

Mount Baring and Dolomite Tower, 1992. Dolomite Tower is a 1300-foot-high vertical pillar of very fine, compact metamorphic rock adjacent to Mount Baring in the North Cascades. In June of 1992, I climbed over four days a rib on the right side of the north face (5.11a). In July, I returned with Laurel Black to climb the east corner, using rap-bolt techniques on a few pitches (5.11c). Using similar methods in August, Bryan Burdo, Paul Woodrun, Alex Cudkowicz and I put in another north face route (5.12a, A0). In September, on the 2600-foot-high north face of Mount Baring itself, Woodrun and I climbed "Oatmeal Man" (5.11c). Finally, in October, Laura Woods and I climbed Baring's east face (5.10d). All routes except the last were Grade Vs and were of about 14 pitches.

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Belltower Point. Steve Must and I made a new route on the north face of the first prominent rock formation at the entrance of the canyon of the Popo Agie River in July. It featured long slab runouts and some good cracks (II, 5.6).

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New Yosemite Routes. Eric Kohl added four new routes to Yosemite's walls in 1993. In April, he soloed *Indecision Time* (VI, 5.7, A4), just east of the Ribbon Falls amphitheater. The eight-pitch route climbs the center of the Hourglass formation and continues up to Sherwood Forest. In June, he climbed *Abstract Expressionist* (VI, 5.9, A5) on El Capitan, an eight-pitch variant between Zenyatta Mondatta and Zodiac, joining Zenyatta Mondatta at its ninth pitch. In July, he soloed another major route on the Nine O'Clock Wall above Glacier Point Apron. The 14-pitch *Express Checkout* (VI, 5.8, A5) ascends the major "splash" of orange lichen and a giant roof left of Ice Age before joining that route for the final four leads. Teaming up with Jason Torlano, in August Kohl climbed a five-pitch route on Mount Broderick, left of Unemployment Line.

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Yosemite Climbing, 1991-1993. Some climbs done in past years were not recorded and so this reflects not only climbs in 1993 but some earlier ones. Eric Kohl, who has never publicized any of his climbs, recently reported to *Mountain Review* the best of his six new routes, on El Capitan four of which were done solo. *Plastic Surgery Disaster* (VI, 5.8, A5), which Kohl feels is of especially high quality, was climbed solo in May, 1991. It starts between "Born under a Bad Sign" and "Bad to the Bone," goes through the center of the Devil's Tower, crosses "Born" to follow a line between "Born" and "Lunar Eclipse."

The route eventually joins "Luna Eclipse" for a pitch, then takes three new leads to the summit going through the Devil's Brow. Kohl reports 11 new leads out of 13, besides superior quality. In July, 1991 Steve Bosque and Chuck Clance climbed a major new line on El Capitan, *Virginia* (VI, 5.8, A3), which takes seven new pitches to join Tangerine Trip. This season, also on El Capitan, Brad Jarrett, Cade Lloyd and Jeff Hornbrook climbed a new route left of the Pacific Ocean Wall. (See also Middendorf and Oxx's climbs below.) Several remarkable firsts were done on Half Dome in 1992 and 1993. In 1992, Kohl climbed a new solo route on the south face. His *Lost Again* (VI, 5.10, A3+) takes the small arch left of Harding-Rowell regular south face route and then a circuitous 16 pitches to the top. After Kohl had fixed the first five pitches, the route required five days. The biggest news of 1993 was Todd Skinner's remarkable free climb of the *Direct Northwest Face of Half Dome* (see article). In September, 1992, Kohl also climbed a high-quality route on the Leaning Tower. *Jesus Built My Hot Rod* (VI, 5.8, A4) has nine pitches and, unlike most of Kohl's routes, was climbed with a partner, Eric Rasmussen. Steve Bosque and Rick Albuschkat's 1991 *Flashback* (V, 5.8, A3) on the north face of Sentinel Rock is reputed to be one of the highest quality climbs on the face. Other routes on the face are notoriously loose. It lies between "Psychedelic Wall" and "Direct North Face." Bosque, Albuschkat and Murray Barnett also climbed a new 18-pitch route up the center of the Panorama Wall, *Bananarama* (V, 5.19, A3). Ken Yager and Cade Lloyd in 1992 on Elephant rock climbed *Poached Elephant*, a ten-pitch route left of "Worst Error." Kohl also reported as one of his best solos *World of Pain* (VI, 5.10, A5) in May, 1991 in the Yosemite Falls walls area, where he established seven new routes. This 13-pitch route starts in a cave at the base of Upper Yosemite Falls, follows overhanging rock for the first three pitches, the third being the crux. Also, behind Curry Village, right of the Glacier Point Apron and left of "Time Machine," Kohl soloed *Ice Age* (VI, 5.8, A5, 14 pitches). In the summer of 1993, Walt Shipley and Keith Reynolds climbed several noteworthy routes. In the lower Yosemite amphitheater, they did *Heaven's Door* (III, 5.11b/c), climbing three new pitches after following the first two leads of "Guiding Light." On Lower Cathedral Spire, this pair climbed an entirely new, all-free route called *South By Southwest* (III, 5.11c).

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Fast Ascents of the Nose, El Capitan. Nancy Feagin and Sue McDevitt climbed the Nose on El Capitan in 17 hours. They were the first female pair to make the climb in a single day. The mixed team of Lynn Hill and Hans Florine climbed the route in 8 hours and 17 minutes. Florine had previously completed the ascent with Peter Croft in only 4 hours and 22 minutes.

El Capitan, The Nose Free Climbed. In August and September, Lynn Hill, first with Simon Nadin and then with Brooke Sandahl, free climbed the Nose on El Capitan. She recounts the climb in a full article earlier in this *Journal*.