

Finally there are the newsgroups, the most important one of which is simply rec.climbing, which acts as a bulletin board for news, discussions and information of all types. There are some rules regarding the use of newsgroups, so make sure you're aware of proper Net etiquette — or you could get flamed. (If you don't know what this means, trust me, you don't want it to happen to you.) Happy surfing!

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BRIEFLY NOTED (JT: John Thackray; DS: David Stevenson)

Bernina and Bregaglia, Selected Climbs. Lindsay Griffin. Alpine Club Guide Books. 480 pages, 42 route photos, 74 diagrams. £18.50 (Mail order from Cordee, 3a De Montfort St., Leicester LE1 7HD, Great Britain.)

Comment: The Piz Badille was a rite of passage in the days of Buhl, Terray, Gervasutti, Cassin and Rebuffat, who wrote that coffee table classic, *The Hundred Finest Routes in the Gergell-Disgrazia-Engadine*. But the region has not been on the hit list of many U.S. climbers. This jewel of a book could change that: smaller than a pocket book, it is a model of compact design, clear writing, plus first-rate topos and photos. (JT)

Climber's Guide to Devil's Lake. Sven Olof Swartling. Second Edition, revised, enlarged. University of Wisconsin Press, 1995. Paper, 59 diagrams, 11 maps, 22 photos. 254 pages. \$16.95.

Comment: Much expanded over the 1979 edition, and climbs are finally rated with the Yosemite Decimal system instead of the modified NCCS (F1, F2, etc.) system. Clear diagrams, but one gets the feeling this was designed more for the climbers who already know their way around the place: no descriptions of how to find the park itself or camping once there. Indexed alphabetically by name, no "recommended climb" designation or first ascent information. (DS)

Climber's Guide to Pinnacles National Monument, Second Edition. David Rubine. Chockstone Press, Evergreen, Colorado, 1995. 248 pages. \$25.00.

Comment: Generally succeeds in its aim to include the entire Pinnacle's climbing experience to be a complete documentation of all the climbing activity that has ever been reported. Clear topos and photos. A careful comprehensive record of first ascents and bolting information. Routes indexed both by rating and name. (DS)