

The party consisted of Bob Bolin (RB), Paul Geddes (PG), Jim Given (JG), Willa Harasym (WH), Klaus Haring (KH), Jan Ijsackers (JI), Jessica Logher (JL), John Myles (JM), Peter Oxtoby (PO), John Rasch (JR), Uta Schuler (US), Helen Sovdat (HS), Tim Styles (TS), Bill Walker (WW), Ted Wood (EW), and I (RW).

First Ascents of Mountains:

- (1) Pt. 3,340m (South Donjek Group); June 1, PO, TS, via southwest ridge
- (2) Pt. 3,300m; June 6, HS, TS, PG, JI, JM, JR, US, WW, EW, via west face
- (3) Pt. 3,460m; June 8, HS, TS, PG, JI, JM, JR, US, WW, EW, RB, WH, via south ridge
- (4) Pt. 3,500m; June 8, party as above, via west ridge from Pt. 3460m

New Routes:

- (1) Pt. 3,540m, 2nd ascent of mountain; June 6, HS, TS, PG, JI, JR, US, WW, EW, from Pt. 3300m via south face
- (2) Eclipse Peak/Pt. 3,620m, 2nd ascent; June 9, HS, TS, JI, JR, WE, RB, up snow/ice ridge on east face to reach south ridge, which was followed to summit
- (3) Donjek 4/Pt. 3,700m ("East Donjek Group"), 3rd ascent; June 12, TS, PG, JR, via the Eclipse Glacier/East Donjek Glacier col, then traverse below and around Donjek 3/Pt. 3,650m on its northwest side to reach the southwest slopes of Pt. 3,700m
- (4) Island Peak/Pt. 3,420m, 4th(?) ascent; June 13, RW, JR, JG, via west face, descent southwest face

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COAST MOUNTAINS

Coast Mountains, remote areas summary. Summer 2006 was warm and dry in the Coast Mountains, but fewer adventurous parties took advantage of the fine conditions than usual.

As always, the Waddington Range was the primary focus. In mid-May Simon Richardson and Don Serl spent a sunny week in and around Remote Glacier in the far northwestern corner of the range, where they got up a new seven-pitch easy mixed gully route on the east face of Remote Mtn. (3,038m).

In July Benoit Montfort and four other French climbers flew to the Waddington-Combatant col. They quickly established two new routes on Mt. Combatant (3,756m), one of which featured climbing to 5.11c. Details are not available.

Pat Callis and Dan Davis joined long-time "Coasties" Mickey Schurr and Peter Renz near the Isolation Peaks. Their chief innovation was the pleasant mid-5th class rock on the prominent West Ridge of Shiverick (2,625m).

Ade Miller and Simeon Warner had a productive visit to the Radiant Glacier in mid-August, including the first complete ascent of the Buszowski-Kippan route (1,250m, ED1 60°) to the summit of Serra 3 (3,642m). They bivied on the hanging glacier after 17 pitches the first day, then a second time at the Tellot rim after 13 pitches the second day. Their return to base camp via the Shand-McCormick col was much more complicated and technical than "guidebook conditions" suggested. They followed this with a new narrow couloir line on Mt. Shand (3,096m). The Madness of "King" George (250m, WI3) lies immediately left of the



Pegasus Peak: (1) Northwest Face (500m, 5.9/10 65°, Harnig-Mason, 2006). (2) Southwest Face/West Buttress (Class 3, Firey-Knudson-Renz-Rose-deSaussure-Schurr, 1980). (3) South Ridge (FA route, Class 3-4, Culbert-Woodsworth, 1964). *Jesse Mason*

Shand-McCormick col. Finally, they completed the previously tried 200m southwest ridge on Unicorn Mtn. (2,909m), which required a tension traverse to bypass a blank slab and a shoulder stand to overcome a short overhanging offwidth.

Tom Gray, Seth Hobby, and Ian Wolfe climbed a new line on the south face of Tellot Spire Number One between the Central Dihedral and the indicated line of the Fabische-Waters. A left-facing dihedral to half-height led to a beautiful right-facing corner/ramp, then a chimney broke them out onto the southeast face about two-thirds of the way to the summit. There were two short aid sections; the route was graded D 5.9 A1.

The only other innovation in the Waddington Range this summer took place during a NOLS outing. Chris Agnew, Ben Lester, Ben Liebenskind, and Gaelen Kelly climbed the longest buttress in the center of the west face of the previously virgin southernmost Arabesque Peak (ca 3,030m). They encountered five short pitches to about 5.6, with good rock in the first half and easier, looser terrain above (One Boot Route, PD).

Elsewhere in the Coast Mountains, the unusual hot spot for activity proved to be the seldom-visited west side of Chilko Lake, 80km southeast of Waddington. A DAV party traveled all the way from Dresden to climb the namesake Mt. Dresden (2,656m) in celebration of the 800th anniversary of their city's founding. They made first ascents of a couple of other summits in the area and proposed names to "round out" commemoration of all the ships involved in the 1914 Battle of Coronel off the coast of Chile. They also climbed the standard route up the highest peak in the region, Mt. Good Hope (3,242m).

Fourteen-year-old Brandon Schupp also climbed Good Hope as part of his self-inaugurated campaign to raise money to combat childhood cancer. About \$100,000 was raised; good going, Brandon!

Robert Nugent, Graham Rowbotham, and Don Serl base-camped at Glasgow Lakes (1,708m), northeast of Good Hope. Their climbs included an easy new line on Kese (3,059m) via the scree and snow of the west face to the upper north ridge. They completed it with a long traverse across the upper west face, to avoid towers high on the ridge. After a move by boat to Farrow Creek, Nugent and Rowbotham succeeded on the impressive Mt. Merriam (3,099m) by its east ridge, still the only route on this great peak. This was perhaps only the third ascent, and the bushiness of the approaches has undoubtedly increased considerably since Malcolm Goddard and Kese made the first ascent as a formidable 16-hour day trip from Chilko Lake (1,175m) in 1911.

Chris Barner and Paul Rydeen returned to their favorite stomping grounds, the Klattasine and Mantle areas 40km southeast of Waddington. During their outings they found a fine new route on the north ridge of a twin-summitted peak of just under 2,400m high at the head of the valley (Peak 2,328m(?), 7 pitches, 5.7-5.8).

Steve Harnig, Jesse Mason, and Jordan Peters spent a productive week and a half in August in the Pantheon Range, 25km north of Waddington, establishing three new lines. After a short route on the southeast face of the Cyclops, Harnig and Mason climbed the middle buttress on the east face of Fenris (2,859m, 250m, 8 pitches, AD low-5th) and then the outstanding route of the trip, and one of the Coast Mountains' summer highlights, the steep northwest face of Pegasus Peak (2,805m). The pair followed a compact rock ramp for 10 pitches, then a chimney, to gain a snowy exit gully (500m, 13 pitches, TD? 5.9/10 65°, 13 hours). On the descent of the south face, they bivied, regaining camp the following afternoon.

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Southwest British Columbia (southern Coast Mountains and Canadian Cascades). 2006 was a relatively slow year in southwest British Columbia, with few new routes to report compared to previous years. In part this reflects the ending of the spurt of interest shown after the publication of the *Alpine Select* guidebook in 2001. A renewed interest in destinations farther afield, whether the Waddington Range, South America, or the Karakoram, has also reduced the number of local climbers putting up routes in the local mountains.

In April, shortly after the end of calendar winter, Tyler Linn and Nick Elson skied into Wedgemount Lake in Garibaldi Park and dispatched a prominent couloir on the north side of Lesser Wedge Mountain, which gave six pitches of climbing (III WI3 M4). This may have been the only new alpine route of the spring.

The summer saw several high-standard lines climbed and one very notable repeat. In the Anderson River Range, Craig McGee was active on Les Cornes. First, with Colin Moorhead, he climbed a direct start to the classic Barley-Cheesemond-Lacey-Lomax Springbok Arête (IV 5.10c) that avoids the rotten lower ramp pitches of that route. The new direct climb gives six full-length pitches of steep, solid climbing before continuing up the crux upper pitches of the original route, for a good IV 5.11. Craig later returned with Brad White and Jason Kruk to climb a route up the east face, between Springbok and the Lumberjack Wall. A 13-pitch 5.11 was the result, which the climbers, in the Darryl Hatten tradition, named Sprung Cocks Erect. SCE crosses the Springbok ramp low, then climbs straight up. Meanwhile, on the adjacent Steinbok Peak, Sonnie Trotter, Jon Walsh, and Will Stanhope made the first known repeat of the Edwards-Spagnut (V, sandbag 5.10+, 1 point of aid) in the same style as the original ascent,