

SUPPLEMENT TO NEW ROUTES PUBLISHED IN SMCJ 2012

The following routes were late additions to the print version and are included here to maintain the digital record.

SKYE

SGÙRR NAN GOBHAR, Creag an Gobhar (NG 432 226):

A clean slab lies high on the flanks of Sgùrr nan Gobhar above Coir' an Eich at about 550m altitude. A very loose gully runs up left from the toe of the buttress. Descent is by an easy traverse right and a short abseil down the right-bounding gully.

Techno-Snob 40m E2 5c **. Malcom Airey, Mike Lates. 3 Jul 2012. Starts by the most obvious fault splitting the crag 10m left of centre. A boulder problem (5b) through the undercut face gives access to the main fault. Follow this for 10m. Hand-traverse a prominent ledge for 3m to good flakes. The weakness continues and finishes with 10m of committed thin climbing using positive holds on the right wall. Finish more easily to belay on the grassy terrace.

COIRE A' GHRUNDA, Sron na Ciche, North Crag:

The crag is characterised by a prominent central corner with a roof at about two-thirds height. The following routes finish on the left-rising terrace/rake below the Stack and which provides a convenient descent to the right (east).

Pole Dancer 75m HVS 5a **. Steve Kennedy, Andy MacDonald. 2 Jun 2012.

The central corner. Scramble to the foot of two short right-facing corners. Climb the right-hand corner to a grassy ledge at the foot of the main corner (25m). Climb the corner, stepping right at 5m, until just below the roof. Traverse left onto a slabby wall via a thin horizontal break, then make exposed moves up the rib to reach the upper wall. The wall is climbed fairly directly by a crack system on impeccable rock to reach easier ground and the terrace (50m).

Lapdancer 75m Severe 4a *. Steve Kennedy, Chris Docherty. 27 May 2012.

This route follows the crack system up the wall right of *Pole Dancer*. Climb the right-hand of the two lower corners as per *Pole Dancer* to belay on the grassy ledge at the foot of the main corner (25m). Move right and follow the crack system up rightwards to reach a short right-facing corner. Climb the corner, then move up and left into a large niche. From the niche, traverse out left to easier ground leading to the terrace (50m).

Come Dancing 75m VS 4c *. Steve Kennedy, Cynthia Grindley. 9 Jun 2012.

The wall right of the main corner, starting midway between *Pole Dancer* and *Stack Buttress Direct*. Climb easily into a recessed area, surmount a bulge on the right and follow a deep crack rightwards to a belay below a small roof (25m). Move right a short distance until below a prominent flake-crack in a scooped area. Follow the flake-crack, then move up leftwards until below a large roof. Climb steep cracks right of the roof, then move left across a wall to reach a grassy ramp leading leftwards to a belay just right of a large niche (junction with *Lapdancer*) – 35m. Finish up steep cracks just right of the niche (15m).

90 Years On 75m HVS 5a **. Steve Kennedy, Cynthia Grindley. 4 Jun 2012.

The attractive cracked rib between the main corner of *Pole Dancer* and the upper chimney of *Red Wall Variant*. Scramble up to the two short right-facing corners as per *Pole Dancer*. Climb the left-hand corner. Continue up leftwards, passing a large flake, to belay at an unusual ‘leg’ of gabbro at the foot of the rib just left of the main corner (30m). Climb deep cracks leading up the rib until *Pole Dancer* is joined just below the upper wall. Finish up the fine upper wall as for *Pole Dancer* (45m).

Note: *Red Wall Variant* may not be accurately shown on the diagram p195 of the 2011 guide. The line shown goes up a steep smooth wall which looks sustained and bold (5b?). It appears that the true line may be a few metres to the right up the right edge of the red wall. At that point a short red wall leads to a basalt flake close to the right edge then a rib of gabbro, and corresponds roughly to the description. This looks much

easier than the wall to the left.

Zeus 38m E3 5c ***. Steve Kennedy, Cynthia Grindley. 9 Jun 2012.

The striking slab, containing thin snaking cracks in the upper part, located on the right side of *North Crag Gully* near the top of Slab Buttress.

Situated almost opposite the foot of the slabby terrace/rake leading to the Stack. An excellent, sustained main pitch with spaced but adequate protection. Low in the grade. Start at the lowest point of the buttress below the slab at a basalt intrusion.

1. 26m 5c Climb the intrusion over a small bulge to a ledge at 6m. Step left onto the slab and climb up to the base of a crack-line. Thin cracks lead to a small spike below the upper wall. Finish up the deep left-hand crack to reach a good ledge. The much easier upper pitch can be avoided by scrambling off right from the belay along a fault.

2. 15m The wall above the ledge (left of a prominent corner) provides a straightforward finish.

NEIST POINT, Cumhann Geo:

In the centre of the geo (between *Quantum Tunnelling* and *Bagpipe Deadline*) is a fine looking right-angled corner (*The Parcel*) that plunges straight into the sea. The first four routes (DWS) are accessed from here.

Theory of Attachment 14m F6a+ S1. Julian Lines. 23 Jun 2012.

Start as for *Silent Witness*. Go up the crack for a few metres to pull up and right onto the wall. Make thin moves to get onto the arete. Follow it to the top.

Coriolis Effect 12m F7b+ S0 *. Julian Lines. 23 Jun 2012.

Five metres right of *Theory of Attachment* is a hanging arete with two yellow lichen strips. Start on the left and make a thin traverse right to better holds. Move up to an overlap and span left to the arete. Climb the arete via an excruciatingly technical sequence.

Geopod 12m F5 S0 *. Julian Lines. 23 Jun 2012.

The podded groove to the right of *Coriolis Effect*. If the initial traverse is done then it is F6c.

SUISHNISH AREA, Carn Dearg Buttress:

Walking on Eggshells 30m Severe. Bob Hamilton, Steve Kennedy. 19 May 2012.

The ridge left of the open gully opposite *So Where Are The Dolphins?* Start above and right of the foot of the ridge. Scramble to a steep wall which is climbed by a steep crack. Slabs lead to the upper arete and the top. Fairly loose in places.

NORTHERN HIGHLANDS NORTH

REIFF, Spaced Out Rockers Cliff:

Slime Time 30m E3 6a **. Tess Fryer, Ian Taylor. 23 Jun 2012

The always wet corner-line at the left end of the cliff. Needs a drought or a positive attitude to damp.

Leaning Block Cliff:

Pirates Direct 15m HVS 5b *. Tess Fryer, Ian Taylor. 23 Jun 2012.

Start 4m right of Harold and climb the wall direct, cutting through the ramp of *Pirates of Coigach*.

LOCHINVER CRAGS, Creag Rodha Mor (Super Crag):

Unnamed 40m E7 6b **. Iain Small, Niall McNair (both led). 23 Jun 2012.

Excellent pumpy climbing followed by an exhilarating crux. Possibly low in the grade. Start 2m left of *Undertoad* and climb via big flakes, breaks and blocks for 10m. Go up the wall right of a corner on pockets and flakes to a good break and good cams. Hand-traverse this for 3m, then go up on obvious left-facing flakes to a second break system. Go along the break (small cam), then up on flakes again to jugs. Move up to flat holds, then boldly trend left past a rock scar to a hidden sidepull (crux) and make a long reach for a hand rail on the edge of the guano ledge. Tackle the overhanging wall at the right end of the ledge to gain a good foot ledge, then trend up and right to the top.

GLEN COE

STOB COIRE SGREAMHACH EAST, Ridge Buttresses:

Diminishing Return 55m III *. Steve Kennedy, Bob Hamilton. 19 Feb 2012.

An easier indirect version of *Return*. Start about 10m above the foot of *Eilde Gully* and follow the most prominent ramp leading out left onto the buttress to join *Return* above the crux section of that route. Continue by following *Return* up interesting mixed ground to the summit ridge.

Summit Buttress:

Gun Slinger 70m IV,4 **. Steve Kennedy, Andy MacDonald. 18 Dec 2011.

The obvious gully/groove line immediately right of *The Slot*. Start up a deceptively steep groove (almost a right-facing corner) leading into the right side of a snow bay below the gully proper. Trend left into the confines of the gully and continue to a point where the gully becomes blocked by a rock wall. Circumvent the wall by moving out right, then up and left via a groove to re-join the open gully above. Continue up mixed ground trending rightwards to a small snowy col (55m). Finish up easier ground (15m).

Lamed Scout 60m II/III. Andy Macdonald, Steve Kennedy. 10 Dec 2011.

The broad buttress forming the right side of Summit Buttress. Start just left of the Grade I gully and climb the straightforward lower section to reach ledges leading up leftwards below the steep upper wall. Follow the ledge system into a short chimney which leads to the top.

Monolith Buttress:

The westmost buttress contains a prominent monolithic block in the lower section, just left of the steeper right-hand section. The following routes are described by reference to the monolith.

Caballero 60m II/III *. Steve Kennedy. 28 Jan 2012.

Start at a snow bay approximately 25m left of the monolithic block. Start up a short right-slanting groove at the top of the bay, about 10m right of the small steep buttress forming the left boundary of the buttress. Continue up an open groove to finish just right of a rocky pinnacle.

Wagon Train 60m III,4 *. Steve Kennedy, Katie Long, Andy

MacDonald. 5 Feb 2012.

Follows a line up the buttress, starting about 5m left of Caballero, just before the buttress steepens considerably. Climb an awkward slabby wall, continue up mixed ground for a short distance, then move left into a deep groove. Follow the groove and finish by steep moves on the left side of the final rocky pinnacle.

Left Draw 70m III,4 *

Steve Kennedy, Andy MacDonald, Katie Long. 5 Feb 2012.

Scramble up to a belay at the foot of the monolith. Move onto the slabby wall just left of the monolith and climb steep mixed ground to belay at the top of a large snowfield (45m). Finish easily up rightward slanting snow slopes (25m).

Right Draw 70m IV,5 *

Bob Hamilton, Steve Kennedy. 19 Feb 2012.

The steep groove running up the right side of the monolith leading to a snow terrace below the upper buttress (35m). From the terrace, continue directly up the buttress to finish close to *Left Draw* (35m).

Lone Rifle 80m II/III *. Andy MacDonald. 14 Dec 2011.

This route generally follows a system of ledges leading diagonally right across the buttress starting about 5m right of *Right Draw*. Climb up and rightwards to reach a snow terrace. Continue rightwards following the prominent ledge system to reach a bay below the steep upper buttress. Finish up a deep groove on the left.

High Noon 70m IV,4 **. Steve Kennedy, Andy MacDonald. 22 Jan 2012.

The most obvious feature on the steeper right section is an open gully which fans out at the bottom. Climb the right side of the initial fan until the gully narrows. A steeper section leads to a wide snow terrace (junction with *Lone Rifle*) (35m). Climb the upper buttress by a line leading up leftwards to reach easier ground and finish directly (35m).

Sharp Shooter 70m V,6 **. Steve Kennedy, Andy Macdonald. 29 Jan 2012.

A fine route, nicely exposed in the upper reaches. To the right of *High*

Noon is an open groove with a slabby left wall. The lower groove forms the crux where it forms a steep thinly iced slab and was climbed by strenuous moves up the vertical right wall. The groove opens out above and leads to a wide terrace at mid-height (35m). From near the left end of the terrace follow a right-trending ramp (awkward initial moves) above a steep wall to a thin slab. Traverse left along a narrow ledge in an exposed position. Continue rightwards to finish up the right edge of the buttress (35m).

Twin Ridges Area:

Well right of Monolith Buttress, in the upper reaches of the north-west corner of the corrie, lie two prominent parallel ridges leading to the summit ridge. The ridges are situated above a lower broken buttress and offer pleasant routes in a fine setting with a remote feel.

Comanche Ridge 60m III *. Bob Hamilton, Steve Kennedy. 19 Feb 2012.

The left-hand ridge. Climb the lower broad buttress by an obvious right-slanting groove leading onto the ridge. Follow the ridge to the top, skirting a small rocky buttress on the left.

Cherokee Ridge 60m III, 4 *

Bob Hamilton, Steve Kennedy. 19 Feb 2012.

The right-hand ridge. The lower buttress is climbed by a steep open groove near the centre just right of a block belay. Interesting mixed ground leads to the broad upper ridge.