

# The BOLFA newsletter



## A publication of the Climbing Club of South Australia

in association with Redpointer's *Anonymous*

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## Buckaringa Closure

I have finally had a reply from the Australian Wildlife Conservancy (Owners of Buckaringa). They have closed the area to all visitors following the theft of a submersible pump from the property this week. I have also just heard from Dave Bowen via Luke Adams that the entrance gate had been wired closed to stop all entry. However they are keen to continue dialogue with us in regard to climbing in the area. I hope to have more information in time for the next meeting. Greg Rolton.



## Waitpinga Re-opening

The big news is that the climbing area at Waitpinga is now open for climbing again after being closed for a few years because climbing wasn't written into the management plan for the area. After negotiations and collaboration with the local rangers and DEH by the CCSA, an excellent management plan was written, submitted and approved for the cliffs. This was endorsed by the CCSA the cliff is now open for business again. The rangers involved wish to thank the climbing community for their patience while the issues were cleared up.

If you are planning on going down there, please have a read of the management plan and ring the duty ranger to inform them that you are heading in there It is just so they know someone is there in case of accident and failure to return. A PDF of the management plan is on the CCSA website.

The duty Ranger phone is 0418 855 824.

*HB reeming JT. Photo – Seth DeBolt*



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## Norton Summit Issues

### Access

The Access issue with the Norton summit cliff has been an ongoing one. The mining company which owns the land has allowed climbers access out of their own goodwill. There are however a few conditions which were agreed upon in order for climbers to maintain access. Most of these conditions are simple and straightforward and usually adhered to. The majority of these conditions are written on the sign at the base of the track. PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO READ THE SIGN if you haven't done so already. If climbers do not follow the rules agreed to, the mining company can simply ban us from climbing on their land, no questions asked. It is in our best interests to follow the rules, tread lightly and maintain diplomatic relations with the mining company and the neighbours in the area. It is a privilege for us to be able to climb at Norton Summit, not a right, so let's do the right thing and maintain access for all climbers. It is really that simple. Here is a brief overview of the conditions for climbing at Norton Summit.

- All climbers' cars must be identified with a CCSA sticker (available at meetings or from president Rob 0439893486 for \$5)
- No climbing before sunrise or after sunset
- Do not litter or leave rubbish (this includes cigarette butts). If you find some rubbish, take it down with you.
- No climbing on the upper cliffs during the peregrine nesting season (~May - November). No climbing near nesting sites at any time. Climbing in the lower cave and hole is allowed all year. Do not enter the quarry under any circumstances.
- No excessive noise or loud music
- Please only take up foam mattresses (if you need to), and not the spring type (which tend to fall apart and make a huge mess)
- No New bolts are to be added to the cliff (only replacements)
- If planning on climbing on the upper cliffs (ie. Not the cave or the hole), please inform Manfred Heide (83901851)

### Norton summit Cleanup Day

In mid February, a cleanup day/ working bee was held at Norton Summit. A good turnout of folks saw a vast improvement in the track and some new steps added. The old rotting mattresses were carried out along with some of the other rubbish. Thanks to all those who helped with the cleanup. If any more mattresses are brought up to the summit, it is requested that they be the foam type and not the spring type because the spring ones fall apart and rot badly.



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## The Louvre Tour (Notes from Steve Kelly's Gritstone Tour)

### Introduction:

After 21hrs flying and virtually no sleep, 3 airports, 1 train station and 1x 5 mile walk - I was in Hathersage. I found the B&B pretty quickly - the owners of whom look like they are due for a morgue booking shortly (get in while you can I say!) Blew them both away when asked 'I expect you'll want a cup of tea and a sit down?' to which I replied - No thanks - I'm off to Stanage! Surprised them so much that the old lad gave me a lift - probably fearing that I'd pass out en-route!

### Climbing:

Got to Stanage - and it was very surreal. Like meeting some old mates you had talked to over the phone and seen pictures of - but never shook hands with. Hello Mr Not To Be Taken, how goes it Crescent? How's it hanging Archangel?

**Summary:** What looks scary as: Archangel/Ulysees/White Wand. What looks do-able: The Storm, The Green Traverse, Not To Be Taken. I was quite surprised by how bad some of the landings are - desperate! Didn't do a thing cause I was in street shoes and had no chalk or pad - so instead legged it back to Hathersage and got into Sheffield.



## Local transport:

Here's what not to do: 2 hours sleep in about 24 - hire a car and drive in peak hour traffic to what you think is The Peak District (no map you see). Lets just say that 2.15 hours later - I was at my destination - downing pints!

## Food:

The local pub serves meals bigger than Adelaide's own 'Earl of Leicester' - just add more chips. Awesome!

## Part 1

Got around quite a bit in the last 2 days: Millstone, Curbar, Baslow,

Ravenstor, Stanage. The landings are BAD! The rock is crystalline - but even with 5 des - it felt a bit greasy. It's not cold at all though - quite good. But then I quite like 'bad conditions'.

## Part 2

OK lads - so this is how it goes...

Best problem I've seen: West Side Story (7b+/V9) hands down. Closely followed by The Storm.

Worst landing?: Archangel.

Biggest myth: Grit dries fast in the wind.

Biggest gripe: Mud (that is - after the rain bit!)

Biggest truth: Good friction in the cold - for real!

I've been to Stanage 5 times - and it's still wet! Actually ran up there last night and jumped Crescent Arête - but that thing is as dangerous as a gangster armed with an Uzi! Thus that thing is shelved! (Sorry Ronnie!) I know when not to mess with broken ankles! Similarly - Deliverance (wet) and NTBT (Damp - but quagmire underneath). If I wanted to bathe in mud - then I would have been born a Pig! So Stanage is no longer - especially since I ran up there again this morning - got 3 whole metres off the deck in 8 deg conditions - only to wake up and realise the thing was soaked!

Grit is for the birds! Limestone power pulling is where it is at! So with this in mind - I headed smartly off to Minus 10...

Yes please - this is my sort of venue! Awesome moves (a hell of a lot more than on grit currently!) Super polished and DRY! Font 6c+/V5 in 2 shots, a 1 move V4/5 (double handed dyno) 2nd shot (Note: Ronnie - your dyno at the summit is at least 5!) - a variant to Luciens Undercut (V5) 2nd shot - then the real business - I latched - but didn't stick the target hold on the uberclassic 'The Young American' - 1st put up by Christian Griffith and given Font 7a+ (V7). That thing is going down. Also latched the hold on the (bigger) (6ft?) dyno of Kirton's Dyno - again Font 7a+ - the target hold of which sits 15ft up the wall - committing to say the least...

At last - after 6 days no climbing - I've done some moves!

Nevertheless - Mikey has put me onto a wee Sheffield lass that is keen to climb tomorrow - so it's time I dug that rope out - because it's off to Curbar we go (totally dry and MINT conditions this afternoon). Sounds like she's hardcore - wants to lead an E4. Given that's what The Desire Factor is - I shall bow down and be belay slave!

I met a young guy in the pub the other night, then next day at Stanage when it was dripping. He labelled my trip with two words - that totally has summed up these last 4 days:

Let it now be known that this is Steve's 'LOUVRE TRIP'. It's when you get to tour all these works of art, from all these classic painters (Moon, Moffatt/ Myers etc) - but you can't touch them, because they're guarded by this security system known as 'FUCKING RAIN'.

But that's OK - because I've got Minus 10.

## Part 3

At last - some progress (of sorts!) Hooked up with Meilee for a day (thanks Mikey), who sandbagged me big time.

Off we trundled to Curbar - and I did my first real route (well protected VS 4c/17) - or it would have been had we chosen to use a rope!

Then had a look at an E1 5c (20) - climbed on sight solo past the crux - but then retreated. Reversing a technical 5c crux is quite interesting I can tell you - but no dramas. The real drama was to come later - when we checked out the Kayak Slab - an 8m high unprotected piece of grit that enjoys having its hard bits 4m or above upwards. Once again - got through the crux - but bailed with 2m to go. Next time any of you guys are climbing a grade 20 slab - try reversing the crux - never done a move like it! Felt like I was decompressing my chest in half!

Basically the summary is this: I haven't quite got to the stage of trusting my feet on 1cm protruding pebbles yet!

Checked in to Burbage South - the crag of choice - with so much history. Meilee's comment whilst walking in might provide some insight into how it went...

"It's like walking after an excitable puppy on the lead!"

Yeah well - you guys know the story! Basically I'd turn a corner - exclaim: 'Oh! Fantastic!' then... 'Do you want the guided tour?'

Pretty much acted the professional tour operator (due in part to Meilee's lack of local knowledge!) - name of route, year put up, first ascensionist - etc etc. The whole crag was green and damp - but it didn't stop me bouldering out the crux of The Knock (E5 6a) (23R) - got to the arete then executed the S-BOM (Steve Bail Out Maneuvre) - its a highly technical move. You simply turn around and jump! Nice flat landing (read: mud!)

Had a look at Life Assurance (E6) on TR (despite it being green) - and said slab queen sent the crux in fine style via a move which I've never seen done before - for I didn't realise that you could mantle your thumb whilst sanding on a pebble ...The stuff you learn...!

*Weather report March 19 2005 The Times*

*"With temperatures reaching 20 degrees - it feels more like mid June than March. It is no exaggeration to be calling this a heatwave!"*

Thus in such crap conditions (18 degs and hot!) - I dropped a rope off Slackers (E6 6b) and worked the moves over 2 hours - then sent it on self belay! Well chuffed with that, but a lead is not an option (just yet). No less than 3 dynamic slaps (RH) up the arete, and the worst sloper imaginable - lead to the slopey break at half height. One of the worst landings I've seen. Felt like hard Australian 24 - but not the sort of positive little numbers we're used to.

So in this 'heatwave' me and Rich went bouldering up at Stanage this morning - all of 8 degrees and misty rain but hey! This was after all a heatwave! Nevertheless - we bailed to that bastion of crimp power fests - Raventor - and jumped on the warm up route (Sardine - 7b+/26). Having not climbed a real route since December - I got as far as the crux - then pumped out. Still got to the top (big runouts due to none of us taking any gear (5 draws - 20m) - but it was fine. Richie hadn't touched rock in 6 weeks - but that didn't stop him running off 4 laps of it...

#### **Part 4**

I've got used to 'the pebble factor'. Visited Froggatt and on sight soloed Long Johns Slab (E3 5c) (about 21), Joe's Direct (5c) - then headpointed the uberclassic slab Great Slab (E3 5b) (20 solo) - the classic Joe Brown number from 1951. Would have been very impressive in hob-nailed boots I can tell you! On sighted Artless at E5 6b - but that was on self belay. Ran out of time for a headpoint ascent.

Caught up with Mikey, and we visited Curbar - THE crag of choice. Result: Headpoint of the classic Slackers (E6 6b) (originally E7) - see photo on previous page. Very cool. That was the route of the trip. Very committing - but no problems whatsoever. Probably 7a+ French on a toprope... Death landing!

The whole team turned up and we went north - Robin Hood's and Cratcliffe. Classics such as Jerry's Traverse and T Crack, as well as Fern Hill went down for (some) people. I worked the Dawes Kaluza Klein (E7) - but way too desperate and insecure - so ditched it. Never liked doing insecure barndoor dyno's off poor smears with definite groundfall possibility!

Stanage was the next port of call. The 7th visit for me - and at last I climbed something! Pissed up Not To Be Taken Away (E2 6a) or 6m high V4/5 in our language, then Crescent Arete (6m high V2 - with the crappiest landing imaginable) - and everyone had a family day out on Deliverance - THE dyno of choice.

#### **Part 5**

The end of the UK trip was cool - escaping the rain for the sunny limestone of Portland. Went from 5 degs and rain to 20 degs and shirts off in 3.5 hours. Did 7 routes down there - including two 7b's. Jonny impressed with a first try warm up ascent of Lulworth Arms Treaty (7b) - it was soaking wet at the time! He dried the holds for me and after falling off on the 3rd to last move, got it next go. Next time I'll take a hairdryer... Very awesome wall (about 45/50 degrees overhanging). Pity about the conditions. Would be good to go back in the summer for some DWS (deep water soloing) action.

Keeping it real -

Steve (by correspondence [steveongrit@hotmail.com](mailto:steveongrit@hotmail.com))



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## Wood Fever

Indoor climbing walls have been on the rise in Adelaide for a while. Here is one such training board somewhere in the vicinity of a Foodland. Shown here are Sally Ely (climbing) and Michelle Newman (checking out bruises).



## Club Report

The news is that Waitpinga is now open for climbing again. See the Waitpinga article above for more details.

Buckaringa has been temporarily closed due to some vandalism and robbery at the site. Hopefully this issue can be resolved sooner rather than later.

A successful cleanup day was held at Norton summit in mid February (details above). The need abide by the conditions of access at Norton Summit cannot be stressed highly enough. It's very easy to follow the rules on the sign and to get a \$5 dollar sticker for your car to identify your car as a climber's.

The climbing scene in Adelaide has been reasonably active lately. It's been a prime Summer for Araps and the Grampians with a few keenies heading for the Blue Mountains too. A few of the boys (and girls) have been climbing really well and climbing routes up to grade 29. Most importantly, its all been heaps of fun for all. A reasonably large contingent of South Aussies headed to New Zealand for some alpine climbing, rock climbing and bouldering. The conditions and weather happened to be the worst for quite some years but some good action and climbing was still to be had.

The list is too long here to mention any names but a big welcome goes out to a few new members to the SA climbing scene lately. Aurelie from Chamonix, Stefan from Germany and Reto from Switzerland. Aurelie and Stefan have been impressing with some great climbing in the Grampians and Arapiles, joining the SA roadtrip crew in the forays across the border.

**Picture Perfect; Submit your photo's to: [bolfa@climbingclubsouthaustralia.asn.au](mailto:bolfa@climbingclubsouthaustralia.asn.au)**



**Kim Petherick leading Split Pillar (5.10b) Squamish Grand Wall, Canada**

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**Due date for next BOLFA submissions:** Wednesday 1 June 2005

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## Club news

### Recent beta on Club issues...

#### CCSA website

The CCSA website is up and running! Users can now access the site via the following address:

[www.climbingclubsouthaustralia.asn.au](http://www.climbingclubsouthaustralia.asn.au)

Please aid in the ongoing development of this site by submitting photo's, news of new routes or any other relevant information to:

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We need content!



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## The Half Brick Award



### This issues thumbs down goes to...

The senseless vandalism and robbery by hoodlums at Buckaringa, causing the closure of Buckaringa to climbing.



### Words of wisdom...

"There are only two grades in climbing, climbs I can do, and those I can't" – Reinhold



## Club Calendar

### Upcoming meetings/events

**Next Club Meet:** 4th April 2005

**Following Club Meet:** 6 June 2005

**Venue:** All bi-monthly meetings take place at 7.30pm in The Brecknock Hotel, King William Street, Adelaide on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every 2<sup>nd</sup> month.

Voluntary slide presentations welcome at any of these meets.

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## The Joker

An Italian, a Scotsman and a Chinese fellow are hired at a construction site. The foreman points out a huge pile of sand and says to the Italian guy,

'You're in charge of sweeping.'  
To the Scotsman he says, 'You're in charge of shovelling'  
And to the Chinese guy, 'You're in charge of supplies.'  
He then says, 'Now, I have to leave for a little while. I expect you guys to make a dent in that there pile.'  
So the foreman goes away for a couple hours and when he returns, the pile of sand is untouched.  
He asks the Italian, 'Why didn't you sweep any of it?'  
The Italian replies, 'I no hava no broom. You saida to the Chinese a fella that he a was a in charge of supplies, but he hasa disappeared and I no coulda finda him nowhere.'  
Then the foreman turns to the Scotsman and says, 'And you, I thought I told you to shovel this pile.'  
The Scotsman replies, 'Aye, ye did lad, boot ah couldnay get meself a shoovel! Ye left th' Chinese gadgie in chairge of supplies, boot ah couldnayfin' him either.'  
The foreman is really angry now and storms off toward the pile of sand to look for the Chinese guy ...Just then, the Chinese guy leaps out from behind the pile of sand and yells...  
'SUPPLIES!!'

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## Hot Fun Closing

### Latest (and some not so latest) news & views from around the world...

#### Australian news

Probably the most impressive recent ascent is Lee Cossey's free ascent of the 300m, Ozymandias Direct (28) at Mt Buffalo just after Christmas. Lee accompanied by a belayer and photographer spent 2 days working the 8 pitch route and after 2 rest days freed the route in a day. Taking only one fall on the second pitch in the process (redpointing it second shot). Cossey says he could climb technically harder and longer on this style of route and was surprised it had taken so long for Ozymandias to receive a second free ascent. This is the first one day, free ascent of Ozymandias Direct. Ozymandias Direct was first freed by Steve Monks in 1989 over a number of days.

Old news but good news: Monique Forestier red pointed her 2nd Grade 32 (F8b+), "Starring at the Sea" at Wave wall in the Blue Mountain. To my knowledge this is 2 grades harder than any other Australian women has redpointed. More recently Monique also redpointed Tripe (30) (F8a+) at Boronia point also in the Blue Mountains. Both these routes are long and sustained.

Other notable ascents: Lee Cossey again completed a slight variant of a route his brother Ben Cossey had been working for sometime at Diamond Falls in the Blue Mountains to produce "the hardest sport route he has done to date" Mr Sneaky (33). Chris Webb flashed "Some Kind of Bliss" (31) also at Diamond Falls.

## Local news

Team D-laide visited Nowra before Easter in the form of Paul, Michelle, and Hallee who met up with Ben, Lawrie and Aurelie en-route to the Blue Mtns. Rain and Nowra mosquitoes welcomed the team who visited South Central, Cheesedale, and The Pocketed Wall at Thompsons Point over 3 days in an effort to climb in the dry and a day at The Grotto and Hospital Rocks when the sun made a visit.

Highlights included ascents of Belgium Tourist, Amazon Queens in the Avocado Jungles of Death, Aint no Sunshine, Pulling on the Porcelain, Gas Krankinstation, Uncertainty Pleasure, There Goes the Neighbourhood, Meaty Mesmo, Hide the Salami, Electro Rooter, and a bag of others. Rumour has it that a video of 2 of the team racing upside down under the Cheddar Choss Wall at Cheesedale to the chains is currently being considered by Network Ten execs to revive the series Gladiators. During the week Ben and Damian competed to see who could fall off the top of the most routes, but were almost beaten by Paul's Herculean effort in ticking "Avocados" using the "just don't let go method" while barn dancing to the top to the tune of Lawrie's heckling. A great week of climbing for all, with Aurelie doing her bit for international relations by putting the draws on (and getting them off) most of the climbs for everyone.

Damian Hall

## Overseas news

### UK

See above Steve Kelly's 'Louvre' tour of the gritstone.

Also -Equilibrium at Burbage South, Peak district - the hardest route on grit has received its 2nd repeat. 8b+ (32) technically - crux rumoured to be V12. Awesome conditions... Look where the gear is...



As usual, please send any Local News/Trip Reports or other BOLFA material to Greg Rolton at the following address:

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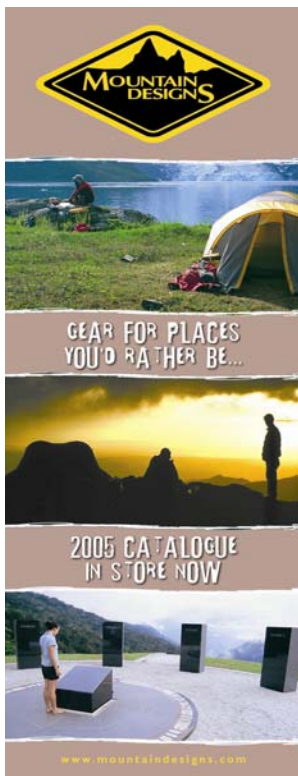
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## The Last Word

"It's hard not to be psyched when you are in top form"

**Young Adelaide Superstar having just spent the year blitzing up the big walls in Yosemite and other epic 2000m walls in Iceland**

