

Kimtah Peak, East Face, 1989. On April 25, 1989, my brother Carl and I climbed the east face of Kimtah Peak. Under early-season conditions, this appears to be the easiest way up the peak from Katsuk Glacier. Our route was near the center of the face, where an avalanche cone gave us a boost onto the steep rock band that spans the base of the wall. We climbed two short mixed sections to get past the band, then 50° snow to the summit crest. Lacking rock gear, we made two bollard rappels to pass the band on the descent. In summer, the face would probably be much harder. The rock band would be a formidable obstacle and there would be much loose climbing above.

LOWELL SKOOG

Lichtenberg Mountain, Winter Ascent. Ken Johnson and I climbed a delightful mixed route on December 16. We skied a couple of miles to Valhalla Lake directly below Lichtenberg Mountain and northeast of Stevens Pass. Leaving our skis behind, we started up the west face of the north buttress with 200 feet of 45° snow climbing. After a 90-foot section of mixed climbing, we ascended an ice step, chopping steps as we had not brought crampons. More snow climbing, part of which was 65°, led to an interesting traverse along the summit ridge crest. We descended the easy west-facing slopes. (Grade II.)

JOHN PETROSKE

South Early Winter Spire, North Face, 1988. In August 1988, Doug Ingersoll and I climbed a partially new route of the west face of North Early Winter Spire. From a point just below the chockstone between the two spires, we climbed directly up to a pedestal, then up a thin corner requiring aid. Next we trended up ramps right and then back left. At the end of the ramps, I had to aid an arching crack heavily covered with lichen. Moderate climbing then led to the summit. (III, 5.10, A2.) Doug later went back and worked out the moves on the second pitch at 5.11+ or 5.12-.

ANDREW SELTERS, *Unaffiliated*

Cascade Mountains—Oregon

Mount Hood, Illumination Rock. In May, I soloed the eastwall of Illumination Rock, a columnar-jointed spire, jutting out from Mount Hood's Reed Glacier. After attempting the wall earlier, I used the Barnett System for the 5.11, 160-foot initial dihedral. The ridge eased back to a 5.9 prow. I continued up the knife-edged ice arête to the blocky summit block.

ROBERT MCGOWN

California—Sierra Nevada

North Palisade, Southwest Buttress. On June 29, Steve Porcella and I returned to the west face of North Palisade and made the first ascent of the