



# THE EAGLE

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## Rouser

The response to the last issue of “The Eagle” was very flattering. We were flooded with compliments through letters, emails, telephones and at personal level. However, we feel that the appreciation of “The Eagle” by Old Nabhaites would be better if it was translated into action. Out of almost 3000 Old Nabhaites out there, not more than a handful have contributed to the contents of “The Eagle”. The real recognition of “The Eagle” will come when some of you will send articles of interest to Old Nabhaites to be published in “The Eagle”. We are aware that there is no dearth of talent among Old Nabhaites. It is just a matter of motivation and sitting down to pen a few words from memories of School days or post-School days. Only, when “The Eagle” has many Old Nabhaites as contributors, can we really say that “The Eagle” is of the Old Nabhaites, for the Old Nabhaites and by the Old Nabhaites.

This issue of “The Eagle” is dedicated to the first batch of Old Nabhaites who have become Major General or equivalent in the Indian Defence Services or have been approved for the same. They are **Rear Admiral Jagjeet Singh Bedi, AVSM, VSM (J-3), Maj Gen Tej Kumar Sapru, YSM (S-42), Maj Gen Jasbir S Lidder, UYSM (B-23), Brig BPS Mander (J-38) and Brig Sureshwar Tewari (J-34).**

## Helpline

In the Executive Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> April at Ludhiana, an important point was raised by the Ropar Chapter that there are many young Old Nabhaites who would like to seek guidance, encouragement and help from the senior, established and well-settled Old Nabhaites. They do not know how to go about seeking this help. The Executive Committee decided to appoint coordinators for bringing this about. Any Old Nabhaite who would like to seek help, guidance or advice from a senior Old Nabhaite can approach either **Mr Sandeep Sandhu** or **Amandeep Klair** who can be contacted as below:

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**Congratulations!**

Madhavi, daughter of Mrs Kiran & **Mr Rajinder Sibal (Ex-Teacher, English)** got married to Gagan on the 19<sup>th</sup> of January, 2003.

Natasha, daughter of **Lt Col Bhupinder Singh Grewal (S-50)** got married to Rohit, son of **Lt Col BS Godara (R-16)** on the 11<sup>th</sup> of January, 2003.

**Rajesh Kumar Sharma (B-908)** (ISCE 1991) married Anuradha on the 10<sup>th</sup> of March, 2003.

Daughter of **Vineet Kashyap (J-117)** is getting married in the month of April.

Leena, daughter of **Dilip Bedekar (S-67)**, who is presently working as a Management Trainee with the Taj Group of Hotels, is getting married on the 18<sup>th</sup> of May in Mumbai.

**Jagraj Jeet Singh Sandhu (S-887)** has been blessed with a son on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March, 2003.

Ms Gurminder Bajwa daughter of **Lt Col Hardev Singh Bajwa (S-25, Hardy)** has been selected for admission to MBA in almost all the prestigious IIMs of India (Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Indore, Khozicode, Lucknow and Calcutta).

### Matter of Honour

**Brig RS Sujlana (B-134)** was honoured with VSM on the 26<sup>th</sup> of January, 2003.

**Brig Vinay Sharma (S-129)** was awarded “Shaurya Chakra” on the 26<sup>th</sup> of January, 2003.

**Brig Bikram Singh (B-71)** was awarded “Shaurya Chakra” on the 26<sup>th</sup> of January, 2003.

### Get Well Soon

“The Eagle” and the ONA wish Meena w/o **Maj Gen TK Sapru, YSM (S-42)** a speedy and complete recovery. She is presently undergoing treatment at the R&R (Army Hospital, Delhi) for Breast Cancer.

### Promotions / Appointments

**Brig TK Sapru, YSM (S-42), Brig Jasbir S Lidder, UYSM (B-23)** and **Brig Sureshwar Tewari (J-34)** have all been promoted to the rank of **Major General**.

**Lt Col Kulwant Singh Nijjar (S-323)** has been promoted to the rank of Colonel and has taken over command of 161, Field Regiment.

**Dr Arvinder Singh Bains, PCS (B-298)** has been transferred to Jalandhar as Director, Land Records.

**Jagmeet Brar (J-116)** has been appointed as a Secretary of the All India Congress Committee.

### Grieved

Father of **Brig GS Dhillon (B-69)** passed away on the 20<sup>th</sup> of December 2002.

Mother of **Mandeep Grewal (R-70)** passed away on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2002. She was also mother-in-law of old Nabhaites **Brig Harbaksh Singh Gill (S-99)** and **Preet Mohinder Singh Bath (R-26)**.

Jabarjung Singh Sidhu, father of ON **AS Sidhu (J-447) (Executive Member of ONA from Bhatinda)** and ON **Bikram Singh Sidhu**, passed away on 24<sup>th</sup> of March 2003.

### Shifting

Congratulations to **Ranjit Dhillon (B-839)** for shifting into his new house in Canada.  
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**Maj Gen Sureshwar Tewari (J-34)** Address: Satwari House, Near Military Hospital, Belicharana Rd, Satwari Cantt, Jammu (J&K). Tel: (R) 2450133, Mil – 71-2432. Married Devika on 24 Jun 1973. Has daughters Sheetal (25yr) and Akruti (21yr).

**Sunil Sharma.** Address: IPS, State SSP Vigilance, 139 A/D Gandhi Nagar, Jammu (J&K). Tel: 2431434 / 2430492. Married Minnie on 22 Jan 1988. Has sons Udit (13yr) and Akshay (9yr).

**Col AK Sharma.** Jammu (J&K). Tel: 2435165 / 2439664. Married Karuna on 6 Feb 1985. Has son Navesh (17yr) and daughter Nandika (13yr).

**Arvind Mahajan (J-250)** PPS 1975. Address: KC Group, 58 A/D, Gandhinagar, Jammu (J&K). Tel: 2434385 / 2431639. Married Sanjita on 11 Dec 1982. Has son Arush (18yr) and daughters Manvi (16yr) and Sara (13yr).

**Arun Mahajan.** Address: KC Group, 58 A/D Gandhinagar, Jammu (J&K). Tel: 2434385 / 2431639. Married Sonia on 6 Nov 1985. Has daughter Anshni (16yr) and sons Shivang (13yr) and Vimanju (3yr).

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## **While We Were Boys in School**

**The Great Indian “Poori”**

In the 60s, many American Peace Corps workers were attached to PPS. They greatly influenced the students of those days mainly for two reasons. One, the school was based on the British system of Public Schools and these Peace Corps workers brought a new and refreshingly informal American influence. Secondly, they all took up some activity in School, which benefitted both the children and the school. Steve Power set up the piggery and the poultry form, which is now the stable for horses. Dick Pine was responsible for the swimming pool and taught “drown proofing” and “life saving” apart from basics of swimming. Lowell Edwards taught Maths with an American approach.

One of the most impressive and irrepressible Peace Corps worker was Mr Goldberg, who taught English. He was a tall bespectacled man with feet so big that no shoe manufactured in India fitted him. His footsteps could be heard long before he reached the

classroom. He did not like to be addressed as sir. He hated our standing up in the class when he entered. When we would almost sing “Good Morning, Sir”, he would run out of the class with his hands on the ears. He often had small tiffs with teachers of British descent (up tightness versus informality). While in school, he developed a weakness. He fell in love with the great Indian “poori” served for breakfast on Sundays. This was also something to which his intestines revolted. He would develop diarrhoea after imbibing a sumptuous meal of “pooris”. But love hath no reasons. It was very common to see Mr Goldberg up there in front of the dining hall waiting to devour the “pooris” at breakfast on Sunday mornings. What followed was also a common sight. After breakfast, Mr Goldberg, knowing the consequences, would be seen heading straight for the MI room holding on to his tummy and that is where he would spend the rest of the Sunday under the care of the matron Mrs MacMillan. Fortunately, the MI room was and is very close to the dining hall.

*Dr Jashanjot Singh Bhangu (S-52)*

### **Of Public Schools and Housemasters...**

Ever wondered why Public Schools are known as Public Schools when they are not open to the general public and in fact are insulated from the public? I remember Mr SC Cowell (Ex-Senior Master) saying, ”You are fooling the public by saying you are from Public Schools.” Well the answer lies in the origin of these Schools in England in the nineteenth century when they were meant to teach students who went on to become Public Servants.

Any clue how the term ‘House master’ came into the vocabulary of Public Schools? The answer lies in the fact that original Public Schools in England had no hostels. The students stayed in townhouses run by teachers who dealt directly with parents and ran these houses to supplement their income from teaching and thus came to be known as ‘housemasters’.

*Dr Kulwinder Singh Sangha (B-371)*

## **The Eagle’s Pride**

### **Old Nabhaite Rajeev Bakshi (B-151) does Ad Review 2002**

**(Ad Review, Pepsico chief puts best foot forward**

The Economics Times, February 20, 2003)

This year’s “Ad Review” was slated as an event that would make an audience sit up and say “A-Ha!” And **Rajeev Bakshi**, managing director, PepsiCo India delivered an address that definitely broke away from the expected. An annual event of the Ad Club of Bombay, this year’s ad review was attended by the Who’s Who of Indian advertising.

**Mr Bakshi** analyzed advertising that was aired during 2002, and put forward a few key consumer trends that he said seemed to be evident from the commercials on air. One of the most significant was what he described as “Youth stretching”.

“Consumers are now breaking down Maslow’s hierarchy”, he said, as previously aspirational differentiators for products and brands are becoming accessible to a much wider audience.

There were many other points driven home to the Ad men by the PepsiCo India MD.

What does it all mean for marketers? They need to move from “selling to seducing”, said **Mr Bakshi**, and they need to innovate, to focus on the buying experience for consumers. “Sale is stale”, he warned, as he suggested that advertising look for its lost sense of the spectacular.

### **PPS Sports Spirit**

**(Based on the article “Hero awards for 20 sportspersons” in “The Tribune”, April 3, 2003)**

The HISA (Hero Indian Sports Academy) was launched in India on August 2002 in New Delhi. Director of Hero Group **Pawan Kant Munjal (S-163)** said his company would look after the affairs of the academy till it started generating its own funds for sustenance and growth. “This is a continuity of the group’s commitment to Indian Sport other than cricket”, he said.

**Mr Munjal** also announced the launch of a nation-wide public poll contest for the two popular awards categories – Best Sportsperson of the Year and Best Sportswoman of the Year. He said the winner of these awards would earn a trip to Monte Carlo, to witness the Laureus World Sports Awards in May, 2003. The contest will be launched on April 10. Legendary hurdler Edwin Moses of the USA had launched the Laureus Sports for Good Foundation-India Project in Mumbai on February 4.

## **Happenings in PPS**

### **PPS riding high**

**The Event:** Delhi Horse Show under aegis of Equestrian Federation of India. **The Stage:** Army Equestrian Centre, New Delhi. **Dates:** 30<sup>th</sup> March to 6<sup>th</sup> April 2003. **The Audience:** The cream of India’s Riders, national dignitaries and members of foreign embassies and missions. **Competition:** Almost 400 national and international riders. **And the Result:** The PPS Riding Team comprising six members rides to glory by picking up 19 Awards in their respective age groups and open events. They invited appreciation of the press and the VIPs including the Chief Guest Union Finance Minister Jaswant Singh.

“The Eagle” congratulates the team members **Sandeep Singh (R-0258)**, **Prithvijeet Singh (J-0475)**, **Jaspreet Singh (S-0428)**, **Gurjap Singh (J-0453)**, **Jaspreet Singh (S-0428)** and **Simardeep (B-0320)**, for their stupendous performance. This is all the more



laudable as most of the awards were won in the Junior Section, which is under 21 years and the team members were even much younger. Congratulations also go out to the PPS Riding Instructor Rissaldar Major Saudagar Singh and Assistant Instructor Kulwant Singh.

The team and the instructors were felicitated in the School by the Chairman of the Executive Committee Lt Gen GS Brar (Retd).

Was there an Old Nabhaite connection somewhere? Well, **Col Jagdeep (Pinka) Singh Pinka Virk**, OC 61 Cav, Chief Organizer of the event, an international Polo player and Chief Executive of Army Riding & Polo Club was there to guide and look after the PPS riders throughout the event. We thank him too.

### **PPS Shooting Club gets a Shot in the Arm**

*(Excerpts from the article "Army to provide weapon training to PPS students" on page 11 in "Hindustan Times", April 22, 2003)*

Presiding over the meeting of Board of Governors of PPS, Nabha, the Governor had suggested that not only should the students be given weapon training, the school should encourage adventure trips of students to Army cantonments, especially those located in the Himalayas and Shivaliks.

Lt Gen Mehta (GOC-in-C) agreed to help PPS in organizing adventure trips in the hills and also to provide technical, financial and weapon and training assistance to the shooting club of PPS, Nabha.

### **PPS gets a new Chairman**

The present Chairman of the Board of Governors of Punjab Public School, Nabha, **His Excellency the Governor of Punjab, Lt Gen (Retd) JFR Jacob**, has just finished his tenure. The baton now passes to the new Governor of Punjab and Chairman of PPS governing board, **Justice Om Prakash Verma**.

**Justice Verma** started his career as a Civil Judge (Junior Division) in 1961 in Uttar Pradesh. He was elevated as a permanent Judge to the Allahabad High Court in 1984. He took over as the Chief Justice of Kerala High Court in 1997 and retiring in 1999. Lately he held the appointment of Lok Ayukta, Himachal Pradesh. He has had an earlier association with Punjab as Judicial Member of the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal when he was stationed in Amritsar from 1976 to 1980.

After some gap Punjab will have a First Lady in **Shobha Verma**, wife of **Justice OP Verma** (General Jacob being a bachelor). The Vermas have four daughters who are all married. He told the press "I do not have any filial responsibilities to shoulder which means I will be absolutely free to devote my time to my job."

What is good news for the PPS is that exercising to keep fit is the new Board of Governors Chairman's favourite pasttime. He is an avid Tennis player and has a penchant for Horse Riding. The 66 year old new Governor of Punjab and Chairman of PPS says, "I have always thought of myself as people's man."

*Maj Gurjinder Singh Benipal (S-420)*

## **Yours Nabhaitely**

### **Bringing ONs together**

I was planning to meet some ONs at the CONA meeting and would like to know where the next meeting is going to be held and when. Trust you will be in a position to help me out. I take this opportunity to wish you a very Happy New Year.

*Satpreet Singh Mand (B-222), California*

### **Marvellous Experience**

I am extremely delighted to have received the January issue of "The Eagle" and it was a marvellous experience travelling down the memory lane to the days of schooling. The issue of "The Eagle" well portrayed the jubilant mood of PPS on its Founders' Day. The news with regard to the Old Nabhaites compels one to recollect the golden days of childhood. Apart from that, the feeling of elation, which we derive on coming to know of Old Nabhaites achieving greater heights, cannot be expressed in words.

I would expect and desire a communication from any ON and especially batchmates.

*Vinod Sharma Bhardwaj (J-663)*

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### **Knitting the PPS fraternity**

I downloaded the Jan issue of "The Eagle" from the school website a couple of weeks back and enjoyed going through it. I forwarded one copy to **Brig GS Dhillon (B-69)** also. Our wishes are with you and your team that is doing a great job in expanding the PPS network and knitting the fraternity closer to each other. Keep doing whatever you are doing. You are doing great.

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### **Pool of Memories**

I am proud to be a part of this esteemed institution. Although I stayed in school for a very little time, I remember those days as the "Golden Era" of my life. I would like to thank all my teachers for giving me such an education, which has been always helpful to me for being what I am today.

I am thankful to ONA for dispatching a copy of “The Eagle” regularly to me. I confess whenever I get a copy of “The Eagle” I just find myself floating in a ‘Pool of Memories’ of PPS.

I would like to contact my classmates so please contact me at my Mobile 9896272038.

**Ms Manu (Gera) Chaudhary (‘Githi’) (J-0002)**

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## **Get-Togethers**

### **Get-Together of Old Nabhaites of Jammu**

The Nabhaites of Jammu had been shying away from a get-together for more than two years. Our civilian friends being too involved in business and their Fauji counterparts being committed on the borders. A get-together was however organized under the stewardship of **Col PS Gill (B-299)** who managed to locate all and got the blessings of the seniormost Nabhaite in Jammu ie **Brig S Tewari (J-34)** to organize the meet in 5 Guards Officers’ Mess. It turned out to be an enjoyable stiff winter evening on 8 Dec 02.

**Col PS Gill (B-299)**

### **63<sup>rd</sup> Get-Together of Nabha Chapter**

The Nabha Chapter celebrated the new year’s eve at Milan Palace on the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2002. While the DJ provided the music for dance, **Anil Choudhary (J-20)** organized the games.

The 63<sup>rd</sup> get-together of ONA Nabha Chapter was held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February 2003. The get-together was held at Mr Anil Choudhary’s residence and was hosted by **Anil Choudhary** and **Ashish Garg (B-033)**.

**Sanjay Mittal (S-609)**

### **Chandigarh**

Although we do not have a report of the evening, a dinner meeting was organized by some of the Chandigarh Old Nabhaites on the 16<sup>th</sup> of February at Chandigarh Club in honour of **Major General OP Nandrajog (B-1)** and Minister for PWD, Govt of Punjab, **Partap Singh Bajwa (Ex-Ravi)**.

### **California, ONA**

*(Minutes from the CONA Meeting in San Diego CA on March 1<sup>st</sup> 2003)*

1. Opening address and welcome by **Dr Rupinder Brar**. He thanked **Amy** and **Rajiv Kumar** for their generosity in hosting the event.
2. **Amy Kumar** read out the message from **Dr Jashanjot Bhangu** received by an email earlier. It was greatly appreciated.

3. It was agreed to fund the next issue of “The Eagle” by the CONA (Funds were earlier collected in Hercules meeting on Feb 15<sup>th</sup>).
4. Members present agreed in principle to become life members of the parent ONA. They will be e-mailed the Mahavira Road address and will mail in their dues personally and individually.
5. A Katyal memorial trophy was again discussed. **Archana Soni** mentioned that it was her wish as well the wishes of **Vandana**, Vicky Katyal and their mother, Mrs Katyal to donate a fixed sum of money each year for the best class IV employee (as judged by the prefects) in the memory of their father. It was then agreed by a simple vote that a running trophy will be instituted in Mr Katyal’s name to go along with the cash award, and it will be donated by the CONA.
6. **Archana** also delivered a message from her sister and mentioned that **Vandana** and her husband will like to host the next CONA meeting at their house.
7. The venue for the national USA/Canada meeting was discussed. It was decided to have a meeting in Las Vegas in August this year. **Amy**, **Seepja** and **Rupinder** will contact the TONA and other individual members on the east coast to encourage people to make plans to attend.
8. **Jimmy Saini** made an appeal to members to contact and enroll other members. He has several ONA neckties available. Interested members can contact him directly to buy the ties from him.
9. **Manjeet Bedi** suggested that ads could be placed in nationally read Indian newspapers (in USA/Canada) for membership drive of the ONA.
10. **Robin Thandi** made a short speech welcoming Mrs Katyal to the CONA. He also mentioned the extraordinary efforts made by the spouses of the ONA members in making these meetings a success.
11. The exact venue (Hotel) and date for the August meeting will be emailed to members later on in a couple of weeks.
12. It was suggested (by Dr Baljeet Uppal) that a teacher or teachers should be invited each year to the national meeting. It was decided to invite Mr and Mrs Tandon this year. A formal invitation will be extended.

Also the CONA get-together was not only business. It involved a lot of fun as well, partly due to the generous bar services provided by Rajiv Kumar.

The entertainment of the day was provided by the young Miss Thandi and Sameer Kumar.  
**Dr Rupinder Brar (S-291)**

## eONnet

*(The Internet has revolutionized communication in the last few years and the Old Nabhaites are keeping up with the changing technology. Given in this section are some of the responses, news of activities and communications that are flowing among Old Nabhaites on the Internet.)*

Thank you for forwarding the events of the Founders' Day and the 1967 Reunion. It was good to hear about some of the ONs and I was saddened to hear of some who have died. PPS was a unique experience in our lives and in some ways formed the basis for how I lead my life. Being part of a community, doing things for others and "Moving ever onwards inspired by glories past".

Thanks for your efforts in this major project.

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I am an ex student of PPS, Nabha, residing in Delhi. I am teaching in a residential school in Delhi. I am interested in associating myself with the old students in Delhi. I need info about them. Old Prefect of Jumna House, Cricketer, Swimmer better known as "Bijju".

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First of all thanks for sending me "The Eagle". It was a great feeling while I was reading it. It was as if I was present in all the events of The Founders' Day. There is a column written under the heading "Birth of CONA (a nostalgic moment)" by **Baljit S Uppal**. It is like something that touches the depth of your heart. I think that column shows the feeling of each Nabhaite who is far away from the school.

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"The Eagle" looks great and the success of "The Eagle", ONA Day and Reunion Day reflect the hard work you and other dedicated members have put in. Keep up the excellent work.

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Thank you very much for addressing me as Old Nabhaite. Nice to hear from Old Nabhaite. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. Thank you very much for the ONA Newsletter "The Eagle". I am serving in Army as a Major. Presently serving in Lebanon as part of UN Peace Keeping. I came here since Nov `02 and will be here till Nov `03. Do let me know if I could be of any help from this end.

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I am keen follower of your mails and always keep track of what's happening with my fellow Old Nabhaities and school. Well just to update you and tell you more about myself I

joined school in 1988 and passed out in 1994. I did my mechanical engineering from IIT Delhi and thereafter worked for 2 years in various firms like Infosys in Bangalore and other IT firms in US. Right now I am doing my MBA in Finance from University of Pittsburgh in Pittsburgh, US and graduating soon in June 2003. I am coming back to India in July and going to join my father's business in Delhi and would be based in Delhi only. My roots are in Nabha only.

I would like to be very actively associated with school and "The Eagle" and contribute whatever I can to the growth of the school both academically and professionally.

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### **PPS, Nabha Yahoo Group**

*(Amita Kumar nee Tandon daughter of Mr & Mrs Tandon (Ex School Teachers) is presently settled in California, USA. She has started a group on yahoo.com of Old Nabhaites, who regularly communicate with each other through it. Given below is an invitation sent by her to all Old Nabhaites for a get-together in August in California.)*

Hi everyone... just a reminder to you all... we have a big meet coming up in August for all of US and Canada and for anyone else who can join us. We are looking at the last weekend in August for this. Please send your comments about how the time suits you and as you know, we are thinking of having it in Vegas... Wow!!.. You do look good when you smile soooo broad...

Ok ok ... get that grin off your faces... Showgirls and all those your kind of fun shows are fine... but.. you'll be there with your spouses... so... sorry to play that really mean trick on you... but Vegas, it is!

Hope everyone can make it and please...PLEASE... if you are in touch with other folks from PPS... e-mail, phone, snail-mail them and let them know... lets all get together and have and remember our days at School and see what we can give back now that we can...

With love to you all...

**Amy**

P.S. I would need your phone numbers so that one of us who is helping in putting this together can get in touch with you quickly... I understand that not everyone is comfortable putting their phone numbers on the 'groups' but please send a personal e-mail to either Rupinder Brar [rsbrar@hotmail.com](mailto:rsbrar@hotmail.com) or Seepja (Nigam)Khurana... can't make the same mistake twice... sharp people learn from their mistakes...lol... so I can at least be a borderline case... [seepjak@hotmail.com](mailto:seepjak@hotmail.com) or Satvinder Saini (Jimmy/ Kainchi).... [jimmy@simmtec.com](mailto:jimmy@simmtec.com) or me... [amytandon@yahoo.com](mailto:amytandon@yahoo.com)

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## **TONA website**

*(The Toronto Chapter has started its own website. Here is wishing that other Chapters follow suit.)*

It would be greatly appreciated if you could put our Toronto Website link on www.ppsnabha.net and www.ppsnabha.org site. We are still in the developing phase of our site.

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## **Payback Time**

Last year when **Capt Inderjit Singh Dhama (R-257)**, Dy Director, Youth Welfare, Punjab, visited United Kingdom, he was motivated by the Jalandhar Chapter of ONA to seek an exchange program for PPS students with students of a school in UK.

The initiative and drive of **Capt Inderjit Singh Dhama** has borne fruit this year. After a prolonged exchange of letters and hiccups due to Kargil War, Gujarat problem, border build-up etc, the program is finally in place. The planned students exchange program is between Derby City Youth Service, UK, and Punjab Youth Service, India under the auspices of Commonwealth Youth Welfare Council.

The first batch of students is leaving for UK between June-July 2003. It comprises twelve children and three senior members. The following students of PPS are members of it: Angad Singh, Hari Om Verma, Divya Sharda, Nirmat Kaur and Simran Sidhu accompanied by Ms Meena Thapar, In-charge, Junior School. The rest of the children are from MGN Public School, Jalandhar where children of many Old Nabhaites of Jalandhar are studying. **Capt Dhama** and his son are also part of the group.

The aim and objective of this exchange program among the youth of two countries is to create understanding of similarities and differences in relation to education, religion, development, environment, health, economics, society, culture and the needs of the youth of the two countries. At the end of the visit the visiting students will give their evaluation individually and as a group.

The young people of Derby will pay a return visit in the month of September when they will spend a few days of their trip in PPS. This is the first year of the exchange. In future we plan to enlarge the range and scope of this program.

We hope this kind of effort for children of PPS is duplicated by other Old Nabhaites in different areas.

***Kulwaran Athwal (S-178), President, ONA Jalandhar***

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Although ONA has Chapters in almost every district, we are getting individual queries regularly from Old Nabhaites regarding the existence of a Chapter in their area. If you are keen to be a part of, and an active member of a Chapter of the ONA, please contact any of the following in your respective areas. This also applies to Defence Officers who are posted in that area.

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This is a reminder of the announcement made in the last issue of “The Eagle” regarding the reunion of batches which passed out in 1968, 69 & 70. This reunion will be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> of October in PPS. The Founders’ Day and the ONA Day will follow on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October. “The Eagle” hopes that Old Nabhaites of these batches take a keen interest in the reunion and make this bonding with Punjab Public School, Nabha and themselves, a great success. If you have not already contacted your batch coordinator please do so now. The coordinators are given below.

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