carried by regional English dailies)

With an aim to impressing upon youngsters the value of good health devoid of drugs, a group of Old Nabhaites organized a 14 day mountaineering expedition to Mt 'Deo Tibba' that stands 6001 meters high. It was executed under the aegis of 'Old Nabhaites Association' and included members who all happen to be mates from Punjab Public School, Nabha, and Yadavindra Public School, Patiala.

The expedition including five members (**Lakhwant Singh Khangura (B-852, 1991)**, team leader, **Sukhjinder S Bhangu, Sameer Sekhon (R-868, 1991), Rahul Kapil (B-979) and Samar Kapil**) went ahead as scheduled on 14th September. Starting their trek from Jagat Sukh, a beautiful village six kilometers from Manali, the team reached Chika at an elevation of 3050 metres. However, the team got stuck in the incessant rain for the next three days and could march ahead to their next camp Seri only after three days.

Braving the inclement weather conditions, the team established their base camp at an altitude of 4400 metres at the base of Mt Deo Tibba where they were caught in heavy snowfall.

Realizing that movement wasn't possible beyond the camp one, the expedition team opted to conquer the neighbouring high peak named 'The Consolation Peak', that stands at an altitude of 5103 metres. As expected under these conditions, climbing this peak too proved to be a tough job. However negotiating their way through some tricky patches, the team reached the summit on September 26. It may be mentioned here that some other

teams including foreign ones attempting the 'Deo Tibba' too returned without success because of the weather conditions.

Lakhwant S Khangura(B-852)

Life Member 'The ONA', Team Leader : 'The ONA Mountaineering Expedition 2005

Yours Nabhaitely

Hi! Thanx for keeping all of us in touch with each other.

Brigadier Gurmeet Kanwal (Retd) (J-68, 1968)

I must congratulate you on your sincere and untiring efforts towards the upliftment of the ONA Body. I am very junior to you, being of the 1974 batch, but your hard work and sincere efforts towards ONA deserves full appreciation. We all pray to ALMIGHTY GOD THAT MAY YOU ACHIEVE SUCCESS IN YOUR ENDEAVOUR. I have also received THE EAGLE ISSUE 20 and have gone through the entire programme of 30th October, 2K5. It shall give me immense pleasure and pride to participate in this function.

Viresh Batta (S-383, 1980)

The Eagle logo

This is **Dilbans**, Ex-PPS.I looked for your email id on net. I am sending you this mail to request you to mail me the EAGLE logo as an attachment. I need to put it on one of my presentations in my introduction, and the one on PPS site is too small, scanned at very low pixels, so I can't enlarge it. I will be highly obliged by quick reciprocation.

Dr Pandher Dilbans Singh.

The loss of **Mr Tankha, Katyal, OPS, SMLN** was very sad. It was very depressing to know that the teachers who taught us and shaped our careers are departing one by one!! By the way, I have been conferred FRCP by the Royal College of Physicians at Glasgow. If I can be of help to any Nabhaite - it will my pleasure to do the needful. All the best.

Satish Jain (R-107, 1964-70)

MD; DM; FRCP

Wants to contact Nabhaites in Delhi

Yes, we have been out of touch lately. I passed out of PPS in 1975. I could not make it this reunion because of official commitments. I have moved to Reliance Energy Ltd as Addl. Vice President. Their office is situated in Noida. I drive to Noida from Saket.... a

good 1.2 hrs. Let me know of contacts of some likeminded Nabhaites in Delhi NCR daily. Also let me know if I could be of any assistance. My new Contact No is 93135 60099. Do keep in touch.

Rajesh Saini (J-211)

Get together in California

Greetings from the North (at least north of 46 degrees latitude: It's snowing outside). Thank you for all your hospitality. It was definitely a memorable trip. I still laugh at some occasions that I encountered during my recent trip to the Bay area. Even though most of our time was spent driving around on the roads but the nostalgic memories of Nabha were aroused to the point that we all forgot for couple of days that we were husbands, fathers, or even adults. All the childhood activities in a boarding school were talked about or rather discussed by the **1979 batch (Haathi, Lali, Navtej, Gorky, Chimny and myself)**. How can I sum up the personalities that I met?

Haathi(Shavinder Singh Sandhu, R-269): Avid Golfer, always connected, magnetic personality, easy going just as in his school days but I think he is the medium of operations or Centre of Attraction who, once he gets a person tied to him....will not release easily;

Lali: (Dr. B.P. Sandhu, R-322) Open minded, a true host who will feed his friends with fancy meals but will forget dinner for his dear wife who was awake for our reception till 3 am;

Navtej Singh Nijjar (J-289): aka Colonel Sahib: Short stocky built commander of "*Rashtriya SENA*", at least that is what he told me in his infamous wisdom or under the influence of ethyl alcohol;

Gorky (Rupinder Brar, S-291): Wise, educated man with A plus in academics and D minus in social life;

Chimny (Sarbjit Singh, Ex-Jumna): A rebel, the king of Beijing and a lovely rejuvenated dancer on the floor, and then it was

Me: aka **Karela**, a name that suits my personality: bitter with speech (Very HARSH) but at least good at heart. I was told a couple of times that I was unpredictable because of my mood swings.

WE SIMPLY HAD A BALL.

The fun began at Seattle Airport when **Col Sahib** reached early for his departure (too keen to meet his High School chums) and started with Bloody Caesars (just to calm his nerves) and then was picked up by **Haathi** at Sacramento terminal. The two drove to San Fransisco and met up with **Lali**. The trio was on their way to pick up another "Rascal" as

Mr Onial would say it. It sure was an experience of a lifetime. There is no one who could live it up the way we did.

The trio came to the airport, picked me up and then had a late night party by the sea shore. **Shavi**, What happened to the Rum? Well, at that time I was told that the booze was all consumed by **Col Sahib** who was relaxing in the rear seat by himself. It was here that the famous story of "*Rashtriya Sena Unit*" was disclosed. The unit was raised to combat the insurgencies of local villagers. How the Indian army got involved in this role, still remains to be answered. **Col Sahib** was given the command of this unit due to his leadership skills, cool, calm and collective personality traits. He surely was great company and a mediator for some of our heated discussions (**Gorky and I**).

After arriving at **Lali's** residence on the day of our arrival, Kin Kin wanted to know where the grub was and we were speechless. **Lali** had given all the leftovers to his canines at the main entrance of his residence. We ended up making a mini-*Dabba* style meal for the hostess that I am sure was highly appreciated.

Then the following day was the Golfer's Day with a new addition to the group, **Jimmy**. **Col Sahib** and I were told that it would be over in two hours and **Gorky** was to meet us there. Since he was late, and the weather was very lovely, **Col Sahib** and I took off on 40 east and 680 southbound. We were asked to return to the base as **Gorky** made it in about an hour.

The Golfers came to know about Gorky's arrival and took their sweet time to finish their game. **Gorky** drove **Col Sahib** and me to the City. We were very impressed with his GPS Navigator but soon realized that **Gorky** was not obeying every command of that lady voice. **Col Sahib** was in the back seat, relaxing, while **Gorky** was driving and I sat on the front passenger seat. Some real good discussions, some arguments ensued as usual but were ironed out by our defense personnel.

Traffic was moderate to heavy on the City streets. I felt like getting out after hearing a beep on a lane change or stopping at amber light. Soon I realized that Gorky needed some extra coaching in driving skills. My mood swings were evident and I was diagnosed with ADD or/and ADHD. We were getting beeped at almost every intersection. The dinner at the Fisherman's wharf was the most relaxing event of the day.

Then it was party time. Both **Satpreet** and Neena were marvellous hosts. The BBQ *masala* was very unique with *Badam* and cream but I forgot to take the recipe. The couple got the ball rolling on the dance floor and that led to the aerobic exercise aka *Bhangra* within 1979 group. Few pictures were shot in action and I am sure all CONA members will enjoy them. Food was the last thing on our mind as the excitement was taking its toll. Members expressed their concerns to include some younger blood into the CONA group but I dunno what will come out of it. I was more devoted to the party and friends. Later it was the singing session. A few Punjabi *Lok geets* were appreciated by our leftover group.

Later, Alloo de Paranthey at Karan's place and a lovely drive to the *pind*. Dumped **Col Sahib** at Sacramento and drove back to the base.

I enjoyed my visit and the DIWALI Party at **Satpreet(B-222,1973)** and Neena's place. I can hardly get the grin off my face when I think of this trip. God bless you all. Keep up the great spirit...PPS! Many Thanks to all of you for such a marvellous get together It is not the PLACE but THE PEOPLE who make the difference.

With high regards and appreciation for CONA, I submit my thanks.

APS (Karela) (J-298)

Arvinder.Sandhu@jus.gov.on.ca

The first UK ONA meeting.

UK Old Nabhaites had a get together at **Harnek Sahota's** place in London. Attended by

- 1. Paramjit Padda**
- 2. Nattar Singh**
- 3. Harnek Sahota (S-838)**
- 4. Kamaljeet Singh**

Some pictures for you and an updated contact list that I am still working on the next meeting scheduled for March 19, 2006... with of course more people.

Harnek Sahota (S-838) *Harnek.Sahota@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk*

Boundless joy!

My joy knows no bounds as is my pride today in informing the PPS fraternity that **Captain Satish Soni**, NM, has been promoted as Rear Admiral and also awarded AVSM, He will take over as Asstt Chief of Personnel at the Naval HQ.

With Vice Admiral **JS Bedi**, UYSM, AVSM, VSM we now have two Nabhaites as Admirals in the Indian navy from PPS. I am writing to share my joy and pride with you all.

BS Bhatnagar (Ex-Teacher PPS)

Letter from Sudan

Thanx for your mail. I've since taken over as the Force Commander of the UN Mission in Sudan (UNMIS), in the rank of Lt Gen. Its a challenging and interesting Mission, amongst the largest deployed by the UN, and I'm enjoying it thoroughly. It will surely be an interesting and a challenging assignment and I'll try and put in my best. My gratitude to the ONA Fraternity for their sentiments. All the best to The PPS and all Nabhaites.

Thanx for your good wishes and the support. Please keep me updated on the School news.

Lt Gen Jasbir Lidder(B-23)

Welcome to Yol!

I am located at Yol (8 km short of Dharamsala), HP. Any one around or moving around may be asked to get in touch with me. I am posted as Staff Officer Grade 1 (Communication) in short SO1 (Comn) at HQ 9 Corps.

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Thank You

Thank you very much for the mail. I am very keen to attend the Founders Day and the 1976 batch get together. May I request you to let me know who all from 1976 batch will attend. I shall be grateful. I am in touch with **Lt Col Sukhi Aujla (S-264)** who is in Patiala at the moment. We are trying to contact all batch-mates and get them together. Please accept my heartiest kudos for the wonderful piece written in the Oct issue of the Eagle. I will also send some good anecdotes to reinforce our bond.

Lt Col G J S Hara (J-263)(1976)

Ten years after

Nice to hear from you. I spent a few years at PPS, during mid 80s. Then immediately moved to US (in 1992). I've done my undergraduate and medical training in the US. Before coming to the US, I had contemplated following in the footsteps of my father by joining the Armed Forces, and even got selected into NDA, but eventually decided against it. I was in India in April 04, after a gap of 10 years, and so much had changed.

Jai S Sohi, MD

Neighbour's envy

It is always a pleasure to hear from you. We people from PPS Nabha would always be indebted to you for your commitment to ONA and it makes us feel connected to the institution. My father in law, Major General JS Sidhu is from YPS, Patiala and he cannot help feel jealous about the activities of the ONA and it is all thanks to your vision. Business is growing in India as well as international market. We have set up India's largest High security hologram production in Greater Noida.

You must be aware that my partner in this business is **Mr Harikirtan Singh (S-24)**. He has provided tremendous insight into growing internationally. It would be my pleasure to show you the plant as and when you can spare some time.

My batch is ICSE 88, ISC 1990. I visited PPS two months back for a very short time. Would have loved to attend this year's Founders Day but unfortunately I have some commitments here. May be next year.

Gurkiran Dhillon (J-735, 1990)

A friend in London

I am planning to visit Punjab next year and hope to meet you and visit PPS. Any Nabhaite is more than welcome to contact me and visit my home at any time in UK My phone numbers are: 00447868720078 (M), 00442082656055 (Landline), 00447766620634 (Kamal, my wife)

Gurmeet Sidhu (R-827, 1993)

London, UK

Retired

I have retired from the Army & now I have settled down in Chandigarh. I have three children. My eldest son is married and is presently the Regional Business Head for ICICI Home Loans, AndhraPradesh, located at Hyderabad. My daughter is working for BILT papers as Asst Brand Manager at Head office Gurgaon. My youngest son is pursuing MBA at Pune. Also, may I request you to kindly give me addresses of Chandigarh ONs so that I can catch up with them. Thanks and kind Regards

Col(Retd) Harjit Singh Chahal (J-49, 1968)

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Full version of this issue of The Eagle

This issue of **The Eagle** comes to you in condensed form. If you want to read the full version, please visit the website www.ppsona.com. Make sure to register yourself and leave your full bio-data there. Some PPS friend of yours may be searching for you. Please update your address and email ID both with **ONA** and with the website whenever you shift or change your address or email. It is very frustrating when so many emails come bouncing back and you don't get the requisite information. In fact many do not

receive the Eagle or information because they have not informed us about their changed contact information.

Batch reunion

This year at **ONA Day** we are calling for The Batch reunion of **1976 ICSE 1977-8 & 9** batches. So all **ONs** who passed out in these years please make it a point to attend. We are also calling **1981** pass-outs to have their **Silver Jubilee Reunion** at **PPS** this **ONA Day**. They will be the second Batch that will have the Reunion exactly after **25 years**. This is the aim of **ONA**. So far we have been trying to clear the backlog. The **1981 ONs** have got to set a trend and make it very successful. Some of you have to take the responsibility of inviting everyone. It is a **batch** effort. For your information the **ONA Day** is held along **Founders' Day** about two days before **Diwali**.

Harvidner Dhaliwal (B-627)
Jt Secretary, ONA

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