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VAN BRINKERHOFF

Prusik Peak, First Winter Ascent. Dave Anderson, Cal Folsom, Tom Linder and I made the first winter ascent of this peak via the west ridge in January, 1975.

JAMES MCCARTHY

Dragontail Peak. Dick Heffernan and Skip Edmonds made the first winter ascent of the Wickwire-Stanley route in February, 1975.

Dragontail, Triple Couloir Route. In May, 1974 Leslie Nelson, Bill Joiner and I climbed the "hidden couloir" of the Wickwire-Stanley route, then traversed left into and up the prominent couloir in the center of the face and finally climbed the couloir behind the "fin." This 2500 feet of snow and ice averages 45°.

DAVID SEMAN

Mount Adams, Avalanche Glacier Headwall. Dale Schmidt and I made the first direct ascent of this route on July 10. No major technical difficulties were encountered. We mainly climbed a steep gully.

JAMES BJORGEN, *Cascadians*

Mount Shuksan, North Face. Bruce Blume and I made the first winter ascent of this route on December 23, 1975.

DAVID SEMAN

Dragontail Peak, Sundown Route, Correction. On page 441 of *A.A.J.*, 1976 we gave an account of a climb which apparently was a third and not a first ascent. The route was first climbed in 1972 by Jay Ossiander and a friend and repeated in 1973 by Greg Markov.

Witches Tower, Northwest Buttress, Cashmere Crags. In late September, Rick Piercy and I climbed this section of good granite. From the northwest col we started 20 feet right of the buttress, ascended obvious twin cracks and went left to the buttress. A wide jam-crack led to a wide belay ledge. From there we climbed large friction slabs to the summit. NCCS II, F7.

BRADLEY E. ALBRO

Crystal Creek Tower, South Face Stuart Range. On July 4 Shari Kearney, Steve Mitchell and I climbed a clean, short wall on the tower's

south face. Obvious jam-cracks led up the center of the face. NCCS II, F8.

ALAN KEARNEY

Washington—Olympic Mountains

Mount Constance. Jon Olson and I made the first ascent of the north face via Crystal Pass. We placed two bolts; protection was precarious. The route begins 200 yards to the north of the Red Dike route at the base of three prominent cracks, below and right of a west-facing open-book. Rockfall was a problem.

KEN PEARCE

Church Peak, Southeast Face. In the spring my husband Ken and I climbed the southeast face and then for two leads up the exposed summit ridge. This new route is class four.

TERRY ANDERSON PEARCE

Oregon

North Sister, Early Morning Couloir. I made a solo ascent of this couloir. This fall the record lack of precipitation and lower temperature offered unusual possibilities. At 1:30 on December 20, I left the lower screes and progressed quickly up this 1500-foot couloir. The first part was good footing firn and then medium-hard ice in the steeper mid and upper sections. The final traverse onto the north ridge was tricky due to slab ice. I made a hasty descent down the northwest face. The ascent took one hour.

ROGER ROBINSON

California, Sierra Nevada

Elphinston Buttress. Overlooking Hungry Packer Lake (Mount Goddard quadrangle) is a beautiful peak with a very steep, prominent face. In August, Paul Landrum, Chuck Fitch and I established a route directly up this face. The climb begins at the toe of the buttress, which falls away to a scree field that ends in Hungry Packer Lake. The crux is a thin crack leading to a slight overhang about halfway up, where we left two fixed pins. 13-15 pitches. NCCS IV, F10.

RICK MOSHER

Blue Dome, El Greco. In May, Winfred Blevins, Leeds Davis and I climbed the first technical route up the south buttress of Little Blue Dome, located along the High Sierra trail in Sequoia National Park,