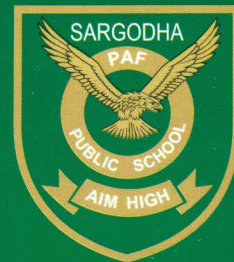


SARGODHIAN

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THE REUNION - 2007

Keeping the tradition aloft, Sargodhians held their biennial Reunion on 24th and 25th November, 2007 at PAF Public School Sargodha. The School on this joyful occasion wore a festive look. Since the Old Boys prefer to stay at their respective houses, adequate accommodation arrangements in the houses were made to make their sojourn comfortable. Young Sargodhians looked eager to welcome and host their senior Bhajians. The reception committee comprised of young Sargodhians, who guided each guest to his residence. At noon the old boys made a bee line and gleeful cheers echoed all around whenever someone spotted an old buddy. Some of the Old Boys came after the lapse of 30-40 years and one could see the mirthful tears. It seemed like each one was in a time warp. The accompanying family members wondered what made the grey heads feel so child-like.

Soon after the reception, the Old Boys were given a sumptuous lunch. The din of the animated talk and joy of being together transformed the quiet dining halls into a fair atmosphere. The food looked the last mechanical concern. After the lunch, the Old Boys proceeded to the Mushaf Hall



The 1st and 40th Entry Sargodhians joining joyful hands at the Reunion

for a meeting of Sargodhian Old Boys Association(SOBA). The meeting was presided by Gen (Retd) Ehsan-ul Haq, President SOBA.

Later in the evening, the guests started assembling in front of the Mess lawn for dinner and post-dinner variety programme. As soon as the Chief of the Air Staff arrived the guests were served the dinner. The Mess Hall was packed to the capacity and the crowd milled around to share a smile or Say hallo to a reunited old buddy. Everyone seemed in an excited state.

After the dinner, the guests were seated in the inside lawn of the mess to witness the post-dinner programme. The programme started with recitation from Holy Quran followed by one minute silence to pay respect to the martyrs of the Sargodha bomb blast. After that there were welcome notes by the School Head Boy, Makhdoom Sami (2608-Hf) and the Principal, Mr Wayne Christopher Hignett. Together with few other old boys, Gen Ehsan-ul Haq, President SOBA, also lauded the good repute and character Sargodhians enjoyed. The Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal Tanvir M Ahmed, in his address, highlighted the core characteristics displayed by a Sargodhian. He described a Sargodhian as a confident, courageous and responsible citizen, who always contributes towards his community in a positive way. The address session was followed by a small variety show put up by the School Dramatics Club. The skits by young performers brought a roaring applause from the old boys. To add colour to the evening, then came the Gaggan Musical Group to entertain the audience with old numbers and ghazal singing. In the end the singers came up with Dhamal beats, which led young and old alike to the dancing floor. The old boys seemed only happy to relive some of their youthful moments till late in the night.

The next morning after the breakfast, a cricket match was played between the Old Boys and the young ones. The old boys batted first and gave a target of 108 runs in 17 overs. Their inning showed a lively spirit and flamboyance characteristic of young. The grand children seemed stunned to see such energetic exuberance in grandfathers. Although junior Sargodhians won the match convincingly, they, too, were all praise for the matchless spirit in their Bhajians.

The lunch was served after the match and then it was time to say goodbye. The entire School lined up to bid farewell to the departing alumni and their families. "See you at the next reunion" was the unspoken message of the eyes.

Happy Homecoming



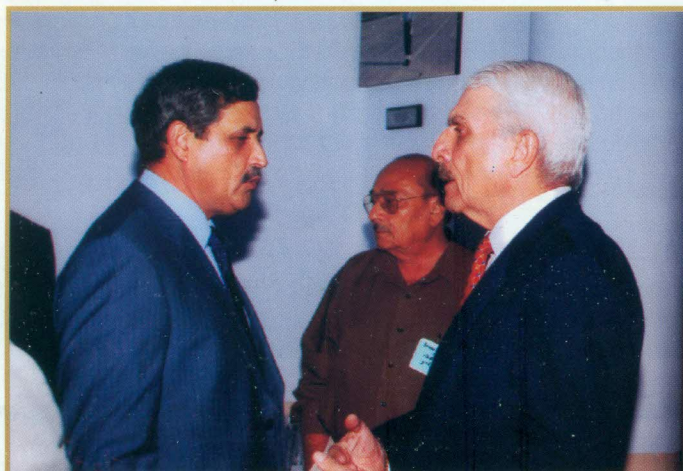
All stars that evening left the orbits behind
And gleefully walked the way homebound
Hard it seemed to trace a faint distinction
Each one proudly was a unique Sargodhian



Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal Tanvir M Ahmed chatting with a cross-section of the gathering at the Reunion



Air Marshal Shahid Lateef, VCAS, shaking hands with the Principal





Youth and age mixed well and revived the bond with their alma mater. The floors and fields echoed with their joy of being a part of a lively Sargodhian culture once again.

YET AN OTHER STAR!

DECLAMATION AT SPS BAHAWALPUR



Young, athletic Shahid Lateef (504-A) joined PAF Public School Sargodha in September, 1968. Right from the day one, he impressed everyone around with his all-round qualities. During his stay at the School, he achieved many distinctions and held responsible appointments. He was declared the Best Athlete of the School with a National record under his belt. In 1970, he bettered

the national record in 200 Meters at 13th National Athletics Championship held in Lahore. He was also appointed House Captain, Alam House. His housemaster called him "an outstanding House Captain" and a person "very balanced and mature in his attitude to life". Also, he was Secretary *Bazm-e-Adab* of the School.

With all these positive traits, he has continued his journey from height to height. On 15 November, 2007, Air Marshal Shahid Lateef was elevated to the prestigious post of **Vice Chief of the Air Staff**. The School is proud of his glorious trail of achievements. Sargodhians, raise three cheers wherever you are!



The School sent a declamation team to participate in All Pakistan Bilingual Declamation Contest held on 17 November, 2007 at Sadiq Public School, Bahawalpur. The team comprised Khurram Khan (2673-Fn) and Jamshaid Anwer (2594-M) under the supervision of Flt Lt Abdul Munim.

It was a well contested event in which Jamshaid Anwer secured the second position in Urdu category. The School was, also, declared the runner up of the contest.

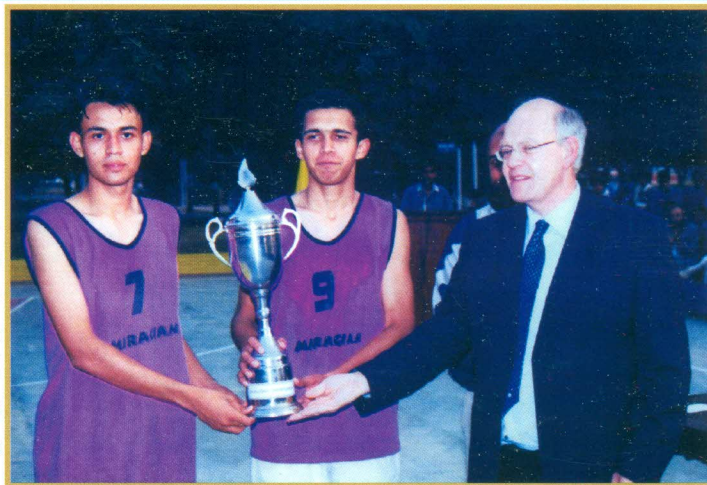
The Principal in the Morning Assembly appreciated the efforts of the team and gave them the shields and certificates.

ENTRY TEST FOR THE 41ST ENTRY

The written test for the 41st Entry was held on 18 November, 2007 at different centres in the country simultaneously. The new entry is expected to join the School in April, 2008.

MIRAGIANS WIN BASKETBALL

This year the Senior Basketball Championship was held from 20 to 26 November, 2007. After some exciting matches and breath-taking skill display, the favourites, Miragians and Sabrites, came head to head in the final. Miragians, who were also the unbeaten team of the tournament, easily conquered the opponents by 89 - 53 points and walked as Champions out of the arena.. Adnan Sajid (2608-M) set a new record of the highest individual score in the tournament. He scored 256 points in just five matches. Principal, Mr Wayne Christopher Hignett, gave away the trophy to the Miragians.



Miragians receiving trophy from the Principal

CHAND BAGH PLAYS A FIXTURE

A sports contingent comprising teams of Football, Basketball, Hockey and Cricket from Chand Bagh School, Mureedke visited PAF Public School Sargodha from 06 to 08 November, 2007. Having received a warm welcome and a good night's rest, the next morning the visitors played a football match with Sargodhians. The match was quite a thriller as both the teams made some fantastic moves and combinations. Sargodhians took an early lead when Ansab (2620-Fn) shot a volley into the CBStian goal. Minutes later, Samee (2603-Hf) made a well timed connection on a brilliant pass by Taimoor (2571-F) and scored the second goal for Sargodhians.

At the beginning of the second half, CBStians came up with few spirited attacks which resulted in Hikmat sending a sizzling shoot into the Sargodhian goal. In the last minutes of the match, Ali (2581-T) sneaked yet another goal for Sargodhians. Thus, the match ended at the hosts winning by 3-1 goals.

Hockey match was played in the evening. The contest seemed almost one-sided as the hosts dominated both the halves of the game and won by 5 - 1 goals. Both Kishwer (2611-Fn) and Sanober (2678-Sf) struck twice, while Shaif (2544-F) had one goal to his credit.

Early next morning the basketball match was played. Both the teams displayed speed, skill and stamina.. Fine combinations added to the pleasure of the spectators. After a fierce contest, Sargodhians managed to win the match by 44 - 34 points. The Basket ball match was immediately followed by a cricket match. After winning the toss, the



Makhdum Sami, Captain School Football team exchanging souvenirs with the CBStian Captain.

CBStians elected to bat first and gave Sargodhians a challenging target of 165 runs in 35 overs. Bilal (2662-Sf) took 5 wickets.

Sargodhians in return started shakily and lost quick wickets. At one stage it seemed the day belonged to the CBStian bowlers but then came Taimoor (2571-F) and Fahim (2648-S) who turned the game upside down. In 33.1 overs and the fall of 7 wickets, Sargodhians crossed the target and won the match.

After the match, the guests were given refreshments. Soon after that the contingent left for their school, taking away some sweet memories.

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