

*Mount Russell, Startrekkin'.* In July Alan Bartlett and I climbed a new route on the southwest buttress. It is located between the Direct Buttress and the Mithral Dihedral. After sharing the same start as these other two routes, we continued up a vertical crack past a small overhang for several pitches to the top. High quality rock and exposure make this route well worth the approach. NCCS III, F10.

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*Consumnes Gorge.* In February Ron Vardanega and I put up three new routes on the dome across the river from the popular bouldering area: 1). *Grandma Buttons.* Go over the overhang at the bottom of the central crack system. Traverse above the arch one rope-length on knobs to a belay bolt on a clean apron below a prominent overhang. Climb the overhang and continue straight up. NCCS II, F8. 2). *Grandpappy.* This was climbed with Steve Iverson. Do the overhang again, then go up the center of the slab left of the central crack system to a belay bolt above and left of a shaky flake. Continue up the fine slab above past three bolts to a belay bolt. From here, go straight up to the unrope area. NCCS II, F9. 3). *Grizzly Green.* Go up to the ledge with two bolts at the base of Gutenburger Wall. Walk to its left end by a small oak tree. Go up an overhang to a pocket, then up and right to a poor bolt, then left and up a slab to a bolt. Continue up the slab to a crack and then up and left to a bolt. The slab above leads to the finish. NCCS II, F9. One should note that the owners of the property want climbers to use only the trail from the bridge at Bucks Bar, not the trail from the upper parking lot. Also, they don't want campfires. They are good people, and in order to keep this fine area open all users should respect their reasonable requests.

BOB BRANSCOMB

*P 13,267, Clyde Spires, North Face.* Al Stone and I climbed this route following the left couloir. Follow the main couloir for several hundred feet, then traverse left to a small subsidiary couloir on the left wall of the main couloir, and follow it to the summit ridge exiting between the two spires. The route contains about 600 feet of fine climbing on mixed ground. NCCS III, F7.

MARTY ROSS

*Mount Russell, Beowulf's Revenge.* In October Fred Beckey, Mark Fielding and I climbed the farthest line to the north on Russell's west face. The route starts among ledges in a semi-rotten chimney approximately 100 feet left of an obvious large right-leaning arch. The first three pitches go up and left with continuously improving climbing. From the fourth pitch to the top the rock is high quality, the climbing exposed, and the belay ledges roomy. The last fifth-class pitch is an exposed tra-