

COIRE AN T-SNEACHDA, Mess of Pottage:

The top section of Yukon Jack has been missed from the diagram on p37.

Colin Moody and David Chapman both thought Trunk Line was HVS 5a (separate ascents).

Aladdin's Buttress:

Genie in summer is now a two star route (less turf). Salvation is also getting better and cleaner though it must be getting harder as a winter route now the turf is going.

Fiacail Buttress:

John Lyall thinks Rampant is IV,6.

COIRE AN LOCHAIN:

The first pitches of Cardiac Arete (given 5a) and Ventricle (given 5b) should have the same technical grade (easy 5b?), as the hard section is the same.

From John Mackenzie: The diagram of Cardiac Arete does not show where we went. We definitely went higher up the wall before moving out to the arete - above the level of the stance in Ventricle before going left. Certainly a few moves up the crack in the wall left of the corner.

For Adventure in lean conditions, make the traverse as for Inventive left from just above the chokestone of The Vent to reach its chimney.

Gaffer's Groove – the diagram on p85 shows the winter line towards the top. The summer line should climb the groove which joins at the very top of Bulgy.

First Ascent List, Coire an Lochain:

S 1968 Nocando Crack G.Shields

Second did not follow. 3PA, 1NA; FFA: A.Nisbet, A.Hardwick, August 1985

CARN ETCHACHAN:

Crevasse Route, Very good. Longer than 75m - 3 pitches of 30, 15 and 45m with 10m to exit after the last pitch. (note from Duncan Tunstall)

Python Winter – Worth two stars.

John Trudgill thought Time Traveller was VS 4c 4b (although another ascent agreed with HVS 5a)

SHELTER STONE CRAG:

Haystack description could be updated (Jonathan Preston). It doesn't start at the toe of the buttress but about 10m up. Pitches 1 and 2 can be run together to make a 45m 4c pitch. The belay at the top of the 5c pitch is at the top of the ramp on a pinnacle, spike belays, not in a niche. I thought the big overhanging crack the hardest pitch. Only three stars, not four, as some veg and hollow flakes.

STAG ROCKS:

Red Planet pitch 1 should be 5b.

22 Bambi 70m IV,5 (1995)

The large groove immediately right of Final Selection. Start 5m **LEFT** of the main groove.

1. 30m Ascend a few metres to traverse right across a slab to gain the base of the groove. Climb this till it steepens, then climb a thin crack on the slab to the right. A few insecure moves on the rib gain a good ledge.
2. 40m Climb the corner-crack on the right, moving right to easier ground.

Purge and Alb have been missed out in the text in summer (but are in FA list).

Amphitheatre Wall (p156):
Andy Nisbet thought VS 4b 4c.

Longbow Direct (p157):
Pitch 1 says "climb the right side of the fault", as does the Right-Hand Start. But pitch 1 climbs the fault itself (as in the original description), whereas the Right-Hand Start climbs the rib on the right of the fault. This rib is a fine but poorly protected start (4b) – after a 45m pitch, a 10m traverse left gains the red wall on pitch 3 of the normal route.

53 Addenda 140m **SCOTTISH VS (PROBABLY HVS)** (1972)
A **LEFT-SLANTING** diagonal route which starts just left of the vegetated depressions in the centre of the cliff. Climb up and left for two pitches to cross the overlap on the third pitch of Sand-Pyper and belay on the grass ledge as for that route. Finish with the last two pitches of Windchill.

The summer line of The Tenements is not correct on the photodiagram on page 159. The first two pitches should be further left, near the edge of that section of rock.

The original winter ascent of The Tenements by Gordon Smith started up a corner close to Stagnant Gully. The summer line has been climbed by John Lyall at a higher grade. Other winter ascents have started to the right of the summer line.

HELL'S LUM CRAG:

The diagram on page 138 of Hells Lum. Route 52 shown as Firewater should be route 54 - Arc of a Diver.

A new description from Allen Fyffe.

Devil Dancer 190m E1 * (1977)

This route climbs the centre of the slab and then goes diagonally left to finish on Kiwi Slabs. The start is shared with Auld Nick. Start about 10m right of Kiwi Gully at the obvious crack in line with the prominent left-hand crack in the second slab.

1. 45m 4a Climb the crack and the corner continuation to belay below the first overlap.
2. 50m 5a Go up the right-facing corner in the overlap and the continuation crack to the next bulge. Leave Auld Nick here. Either climb the continuation crack through the overlap and go left or go left on the wall of the overlap to pull through at the next crack. Go diagonally left to below a left-facing, slanting corner with a big right side.
3. 30m 5a Climb the corner to an awkward exit, then left up a wide crack then the recess at the end of long low roof.
4. 35m 5b Gain the horizontal flake and from its left end go up the pink streak to a good nut slot and the base of the blind diagonal crack. Make thin moves left and up to gain a ledge. Go left and climb and easy corner (on Kiwi Gully)
5. 30m Scramble to the top.

Stac an Fharaidh:

Not Fade Away is missing from the FA list. It was S.Blagbrough and A.Fyffe, 14th February 1996.

GLEANN EINICH (missed out)

W 1986 Dec 6 Rose Ridge S.Aisthorpe, J.Lyall; E.Pirie, J.Stewart

W 1956 Jan Buttress left of Diamond Buttress T.W.Patey, G.McLeod

(the text says 1954)

SGOR GAOITH:

The map ref for No.4 Buttress should be NN 907 993 (not 003).

BRAERIACH, Garbh Choire Mor:

Adam Watson notes that one snow patch survived 2004, the old faithful below Sphinx Ridge, and two survived 2005. None survived in 2006 but more than one did in 2007 and 2008.

BRAERIACH, Coire Bhrochain:

Pyramus is much less prone to corning than the other Grade Is in the corrie. The narrow gully of the left start (Grade II) is better than the right start in early season. The right start is slabby rock but banks out to Grade I.

COIRE SPUTAN DEARG: R

Right-Hand Icefall is IV,5 or even IV,6 depending on the shape, as it may form a short vertical ice pillar.

Will Wilkinson says that Flake Buttress is “dangerously loose as a rock route, with blocks about to fall all over the place. 2* it certainly isn’t.” AN liked it, maybe one star?

Alistair McCaig thought Terminal Buttress was Mild VS, not V.Diff.

CREAGAN A' CHOIRE ETCHACHAN:

Henchman has been repeated at least three times and E3 5c agreed by all.

Scythe and Delicatessen were climbed on 19th June 1983.

Switchblade was thought VII,7 on a second ascent.

BEINN A' BHUIRD, Mitre Ridge, West Face:

There are two possible easier starts to Mitre Ridge. The diagram on page 292 shows one whereas the text describes another. It also names “original start” when it was climbed after the direct by C.Ludwig & D.J.Dawson in September 1933. It has been named elsewhere as the Ludwig Start.

LOCHNAGAR:

For the photo on p325 of Where Eagles Dare, the climber should be Guy Robertson.

LOCHNAGAR:

Scott Muir did not find a Friend 4 was necessary to protect pitch 6 of Eagle Ridge, as there was other gear.

LOCHNAGAR, The Stack:

The Undertaker (VII,7) has been repeated twice and thought VI,7. Certainly low in VII,7.

CREAG AN DUBH LOCH:

The following is a better description of The Blue Max, particularly for the crux pitch 4:

31 The Blue Max 330m E1 ** (1967)

This route gives very fine and sustained climbing. The crux section is contrived but delightful. It breaks through the main overlap at an obvious gap with a rockfall scar. Scramble up the grass rake to a large block.

1. 40m 5a Climb the crack-line straight above the block over a difficult bulge. Continue up cracks and move right into a long corner.
2. 35m 5a Climb the corner to small ledges and go up to make a thin traverse right over a smooth slab to a stance under the main overlap.
3. 25m 4c Break through the overlap by a right traverse across the wall above the rockfall scar, then go up cracks to belay.
- 4. 35m 5b This is the line of Cyclops, so leave it by a left traverse to below a huge diamond-shaped block in the next overlap. Climb the block by its right side and traverse its top into the corner to climb the main bulge. Follow the corner above to the upper bulge, step right and go over the bulge by a crack, which twists back into the groove. Continue up the groove to belay on the rib; a superb well protected pitch.**
5. 25m 4c Continue up the rib, then go straight up the succeeding crack and corner to a roof. Turn the roof on the right by cracks leading to a small ledge.
6. 45m Go up walls on the left for 10m to a good ledge. Scramble up to the right edge of the upper slabs.
6. 40m 4c Near the right edge the most obvious feature is a big crescent shaped groove (Cyclops). Turn it on the right by a smaller groove (or a wide V-groove round the right edge) to a union below short twin grooves. Climb the left-hand groove and continue slightly left by a short cleft to a ledge (possible belay). Go slightly right, then back left and up to a grass stance below an obvious nose.
7. 40m 4c Climb up just right of the nose, then go left over a slab to the base of the "Quartz Corner" (actually pegmatite). Climb the corner until it becomes vegetated, then exit on to its right rib. Continue up the rib to a stance below grassy grooves.
8. 45m 4b Climb the grooves, moving on to their right wall towards the top to reach broken ground.

Note: On the photo-diagram, the section between the top of pitch 4 and the short off-width groove is wrong. The correct line is much further right, closer to Cyclops.