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### Rouser

We recall the dedication of our Inaugural Issue of "The Eagle" to the landmark achievement of an Old Nabhaite.

# **Onwards And Upwards**

The Countdown is on to the crowning glory, when a Nabhaite would hold the post of a Chief of any one wing of our Armed Forces. That would be the ultimate in "Onwards And Upwards" and the best tribute to PPS and the vision of its founders.

"The first Nabhaite to rise to the rank of General or equivalent is **Rear Admiral Jagjit Singh Bedi (J-3)**. Congrats! **Admiral Bedi** you have done your Alma Mater proud."

("The Eagle", Oct. 1997)

We relive the same pride and glory in informing fellow Nabhaites of the elevation as Major General of **Om Parkash Nandrajog** (**B-1**), the first Nabhaite from the Army. Congrats! **General Nandrajog**, you have done all of us very proud.

With immense pride and joy we dedicate this issue of "The Eagle" to Major General Om Parkash Nandrajog (B-1).

Ashwani Aggarwal (J-188) PPS (68-74), Editor

# MAJ. GEN. OM PRAKASH NANDRAJOG (B-1)

**OP Nandrajog** joined PPS in 1960 along with his younger brother **Vijay Prakash Nandrajog** (**B-27**). Passed out in 1963 after completing Senior Cambridge and joined National Defence Academy in Jan 64. Commissioned into 4 GUARDS in Dec 67. Luminary of Defence Services Staff College and National Defence College. Held

prestigious staff and command appointments including Military Attaché and Brigade Commander, Kargil brigade.

In PPS, **General Nandrajog** is remembered for his uncompromising and steadfast devotion to duty, which he pursued rather stubbornly. He possessed a genial nature with a tough exterior and Never Say Die spirit.

In NDA, **Gen. Nandrajog** became some sort of a legend. His favourite commands and punishments were often recalled to later batches of ONs. In NDA, PPS came to be identified with **Gen. Nandrajog**.

# EAGLE'S PRIDE

**Maj. Gen. O.P. Nandrajog (B-1)** on taking over as G.O.C., 7 Inf. Div., C/o 56 APO, on promotion.

**Brig. Bikram Singh (B-71)** on taking over as Commander, HQ 1 Sector, Rashtriya Rifles on promotion. He was ambushed by the anti-national elements immediately on taking over and sustained injuries. We wish him early recovery. (He was the Army Spokesperson during Kargil operation.)

**Dr. Satish Jain (R-107)** (1964-70) selected for the International Ambassador for Epilepsy Award 2001. The Award to be presented during the opening ceremony of the 24<sup>th</sup> International Epilepsy Congress in Buenos Aires between May 13-18, 2001.

**Col. Alok Batra (R-195)** on promotion to the rank of Colonel and taking over as CO 214, Rocket Regiment, C/o 56 APO.

Mrs. Harinder Sraw (Nijjar) (B-188) on appointment as Principal, Gobindgarh Public School, Mandi Gobindgarh. Her extraordinary talent in the field of managing public schools has earned her an Award.

**Gurpreet Koonar**(R-775) daughter of **IS Koonar**(R-19), English Teacher, PPS for bagging a Gold Medal at the Annual Indian Pharmacological Conference.

**Col.Sant Parkash Singh(R-84)** President, ONA, Jalandhar Chapter, Adm. Comdt. Jalandhar Cantt, awarded Army Cdr's Commendation Card.

**Pawan Kant Munjal's (S-163)** (Member, Board of Governors, PPS) dynamic entrepreneurship has made his Hero Honda Ltd. India's Number One motorcycle producer. Earlier, Hero Cycles Ltd. achieved the distinction of becoming world's largest bicycle manufacturer. PPS's **Munjal** Brothers have not only done their Alma Mater proud, they have done India proud.

**HGS Dhaliwal (J-728)** IPS has been appointed SSP, Chandigarh, U.T. He is the youngest IPS officer to hold this prestigious post.

**Ranbir Singh Khatra** (S-270) has taken over as Commandant, Police Training Centre, Jahan Khelan, Hoshiarpur.

Rajiv Bakshi (Ex Beas) to take over as Pepsico India Chief.

### Sponsor's Message

I would like to congratulate "The Eagle" team for their efforts. "The Eagle" has brought the Old Nabhaites together and in touch with each other not only in India but also around the world. By sponsoring this issue I feel happy and proud to associate myself with this wonderful endeavour.

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Arvinder Singh Brar IFS (R-189) Sudarshan S Sood (J-255) Vinay Hingle (S-632)

# While We Were Boys in School

# PPS - Indian Hockey - KDS Babu

During our impressionable years as students in PPS, there were some remarkable textbook passages, which left a strong and indelible mark on our psyche and perception. One such passage was from our Hindi Text book "Bal Bharti" (published by NCERT) (Class VII-VIII) written on Indian Hockey by Kunwar Digvijay Singh "Babu".

From this Chapter we learnt, for the first time, of the glorious and world dominating stature Indian Hockey had had in the past. The passage mentioned of the remarkable Indian victories in Helsinki and Amsterdam Olympics under the captaincy of the writer. This greatly touched our patriotism. We could closely share the emotions and the pride of the writer.

The passage in fact changed our very perception of Indian Hockey, which during those years (early 1970s) was sadly, en route, its downhill ride. While in school, we hoped and prayed for return of "Babu" days. (We were given Preps off to listen in our Common Rooms to the radio commentary of Olympic/World Cup fixtures).

While in college (late 1970s), one morning as I picked up the newspaper, we learnt of the suicide by K.D.S. "Babu". We were absolutely stunned. For us it was like the final whistle. We had lost our faith.

Occasionally some hope, however briefly, is rekindled whenever there is a flicker of brilliance in Indian Hockey. We still pray and hope for the "Babu" days partly for our country sake and partly for giving peace to the tormented soul of one of our School Text book writers, Kunwar Digvijay Singh "Babu".

# Ashwani Aggarwal (J-188), Editor

#### Pride hath a fall

Mountainous treks are part of public schools calendar. They help foster spirit of adventure, love and respect for Nature and a sense of comradeship. I am sure all of us have been part of such trips in PPS. All of us also have some sweet memories of an odd happening, a hilarious experience or a dangerous moment on such treks.

I remember one such incident in the year 1964. The trek was in Chamba hills. After a strenuous trek we put up in a remote forest lodge. It had no facilities so we spent the cold night on the floor.

Next morning as we stepped out we saw snow on a mountain peak next to the lodge. All of us decided to go and play with snow.

After a quite breakfast we set up hill. There was no track leading to the top of that mountain so we had to make our way through bush and the jungle. I remember **Rupinder Dhillon (Khilji) (B-68)** carrying a fragile stick to ward of "any tiger attacks in case they were any lurking ever around". The climb was steep and what appeared to be close by from the lodge became ever elusive. But after few hours we reached our goal, dead tired.

Having played enough in the snow we decided to come down to our lodge. We were quite relaxed as now it was going to be down hill. When we actually started moving down we felt being pulled down by gravity and no much effort was required as while climbing. It seemed very easy in fact too easy to be true. In the beginning the descent was easy we moved down with speed. The mountainous slope was steep and slight imbalance could set you on a roll to the bottom of the small gorge in front of us and the consequence was not difficult to imagine. Most of us who tried to move down fast soon realized that it became uncontrollable due to laws of nature (gravitational pull) and you could easily become a body hurtling downhill uncontrollably and catching momentum. **Inderjit Arora** (J-40) was my desk mate in the class and we were together on this trip. He is a short dark fellow with whitest of teeth, humorous and grinning most of the time, he was excellent company. However, when he was made Monitor and Prefect he would not tolerate indiscipline and had become somewhat arrogant or so we thought. This part of him came out during this trip. He boasted of running down hill. He was behind us but soon we saw him whizzing past us downhill in great hurry. His face, which was grinning initially soon turned pale and expressionless. We realized he was unable to stop himself and was hurtling down and did not at that moment know what to do. Soon his speed was more than probably the Olympic sprinters. We just saw him speed down with limbs flailing and within seconds we saw him rise a few feet from the ground and fall downhill.

He vanished behind a rock. The rest of us stopped in our tracks. We exchanged glances wondering if we had seen the last of **Inderjit**. Or if we did see him, the sight may not be pleasant. Our hearts stopped and then beat fast. Slowly we moved down to the rock with all sorts of thoughts in our minds and yet no one spoke.

On reaching the rock we found there was a small pit below it. **Inderjit** had luckily tripped on the rock and took a short flight like a missile and had landed in the pit. This broke his uncontrollable downhill movement. There in the pit we found **Inderjit** getting up unhurt, dusting himself and wearing a sheepish grin showing all his white teeth.

Dr. Jashatjot Singh Bhangu (S-52)

#### TEHELKA IN PPS / STORM IN A TEA CUP

During 1966 each class in PPS had two sections i.e. 'A' and 'B'. Section 'A' sat for Senior Cambridge/Indian School Certificate conducted by the Cambridge University while Section 'B' appeared from the Higher Secondary conducted by the Delhi University. Even in Section 'A' there were two streams i.e. Biology and Mathematics. Students could also opt for both Biology and Mathematics. Surgeon **Cdr P.S. Lamba** (**Retd.**) (**B-89**) the school record holder of six points had both Biology and Mathematics and scored one Point each in both the subjects. There was always a stiff and healthy competition between Biology and Mathematics streams.

In Nov 1966, prior to the laboratory test for Biology, it was rumoured that the Biology stream had already been told the practical subject by the Biology teacher **Mr. K.K. Katyal (KKK).** Mathematics students were not the ones to take lying down supposedly unfair advantage accrued by the Biology students hence decided to act.

An emergency meeting of the Mathematics students was held to take stock of the matter and nullify the unfair advantage gained by the Biology students. An Express Inland letter was written to Mr. Barlow, Head of the British Council in India at Delhi enunciating the supposedly unfair means being used by Biology students and majority of the Mathematics students signed the letter as proof of its authenticity.

The letter was shown to the Biology students who were rattled by the subject matter and apologized profusely saying that it was only a canard spread by them to demoralize the Mathematics students.

The matter was sorted out amicably and with their tails up, nobody from the Mathematics stream thought of tearing/destroying the letter addressed to Mr. Barlow. Everyone forgot about the matter till about a week later all Mathematics stream students were hauled up before **Mr. Melon,** English teacher of the School from the British Council and confronted with the letter alleging malpractices in the Biology practical test. It later on transpired that the letter had reached Mr. Barlow in Delhi who in turn marked it back to the School authorities to investigate the case. It is still a mystery as to how the letter

reached its destination as it was only meant to coerse the Biology students to abstain from loose talk.

(Anybody who can solve this mystery may please write to the Editor!!!)

It is to the credit of unflappable **Mr. J.K. Kate**, our first Headmaster, who weathered the storm created by this juvenile delinquency, as he was convinced that there was nothing known as cheating in PPS. He did not even think it proper to reprimand the culprits for their childish pranks and misdemeanour.

For the uninformed, in 1966 one of the premier public schools of Northern India was disqualified from the ISC examination as the exam paper had leaked out in that school. Nowadays, one reads in the newspapers of cheating in exams at all levels. Those were the days when no wrong went unnoticed. I wonder how **Mr. K.K. Katyal** treated the whole faux pas. Our salute to the likes of **Mr. J.K. Kate** and **Mr. K.K. Katyal** who were epitome of sincere, transparent and truthful conduct.

Lt. Col. H.S. Bajwa (S-25), Co-Editor

[Mr. K.K. Katyal (Address: 14-L, Model Town, Hoshiarpur. Tel. 2284181) is presently recuperating after prolonged illness. We wish him early recovery.]

#### **Nicknames**

I remember those ugly nicknames: "Chiba", "Phimi", "Chandu" or one that I got stuck with. For several years, while I was going through the process of growing up, those ugly nicknames used to haunt me. (Please note, those appalling epitaphs were not reserved for us, the students, alone. Everyone seemed to have one: man, woman and flower.)

For a long time, I tried to understand why would anyone give another name to someone who has one already. I mean, why call a "*Phimi*" to someone who was born to be called Ajay. I mean, the rhetoric remains, why?

Let me build a hypothesis here. I think the usual is boring, which is why we gave each other another name and helped us stay clear of the boring. I think those early childhood days at PPS were time to declare war on the boring, the usual and the officious. Why call Ajay, when "*Phimi*" is between you and me?

<u>Asheesh Saksena (R-446) (Email: asheesh.saksena@accenture.com)</u>

# Genesis of PPS Emblem "The Eagle"

It will be of great interest to all Nabhaites to know as to how our School emblem "The Eagle" came into being. The now soaring Eagle had in fact a very modest and humble take off.

During one of our informal Football matches (played with a Tennis ball) between Beas and Jamuna Houses in the years 1960-61 in the Quadrangular Courtyard in the Main Building (Kairon Block) where **Mr. Y.P. Bhardwaj**, our History teacher was also present. The talk amongst us veered to the desirable emblem for our school. My mind flashed to the label on the well-known beer brand "The Golden Eagle". Fortunately, I was also able to fish out an empty bottle of the beer and hand it over to **Mr. Y.P. Bhardwaj**.

**Mr. Y.P. Bhardwaj** must have approved of the idea because he further handed over the bottle to **Mr. O.P. Bhatnagar**, our Hindi teacher and my House Master (also a versatile artist) virtually a master of all trades i.e. arts, crafts, games etc.

The Eagle painted by Mr. O.P. Bhatnagar was finally approved by the School authorities as the School emblem. If I remember correctly Brig. Budh Prakash Singh (J-38), Brig. Sureshwar Tiwari (J-34) and Col. (Dr.) Hoshiar Singh Gill (Ex Jamuna) were also witnesses to this great event. The "Eagle" today in its majestic flight is conquering newer heights amongst Nabhaites. As the saying goes "from tiny acorns grow mighty oaks".

*Lt. Col. T.S. Dhillon (B-35)* 

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Mrs. Harinder Sraw (Nijjar) (B-188), Principal, Gobindgarh Public School, Mandi Gobindgarh.

# **Reaching Out**

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**Hind Pal Singh (S-993)** S/o Mr. Hardev Singh C/o Aulakh Ram House, Ward No. 2, Rai Singh Nagar, Distt. Sriganganagar – 335051 (Raj). Tel: 01507-20160 / 22160 is keen to meet ONs living around Sriganganagar.

**Major Advitya Madan (Mohan) (R-374)** (Address: BM, HQ 114, Inf. Bde., C/o 56 APO) has requested "The Eagle" to publish his wish of contacting maximum number of ONs including his batch mates. "I would like to extend an open invitation to all ONs to contact me if they happen to be passing through or staying at Leh." His permanent address is 7/3, Ranbir Marg, Patiala. Tel: 0175-301081.

**R.M. Saini's (B-139)** call, "I, will feel obliged if addresses as many as possible of my batch mates (1970) are intimated to me.

I would like to float Hoshiarpur Chapter of ONA if given the opportunity to work for ONA and request you to kindly send me the addresses of Old Nabhaites of Hoshiarpur district." (Address: 810/13, Manvata Nagar, Sutheri Rd., Hoshiarpur. Tel: 224599)

**Arvinder Singh Brar IFS (R-189)** presently Conservator of Forests, Soil Conservation. (Address: Van Bhawan, Vaniki Path, Jaipur. Tel: (O) 380639, (R) 395640. Fax: 0141-380496.) wishes all ONs in Jaipur and Rajasthan to get in touch with him so that he may start a Jaipur / Rajasthan Chapter.

# **Get togethers**

# **Lunch with Board of Governors**

ONA organized a lunch at ONA Complex at PPS Nabha for the Board of Governors after the School Executive Committee meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2001, with a substantial sponsorship by **Suman Kant Munjal** (**S-165**). Lunch culminated with a sterling performance by the School Band and daredevil equestrian display of Show Jumping and Tent Pegging by the PPS students. It is no surprise that the School has produced international standard riders. Many certainly would have earned their spurs at the PPS Riding School.

### Chandigarh get together

Held on 10th March 2001 at Gymkhana Club, Sector 6, Panchkula. The Head Master and the Bursar were invited from PPS. The Bursar attended the get together but the Head Master could not attend due to previous commitment. Attended by 27 Old Boys along family members. Next meeting to be held on 12th May 2001 at the same place.

### Jalandhar get together

Held in Sekhon Grand in March 2001. 30 Old Boys along with their families attended. **Capt. I.S. Dhami (R-257)** volunteered to get "The Eagle" registered as a newspaper.

#### Leh get together

Maj. Advitya Madan (nee Advitya Mohan) (Machhar) (R-374) is presently BM, HQ 114, Inf Bde, C/o 56 APO writes that a school get together was held at Leh on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2001. Lt. Col Rakesh Goyal (B-369), Lt. Col. P.S. Sandhu (J-262) and Lt. Col Pradeep Singh (Pahari, Ravi House) attended.

#### **DONA** Get together

DONA get together was held in Oct 2000 with the initiative of Nabhaites in Uniform. Although more than 200 ONs were contacted, the attendance figure of 40 (including

family members) was somewhat disappointing. The welcome addition was the younger ONs led by **Sandhu**.

There was a free and healthy discussion on measures to rejuvenate DONA, which seems to have been lost direction due to lack of coordination and misplaced priorities.

The following important decisions were taken:

- 1. ONA is the apex body where different Chapters are parent body's representatives in different cities/districts.
- 2. Let politics not enter our organization. True to Nabhaite spirit, if we don't want to contribute towards each other's betterment, let us not create any ill feeling.
- 3. Regular get together with larger turnouts.
- 4. Young ON **Sandhu** volunteers to ensure maximum participation of his batch mates and around that seniority.
- 5. Sufficient notice time for the future get together to be given.
- 6. Next get together would be treated as general body meeting of DONA, where responsibilities to run the Association will be decided. It would be wonderful if someone from ONA also attends.
- 7. We fervently appeal to all the Old Boys in Delhi to come together and make this Chapter a grand success. Kindly send your latest address and phone numbers to: Col. HPS Bedi (R-58), Col. Q., HQ Delhi Area, Delhi Cantt. 110010. Tel: 5666034 (O), 5666035 (R). Email: peterbedi@yahoo.com.

# FOR WHOM THE BELL TOLLS

We regret to announce the sad demise of

- **Tarif Singh (J-53)** (1961-68) Head Boy (1968), at Bhiwani.
- Lalinder Singh Dhindsa (B-52), at Delhi.
- Laxmi Narain Bansal (J-83) (1963-69), at Nabha.
- **Dr. Anoop Singh Dhindsa** (**B-281**) in Canada.
- The ONA fraternity shares the grief of brother ONs Cdr. M.S. Sethi (Retd.) (J-76) and Col. H.S. Sethi (J-131), who lost their father and the grief of ON Sandeep Kang (J-815) (Sandy) who lost his father Maj. HM Singh (Garhwal Rifles). Sandy Kang is grandson of legendary Lt. Gen. Bikram Singh.

# Remembering Tarif & Lali

A few weeks back a call from **Baljeet Mohil** (**J-128**) late in the evening left me badly shaken up. He informed me of the sad demise of two of my batch mates **Tarif Singh** (**J-53**) and **Lalinder Singh Dhindsa** (**B-52**). We had entered together the portals of Junior

School in February 1961. Ours was the first batch, which had an Entrance Test for class V level. Our batch passed out in 1967.

Tarif Singh (J-53) was a Jat from the heart land of Haryana (Bhiwani). Soon he outgrew us into a tall and tough character. He excelled in all sports. Some of his records in Athletics stood for years (I believe 110m Hurdles record still stands). He also became the School Head Boy (1968). Studies were not his forte; he fell behind by one year and could not make it through the written tests of NDA. Undeterred he joined the other ranks in the Indian Navy. He played Hockey for the Indian Navy. He quickly rose up the ranks because of his excellence in Sports and Leadership qualities.

Lalinder Singh Dhindsa (B-52) (Lali) was the opposite of Tarif in physical terms. He was small, frail and with a soft voice. He was very neat in his work. His Geometry Box had all the essential ingredients of a good student. He had the latest expensive brands of pencils, pens, colours, rubbers, sharpeners etc. He was in the Medical stream and later went on to graduate in Agricultural Engineering from PAU. After this he went on to do MBA from IIM, Ahmedabad, the premier Management Institute of India (I don't know of any other ON who may have studied there). He was the only expert in India at that time who was an MBA with specialization in Pesticides. He was offered a senior job directly in Rallis India. His next job within few years was North Zonal Manager of Cynamid India, an MNC. Later, he started his own successful pesticides business. His younger brother Palinder Singh Dhindsa was also an Old Nabhaite who joined the Air Force and was martyred in air crash. What a loss, it has been to ONA fraternity and their mother.

Dr. Jashatjot Singh Bhangu (S-52)

### **ONA Matters**

#### **ONA Day 2001**

After discussions with the School Authorities, Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2001 has been fixed for ONA Day celebrations. The date is being announced well in advance so that as many of you as possible can plan to attend it. There is a special emphasis on Old Nabhaites who passed out from school between 1970 to 1975, to attend this year.

#### "Then and Now"

The computerized video projected Slide Show prepared meticulously by **Col. Tej Inder Singh (S-70)** was a big success at the **'Rendezvous 2000'**. Slides from historical pictures of school from 1960 to 2000 were projected.

At this year's ONA Day, it is planned to project slides of Old Nabhaites. We are looking forward to Old Nabhaites to send two pictures of them. One from school days and one from present (preferably with family). We intend to project these as a part of the slide show entitled 'Then and Now'. The older you are the better it is.

Please send these pictures with suitable description at the back. Your name and House No. to the undersigned. You can also send scanned photographs in the same mould by email to the address given below.

Dr. Jashanjot Singh Bhangu (S-52, General Secretary, ONA)

# 'The ONA Gallery"

The ONA would like to maintain a record of the special achievements of Old Nabhaites. This should be of at least national or state level.

We request all those who have won awards and honours in the field of education, sports, industry, bravery, leadership, administration, cultural, journalism, science, arts or any other.

Please send a photograph of the event (8"x10" or bigger) with citation, description of circumstances and relevant context. Do not forget to mention your name, House No. in school and years in school. These may be sent to Dr. Jashanjot Singh Bhangu, General Secretary, ONA.

Ultimately, these will be exhibited suitably in PPS as "The ONA Gallery".

Navin Talwar (S-79), President, ONA

#### PERSONAL FILE

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**Maj. Parvinder Singh Bedi (R-421)** (1975-84) NDA. Commissioned in Artillery in December 1988. Address: 7, Bhagat Road, Jalandhar Cantt., IT Cell, HQ 11 Corps, C/o 56 APO. Tel: 806838. (Permanent) 141 W/2 Hira Mahal, Nabha. Tel: 22587. Married Naginder (Neena) (employed with Stock Holding Corporation of India) on 16<sup>th</sup> June 1991. Has son Sukhman (6yr) and daughter Sukhmani (4yr).

**R.M Saini** (**B-139**) PPS (1965-70) B.Sc. LL.B. (Chandigarh) Advocate/Agriculturist/Politician. Municipal Councellor 1992-97. Address: 810/13, Manvata Nagar, Sutehari Road, Hoshiarpur – 146001. Tel: (Res) 224599. Married Harinder in 1983. Has sons Rohan (14yr) and Rahul (12yr).

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