

Only one pitch was under F8, and superb rock accepted chocks readily. NCCS III, F9.

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*King's Canyon Obelisk, Hands of Fate.* This route lies on the north face of the King's Canyon Obelisk, following the obvious crack system left of the North Face—West Arête Route. An easy pitch led to the base of the crack, where two small overhangs barred the way. We bypassed the first by traversing right, then followed a difficult arch up and left. Surmounting the second proved to be the crux of the climb. It was climbed by Robb Dellinger and me in September. NCCS II, F10.

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*Feather Peak, Feather Peak Couloir.* In December Mike Grabor and I climbed the left-hand branch of the couloir on Feather Peak's north face via six pitches of moderate, enjoyable ice climbing. Although the angle never exceeded 60°, the beautiful setting and unusually good December weather made for a fine alpine route. The summit register gave no indication that the gulley had previously been ascended. NCCS III.

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*Whitney Portal Buttress, Sartoris.* This route lies on Whitney Portal Buttress a few hundred feet right of the Beckey-Callis route. It was climbed in August by Steve Eddy, Alan Bartlett and me, and starts in the only continuous left-facing crack-flake system in the area. Two difficult crack pitches lead to an easy chimney, which is followed to a ledge. Climb up, then traverse left into a crack which leads into a left-facing book. From the top of the book, climb up, then left into a belay cave. Work left out of the cave to a bolt, then climb up into a prominent water groove which is followed for about 100 feet past a bolt to a two-bolt sling belay. The next pitch goes up and right past three bolts to a small ledge. Climb up, then follow a classic dike about 100 feet to a bolt which protects a difficult move up into a left-facing dihedral. Climb up to a series of small roofs which can be passed on the left, then follow easy cracks to the top. The length, difficulty and quality of the climbing on this route make it comparable to some of the longer Tuolumne Meadows routes. NCCS IV, F10.

DAVE BLACK, *Buff Alpine Club*

*Charlotte Dome, Charlotte's Web.* In August Dave Harden and I climbed a new line on this beautiful dome. The route begins near a solitary Jeffrey Pine located on a shoulder between a small recess on