

## Selkirks

*Moby Dick, 1988.* The very prominent steep and crevassed north glacier of Moby Dick was climbed for the second time on July 24, 1988 by Dave Pollari, Jim Ruch and me. During a 1986 trip into the Battle Range we had contemplated the route, but wide-open crevasses and threatening séracs made us opt for rock routes. In 1988, as in 1978, the conditions were excellent with a few short steep snow-and-ice sections amid moderate glacier runouts. One crevasse was a problem on the ascent but quite jumpable on the descent. (Grade III.) On July 25, 1988, Pollari and Ruch climbed a prominent curved dihedral on the major rock buttress left (east) of the north glacier, which they called *The Boomerang*. There were a number of wet, polished slabs and mixed ice-and-rock pitches. The route was more committing than the north glacier and ended on the summit ridge east of the top. They descended the north glacier. (Grade IV.)

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*Gimli, Valhalla Group, 1988.* On August 12, 1988, Cliff Leight, Peter Jewett, Dan Waters and I climbed a new line on Gimli on the right edge of the northwest buttress. The rock is excellent quartzite with incut holds on a steep and exposed corner (II or III, 5.8).

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*Ahab, 1986.* Ronald Van Horssen, Steve Drake and I climbed the striking pillar on the lower southwest face of Ahab in August 1986. We ascended the striking pillar, which has several spectacular towers, and ends on the south summit of Ahab (II, 5.8). That same August, we climbed the upper south buttress directly (5.7). The rock is blocky granite, reminiscent of the Bugaboos.

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## Canadian Arctic

*Climbs in Auyuttuq National Park, Baffin Island.* On August 7, Willard Moulton, Bill Morris, Jim Osborne, Dr. Douglas Halliday, Dr. Michael Parker and I were boated to the Overlord Camp at the head of Pangnirtung Fiord. We carried our too-heavy loads up the Weasel Valley in misty weather, turning east up the Tiroka Glacier to set up Base Camp below Mount Sif on August 11. Eight inches of fresh snow on the glacier made sled hauling and ski approaches possible. We enjoyed five days of unusually clear, warm weather. On the 12th, Morris, Parker and I made the second ascent of the Sandcastle Ridge. Meanwhile, Moulton, Osborne and Halliday made a ski ascent of a subsidiary peak (reference 404550) three miles due east of Mount Sif. On August 13, Parker and I skied over a col and descended north to the base of a double-peaked mountain (reference 403550). A first ascent of the south summit was made via the