

# 89<sup>th</sup> Reunion at RIMC



Old Boys and their families interacting with cadets



Col Jasbir and Dr Bir Khurana, the seniormost visiting couple



Former commandant Col (Retd) Arun Mangain with a Rimcollian daughter Srijana at the reunion



Commandant Col PK Kumaria, Vice-Admiral PK Chatterjee, Air Marshal DC Kumaria, Lt Gen SK Singh and ROBA Trust Chairman Gen (Retd) VN Sharma at Martyr's Memorial



THE SHINING STARS: Lt Gen SK Singh, Air Marshal DC Kumaria and Vice-Admiral PK Chatterjee, the seniormost serving Rimcollian officers from respective arms at the reunion

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# The Rimcollian

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If you wanted the sky I would write across the sky in letters,  
That would soar a thousand feet high,



**To Sir,  
with Love**

Late Mr RC Singhal 1926—2011



# editor's box

Dear All,

A few days back Col Arun Mangain had dispatched a very passionate mail on the absence of the globetrotting Rimbollians, who failed to make it to Dehra for the memorial services of late Mr RC Singhal. I was in Dehradun over the weekend and made it a point not to visit Mr Singhal's house lest it be construed that I was trying to make amends. In our society we try to make amends for all the disservice we may have caused to a departed soul, while it (soul is neuter gender) was alive, by registering presence at such memorial services. Sorrow is a very personal matter and its best shared when the person is alive. After joining journalism, I had the opportunity to get associated very closely with Mr Singhal. First when I persuaded him write for the Platinum Jubilee volume (1997) -- "Where Gallantry is Tradition". He not only wrote a piece but also sifted through huge heaps of papers in the archives to give the book a shape. He mentioned to me, while handing over the article, that he was under tremendous pressure to write some good things about certain individuals. "I resisted those pressures and I have been honest with the text," he said and I admired him and took him as my Guru in journalism too.

Few years later, he called me up from Dehra (on my office landline and never on mobile) and said that he wanted a book on Cambrian Hall, as the school was celebrating its Golden Jubilee. It was a year long exercise with several visits to Doon and once again he revealed several new facets of his personality. His red-linked pen would never err while proof reading.

And what service did the school render to him, to which he gave his life. In the early 1990s, I recall pitch battles being fought in the ROBA meetings for allowing retired teachers in the Old Boys Dinner in the cadet's mess on the night of March 13. I wondered how was the the man who attended every old boys dinner since 1948 till he retired in 1984 was kept out of it for several years because there was no provision for the retired masters to be seated. The retired masters were allowed for dinner only around Platinum Jubilee. Singhal was forgiving and attended the dinner for several years thereafter but the other RC (Sharma) never came. Poor LN Thakur trots in on every March 13 looking for a place for himself, the school has seldom cared to fix a seat for him. We would all rush to write obits and attend memorials when he too is gone but while he is alive heap all humiliations on him. Mr Thakur contributed Rs 5000/- to ROBA Trust way back in 1998, much before most of us did.

Before somebody points out that Singhal was a much taller personality than Thakur ever could be, let me share with you that the humiliations heaped on Singhal were bigger and the man indeed was at times hurt. Soon after he died we rushed to raise demand for

naming a building and a scholarship after him. While he was alive how much did we care for him. I recall an event during the reunion when the Masters' Club at RIMC was being inaugurated. Some Professor Qureshi, presumably principal of one of the Catchpole Schools in Pakistan, was called to do the honours. Our own Grand Master stood in the crowd as an onlooker, wondering how come a Rimbollian commandant, who was also his student, could forget him. Could there have been a bigger and better dignitary than Mr RC Singhal to inaugurate the Masters' Club? This Professor (which I am sure he was not) Qureshi, with whom I interacted at length, was not a patch on our Guru. He certainly did not deserve to inaugurate the building with Mr Singhal being present there in the crowd. Its when we forget our own to pester the Pakistanis unnecessarily that we invite comments like the one from Wg Cdr Unni Kartha.

At another time in the ROBA, when Gen BC Khanduri was at the helm in Uttarakhand, we got a a resolution passed to work towards getting Mr Singhal a Padma award. The school was assigned to do the spade work and I promised to get the required following-up once it was in the secretariat. The file never moved, and if it did, I was never informed about the file's progress. His name never appeared in the list of Padma awardees. But Mr Singhal was happy with the fact that his students had considered him worthy for a Padma award. Nonetheless, while launching The Pioneer on September 12' 2007 we did a public felicitation of Mr Singhal with the serving Commandant (Col Prem Prakash) and a former Commandant (Col Mangain) escorting him to the dais to be handed over the scroll by the Chief Minister and the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr Singhal never believed in keeping debts. We had sanctioned a complimentary copy of the newspaper for his residence from editor's discretionary quota. He not only insisted on paying for it but a few months later he even called up our marketing department to find out why they never sought an advertisement from Cambrian Hall. He would release small R-Day and I-Day advertisements. Monetarily it did not have much value but it meant a lot for me as he supported his chela's enterprise in his own BIG WAY.

Mr RC Singhal was a true embodiment of Guru-Chela relationship. The great Guru he was he must have forgiven all his chelas who did not attend his memorial service. But its for the chelas to atone for the disservice and humiliation we may have heaped on our Guru, while he was alive.

Viva RIMC, Viva Rimbollians

Sidharth Mishra  
Ranjit (1979-83)

24/8/2011



## Chander's Note

It has been an eventful past few months. Time and tide wait for no man nor do events. A few events are worth noting thus with the passing away of Mr. R C Singhal the doyen of excellence of education in RIMC a commemorative issue as a tribute to our guru was called for. We hope you like reading the same just as we very much enjoyed bringing the same to you. One of the great things about Mr. Singhal was his ability to connect to each and every one of his students in person. We all always felt he had a special relationship with each and every one of us. The articles that we bring to you try and cover all facets of him as a guru, a human being, a role model teacher and a family man. Words are not enough for him and his memory will go with each and every one of us.

Not only was he revered by us alone but also the establishment of Cambrian Hall as well. The way they reacted and still continue to look after his kith and kin speaks volumes both for them as an establishment and the respect love and affection that he attained.

On other areas we live in interesting times with a brand of youngsters lead by Wg Cdr Deepak Ahluwalia taking on a Herculean challenge to raise adequate funds by next Rimbollians. We wish them God speed.

I wish to compliment a lot of Rimbollians on the good quality of debate that goes on in the net. It speaks volumes of us as a group.

Here is wishing all those in and out of service "Happy Hunting", till we meet again at the next Rimbollians.

Brigadier (retd) CSThapa  
Pratap (64-69)

# BALANCE SHEET

ROBA TRUST														
BALANCE SHEET AS AT						3/31/2011								
LIABILITIES	CORPUS FUND	KCMET FUND	HARD LUCK FUND	S.D.TATA TRUST FUND	S.K.TYAGI FUND	MASTER INCENTIVE/ GEN.S.C.SINHA FUND	TOTAL							
<b>CORPUS</b>														
Balance Brought Forward	4,567,839	2,007,131	286,969	4,571,447	847,637	1,335,348	13,616,371							
Add : Receipts during the year	532,811	-	-	-	191,160	1,278,902	2,002,873							
Less: Paid during the year	-	-	-	-	(1,039,000)	-	(1,039,000)							
Add : Surplus during the year	255,318	5,355,968	133,509	2,140,640	18,300	305,269	71,449	4,642,896	203	-	(509,414)	2,104,836	(30,634)	14,549,609.59
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>														
Scholarships payable	6,000	25,000	-	-	6,000	-	17,500	54,500						
Audit fee payable	25,369	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,369						
ROBA	(18,644)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(18,644)						
Honorarium Payable	6,500	19,225	25,000	-	-	6,000	-	17,500	6,500					
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,375,193</b>	<b>2,165,640</b>	<b>305,269</b>	<b>4,648,896</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,122,336</b>	<b>14,617,334.46</b>							
<b>ASSETS</b>														
<b>INVESTMENTS</b>														
Fixed Deposits with LIC Hsq. Finance	300,000	-	-	-	-	-	300,000							
Fixed Deposits with HUDCO	550,000	-	-	-	-	-	550,000							
Fixed Deposits with PNB Housing	400,000	100,000	50,000	1,100,000	-	-	1,650,000							
Fixed Deposits with HDFC	900,000	-	-	-	-	150,000	1,050,000							
RBI Bonds	545,000	95,000	100,000	1,150,000	-	550,000	2,440,000							
Fixed Deposits with ICICI Bank	430,959	948,834	-	-	-	225,000	1,604,793							
Fixed Deposits with ICICI Housing Finance	-	-	-	2,000,000	-	150,000	2,150,000							
Fixed Deposits with Kotak Bank	1,500,000	700,000	100,000	-	-	-	2,300,000							
Fixed Deposits with Canfin Homes	350,000	4,975,959	1,843,834	-	250,000	-	4,250,000	-	-	1,075,000	350,000	12,394,793.00		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>														
Interest receivable	72,232	3,689	813	36,000	-	30,033	142,766							
Interest Accrued But Not Due	209,175	74,198	-	-	-	82,902	366,275							
Advance to Staff	45,500	-	-	-	-	-	45,500							
Income Tax Refund Due (Earlier Years)	30,165	20,896	5,306	29,499	-	6,717	92,583							
Tax Deducted At Source	39,400	396,471	18,101	116,884	2,231	8,350	29,618	95,117	-	-	12,290	131,942	101,640	748,763.56
Balance at Bank	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
- In Fixed Deposits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
- In Savings Accounts	2,763	2,763	204,922	204,922	46,920	46,920	303,779	303,779	-	-	915,395	915,395	1,473,778	1,473,777.90
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,375,193</b>	<b>2,165,640</b>	<b>305,269</b>	<b>4,648,896</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,122,336</b>	<b>14,617,334.46</b>							
<b>ROBA TRUST</b>														
<b>INCOME &amp; EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED</b>						<b>3/31/2011</b>								
INCOMES	CORPUS FUND	KCMET FUND	HARD LUCK FUND	S.D.TATA TRUST FUND	S.K.TYAGI FUND	MASTER INCENTIVE/ GEN.S.C.SINHA FUND	TOTAL							
Interest on Company/ RBI/ UTI Deposits	453,340	133,746	18,300	423,449	-	116,086	1,144,921							
Contribution towards Scholarships	13,198	-	-	-	-	-	13,198							
Donations	39,000	-	-	-	-	-	39,000							
Interest on Income Tax Refund	14,845	-	-	-	-	-	14,845							
Bank Interest	36,804	557,187	54,763	188,509	18,300	423,449	203	203	-	116,086	91,770	1,303,734.54		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>557,187</b>	<b>188,509</b>	<b>18,300</b>	<b>423,449</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>116,086</b>	<b>1,303,734.54</b>							
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>														
Scholarships	12,000	55,000	-	12,000	-	17,500	96,500							
RIMC Cadets Welfare	15,000	-	-	-	-	-	15,000							
Audit fee	25,369	-	-	-	-	-	25,369							
Honorarium to RIMC Masters	-	-	-	-	-	608,000	608,000							
Honorarium to Tata Masters	112,000	-	-	340,000	-	-	452,000							
Honorarium to Staff	137,500	301,869	55,000	-	352,000	-	625,500	137,500						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>301,869</b>	<b>55,000</b>	<b>18,300</b>	<b>71,449</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>(509,414)</b>	<b>(30,634.46)</b>							
<b>SURPLUS DURING THE PERIOD</b>														
	<b>255,318</b>	<b>133,509</b>	<b>18,300</b>	<b>71,449</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>(509,414)</b>	<b>(30,634.46)</b>							