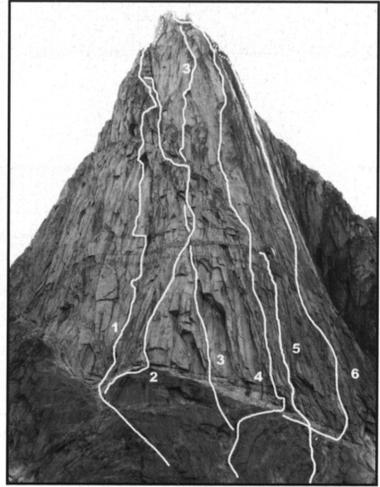


project. Unfortunately, when Giuseppe A. Torre Balderas and I arrived at Nanortalik in July, we had only raised 55% of the budget. We left on the 23rd with neither enough food nor resources to overcome unexpected eventualities. At 1 p.m. the boat dropped us and our 120kg of equipment at the head of the Tasermiut Fjord, agreeing to return on August 15. (We had no communication devices.)

We spent until the 26th establishing base camp in the Hermalndal, Giuseppe injuring his knee on the first day. We then made two carries to the base of Tininnertuup II and started up the east face on the 31st, climbing three long new pitches up the slabs right of Piriton Pillar (700m, British E5 6a, McManus-Tresidder, 2008) to the first terrace. On August 1st we identified a virgin dihedral and climbed four pitches to the site of our second bivouac. To this point we had climbed 375m, with pitch grades 5.8, 5.9, 5.10-, 5.11-, 5.11-, 5.10+, and 5.10+.

When we unpacked the haul bag we found our 10-liter water bottle had burst and soaked everything. Apart from wet gear, we now had only three liters of water for the remaining 600m of climbing. After an unpleasant bivouac we began a rappel descent, drilling anchors. We reached our camp that night, and with not enough food for another attempt, we spent the next five days ferrying equipment to the fjord. On August 9 we attracted the attention of a fisherman and caught a ride to Nanortalik.

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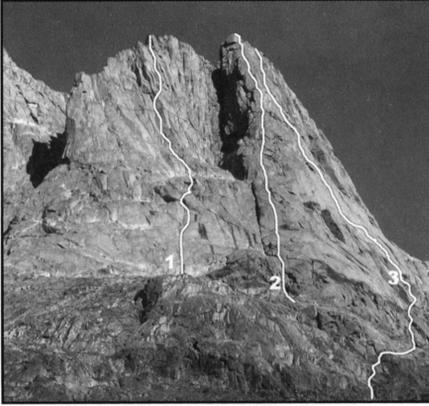
East pillar of Tininnertuup II. (1) War Cry (Desforges-Spreyer-Stone, 2008). (2) Scorpion Grooves (Desforges-Spreyer, 2008). (3) Flying Viking (Grmovsek-Grmovsek, 2008). (4) Piriton Pillar (McManus-Tresidder, 2008). (5) 2011 Mexican attempt. (6) Anglo-Bavarian Direct (Gutzat-Vybiral, 2008). Original ascent (Irish, 1971) climbed behind the left skyline from the col between II and III. (See AAJ 2009 for details.) *Andrej Grmovsek*



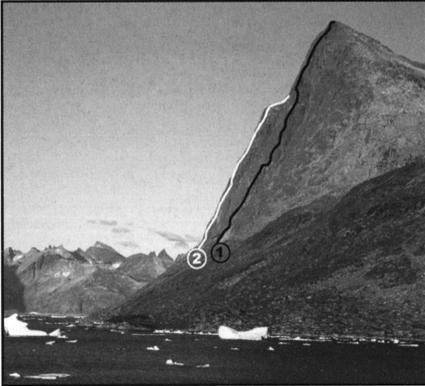
Essential protection against South Greenland's mosquitoes. In lower Hermalndal with northwest face of Hermelberg (1,912m) behind. *Luis Carlos Garcia Ayala*

Qvnerit Island, various ascents. This was my third trip to Greenland. In 2001, with Gabor Berecz, Gunter Dengler, and Thomas Tivadar, I'd established a 1,000m big wall route on Pamiagdhluk Island. In 2004 I found enthusiastic companions for an exploration of Qvnerit Island, where Tom Holzhauser, Caro Morel, Wanja Reichel, the Tresch brothers, Michi Wyser, and I established 10 rock routes to 7c. In early August 2011 Andreas Lietha, Holzhauser, Morel, Michi Tresch, Wyser, and I were back on Qvnerit, where due to climate change it was considerably warmer than during my previous Greenland trips. After establishing base camp at the 2004 site, we went exploring by boat; many of the walls are only accessible in this way. We could not believe that most walls and peaks are still unclimbed, and went to work on perfect granite with steep crack systems.

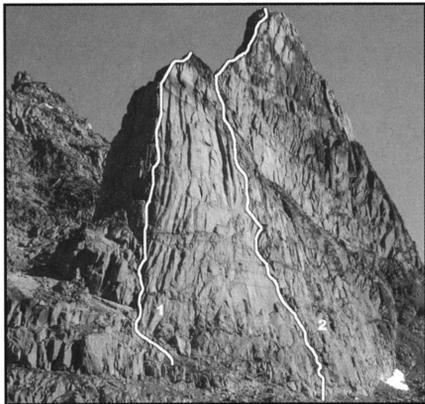
With great weather Via Corradojillo (6c) and Private Universe (7a+) started a wave of first ascents on the west coast of the island. Soon afterwards we climbed El Martillo (6a+), Rascana (6c), and Bondola



Dos Canones. (1) El Martillo. (2) Lucky Mushrooms. (3) Private Universe. In 2004 Holzhauser and the Tresch brothers put up first route on formation. See *AAJ 2005*. *Toni Lamprecht*



Golden Pillars. (1) Another Wallhalla. (2) Waslala. *Toni Lamprecht*



Piz Rascana with (1) Coradojillo and (2) Rascana. *Toni Lamprecht*

(6a+) on perfect rock in the breathtaking setting of the Itivdliap-Pularia Fjord.

After a few rest days, Tom, Michi, and I put up Another Wallhalla (6a+) on one of the 800m crack-ridden pillars on the north coast. We traveled with a minimum of gear up this perfect route with perfect clean protection. Warm days under mosquito nets alternated with cold nights in glacier bivouacs. We climbed more “almost classic” new lines in one-day pushes. Lucky Mushrooms (6b+), Northern Comfort (6a+), and Waslala (6a+) are as good as the best granite routes in the Alps.

One highlight of the trip was the first ascent of Serratit (the Inuit word for a magic spell that may only be used in dangerous situations), above a north-facing glacier basin in the center of Quvnerit. Tom, Michi, and I climbed 12 demanding pitches between 6b+ and 7b, reaching the summit of Asiaq Tower. The constantly steep route offers face climbing, with hard bouldery sections, a dream dihedral, and cracks from finger to a 60m offwidth not far from the top.

We sat on the summit enjoying the endless views of mountains and fjords. To the south lay only the ocean. We rappelled to the 200m ice field at the foot of the face and, after another hour, arrived at the bivouac site in the middle of the glacier. It can't get any better, I thought, as I sank into my sleeping bag while the northern lights began their spectacle, and the full moon rose over our peak.

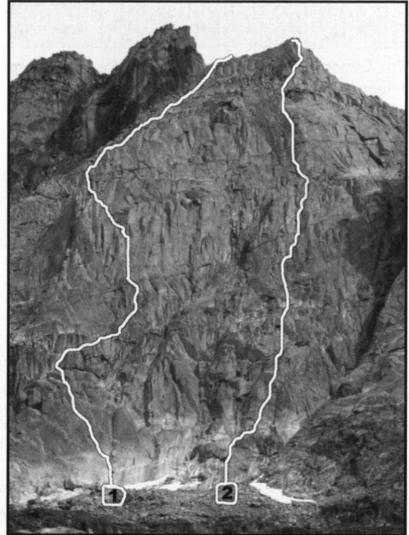
Toward the end of our stay, an incident brought home the fact that, even with a satellite phone, this is a lonely place. One day before her planned departure, Caro was injured in the hand by a falling stone. She got scant diagnosis from the hospital in Appilattoq but learned in Switzerland two days later that she had damaged metacarpal-bones and some lacerations but no tendon injuries.

The weather turned unsettled in our last week, and we lost motivation. On the last three days we bouldered. Our Inuit boat arrived to ferry us to Nanortalik, where, despite showers, extended sauna sittings, and culinary festivals, we were looking forward to going home. What remained were memories, and not only memories of good rock climbing.

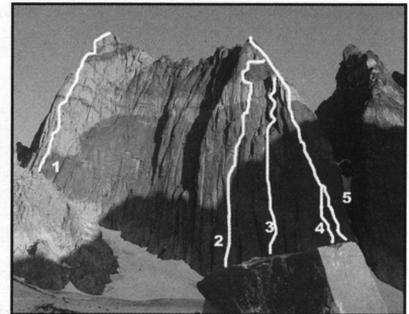
During our five weeks on Qvnerit we climbed 10 new routes, clean and without fixed gear, and had only four days of rain and storm, during the last week. As always Nanortalik Tourism was helpful and hospitable in organizing the logistics and providing the practical and moral support needed for climbing in South Greenland, including receiving cargo, chartering boats, and booking hotels. Contact them through nanortaliktourism.com

Following is a summary of our climbs. In Itivdiap Pularia Fjord: two routes on Piz Rascana, Corradojillo (300m, 7 pitches, 6c, Morel-Lietha-Wyser, August 1) and Rascana (450m, 10 pitches, 6c, Holzhauser-Lamprecht-Tresch, August 5); two routes on Dos Canones I, Private Universe (550m 12 pitches, 7a+, Holzhauser-Tresch, August 1), and Lucky Mushrooms (600m, 10 pitches, 6b+, Morel-Lietha-Wyser, August 11); one route on Dos Canones II, El Martillo (500m, 10 pitches, 6a+, Morel-Lietha-Wyser, August 4); two routes on Bondola, Bondola (450m, 9 pitches, 6a+, Morel-Lietha-Wyser, August 7), and Northern Comfort (600m, 12 pitches, 6a+, Lietha-Wyser, August 20). In Sivinganerup ima Fiord: one route on Asiaq, Serratit (600m, 12 pitches, 7b, Holzhauser-Lamprecht-Tresch, August 15); two routes on Golden Pillars, Another Wallhalla (800m, 16 pitches, 6a+, Holzhauser-Lamprecht-Tresch, August 11), and Waslala (600m, 11 pitches, 6a+, Morel-Lietha-Wyser, August 15 and 22).

TONI LAMPRECHT, *Germany*



Bondola with (1) Bondola and (2) Northern Comfort. *Toni Lamprecht*



Northwest side of Asiaq Group. (1) Serratit. Line lies close to the 2004 Tresch-Tresch route (7a). (2) Chinese Gybe (Ditto-Favresse, 2010). (3) Chloé (Favresse-Villanueva, 2010). (4) Ghetto Boys (Lamprecht-Reichel-Tresch-Tresch, 2004). (5) West Pillar (Lamprecht-Reichel-Tresch-Tresch, 2004). See *AAJ 2011* and *AAJ 2005*. *Toni Lamprecht*



Michi Tresch on first ascent of Serratit. *Toni Lamprecht*