

day. The climb is very amazing and dry except the first two pitches. After some days of bouldering with locals we climbed the route Jonny Copp and Tim O'Neill freed one week before, Club International (V 5.11b) on Bustle Tower's south face.

We took the next helicopter out and went fishing and climbing near Whitehorse until our return to Switzerland.

DENIS BURDET, *Switzerland*

Phenocryst Spire, The Hustler. Mark Reeves and Steve Sinfield, supported by the Welsh Sports Council, arrived at Glacier Lake on July 30. They slogged to Fairy Meadows, set up camp, and waited most of a week for better weather before climbing the classic Lotus Flower Tower in about 12 hours.

After a couple of rest days under blue skies, the Welsh team went to what they think is Phenocryst Spire. They fixed three pitches up a clean white rock pillar. The next night they slept at the base and woke to rain at 3:00 a.m. One and a half hours later the rain ceased. They climbed nine pitches above the fixed three, gaining a 16-foot square subsummit at the top of the white pillar. They had freed all pitches onsite. The sky grew dark, rain fell, and they began descending the route. They placed three bolts for rappelling (one of which can be clipped for pro on pitch 7). The Hustler (1,500', V 5.10-R) involves clean granite slabs and corners, some avoidable loose rock, and runouts on the harder sections.

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COAST MOUNTAINS

SQUAMISH CHIEF

Warriors of the Wasteland, Second Ascent. Warriors was a communal effort that spanned over 20 years, with over 10 people involved in the ascent. At IV 5.12c it was first completed and free climbed continuously by Matt Maddaloni and Ben DeMenech in September 2000. Colin Moorhead and I did the second ascent in July 2001. Warriors starts by coinciding with Western Dihedrals for two pitches of steep 5.10+/5.11- slab and face climbing. Then more 5.11- face and crack. Pitch four gets real, with a sustained 5.12 ultrathin crack. The fifth pitch, the crux, is a steep, difficult face. (The rock to the right looks easier.) Pitch six is an incredibly burly, overhanging corner (50 meters, solid 5.11). This is followed by a rather unpleasant traverse right along a dike into a corner. The finish is on Colin's awesome 5.10+ Cloudburst. Colin and I climbed Cloudburst, mostly in the rain, freeing most of it. With the exception of Scott Cosgrove's free version of the Grand Wall, we deem it the most difficult free climb on the Chief.

STEVE SEATS

Alaska Highway, free solo. In July I was walking up the North Walls trail with my shoes, chalk bag, and the ashes of my friend Ben DeMenic. The plan was to climb Angel's Crest, a 15-pitch 5.10, and scatter his ashes along the way. I'm not sure what I was thinking, but I found myself at the base of Alaska Highway, a 5-pitch 5.11+ I'd climbed with Ben a few years before and had