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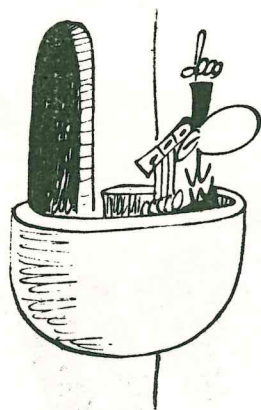


# BEWARE OF LOW FLYING AIRCRAFT

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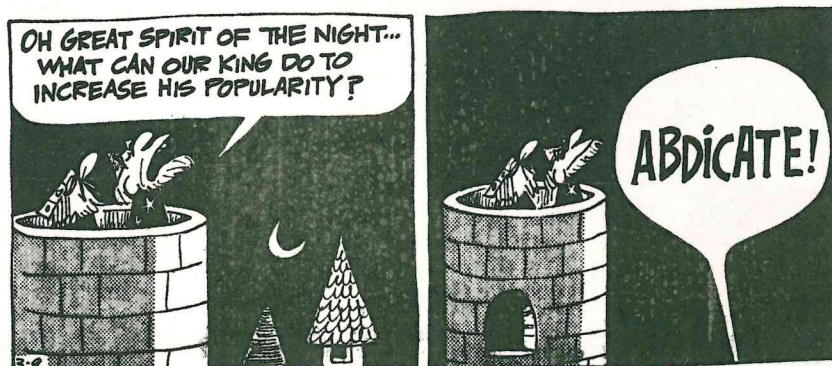
This first  
(post-ressurrection)  
issue of the late lamented  
(and lamentable) CCSA newsletter  
is largely devoted to matters which have ar-  
isen (or is it descended?) from the Reformation-  
like fervour at present engulfing the Club. Several  
major issue which may have profound effects on climbing  
in this state have recently hauled themselves into view.  
Perhaps the most important were the questions being asked  
about freedom to climb within National Parks, culminating in  
the hoary old problem of certification. Fortunately this partic-  
ular Nasty has been circumvented by sympathetic intervention  
from within the National Parks and Wildlife Service itself.  
Given that these matters seem to have the correct ingredients to generate  
verbal and, hence, witten stuffing for organs such as this, this edition will  
be largely devoted to politics &/or Tub-Thumping in the CCSA.  
Before the vitriolic machinations - a few meanderings: Climbing in this state  
is still largely at the stage of a relatively few individuals going their  
sweet way(s) with little or no contact outside their own particular clique.  
Occasionally these groups and individuals meet; and even more occasion-  
ally they interact. In this idyllic, anarchistic Vulgarian-type  
existance, the Climbing Club of South Australia seems to  
have little meaning outside of the small group who used  
this as a label for their particular gang and for their  
particular convenience. Virtually none of the trappings of  
organization however informal (e.g. newsletters) were pro-  
uced. In the last year several situations arose illustr-  
ating the importance (possibly even necessity) of Communication  
between otherwise isolated climbing cliques; the chief amongst  
these being the (possible? inevitable!) publication of the  
Adelaide Hills Guide and its indirect offspring, the Nat-  
ional Parks issue. It seems that something - apart from  
chats with George, conspiracies in pubs and occasion-  
al desultory meetings - was required to lubricate  
the cogs in the mechanism of the club and to slip  
it into gear. Hopefully, that something is to  
be this organ. BOLFA is the minimum  
requirement of the club.

Rather  
than present  
all editorial ravings  
in one single indigestible  
lump, policy from now will be to distrib-  
ute such pearls of wisdom throughout  
the newsletter, as latent megalomania  
requires. Anyone considering them-  
selves wronged should com-  
plain to the Apoplexy  
column.



## A STATEMENT from the KING!

Writing in the last published edition of this club's newsletter, Roger Alldritt, then president, was drawn to question the validity of the club's stated aims and its future, if any, within the terms of those aims. Since then, the questions posed have been carefully ignored and the club's effectiveness, within the terms of those criteria, has steadily declined. Briefly, those aims declare that the club exists to promote the various climbing activities in South Australia, to introduce newcomers into the sport of climbing and to organize local, interstate and overseas trips on a more or less regular and controlled basis. In questioning the future of the club in these activities, Roger was correct in proposing that the club be disbanded, for we do not even pretend to carry out any of these honourable functions.



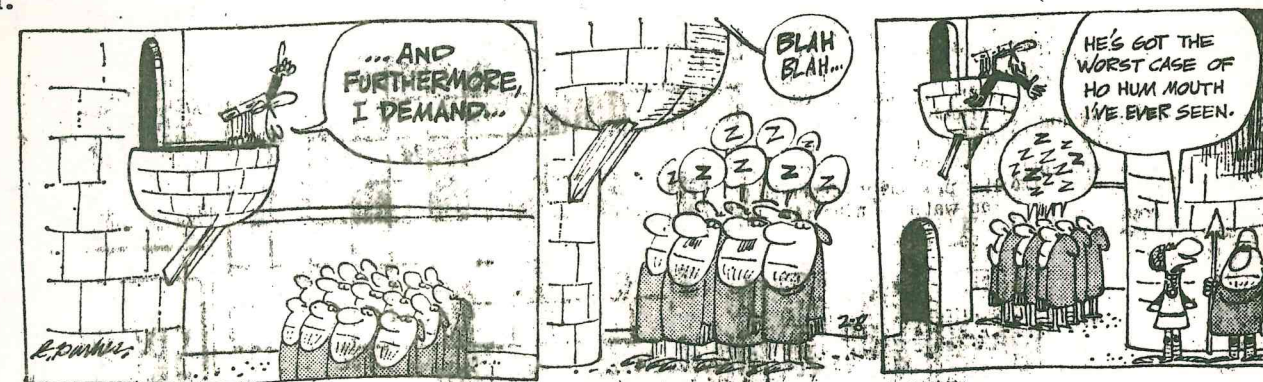
It seems reasonable to expect any sporting body to base itself on an ideology of promotion and training. Without these two activities remaining foremost in club planning, stagnation must eventually occur, and the club will become a repose for armchair specialists. The Climbing Club of South Australia must look to the future in terms of maintaining a flow of new talent into the club's ranks in order to stabilize the overall level of activity, rather than continuing in the planning of bigger and better trips for the stalwarts of yesteryear.

It is all very well for pro-club agitators to repeat the same unanswerable questions at every club meeting, but the past heroes who held the answer to the club's predicament have gone, taking with them their own particular style of club management and their own particular ideals for the future. The responsibility for decisions affecting club planning must be taken by the present club membership; we must not rely on the glorious past for guidance.

In the present situation, a total re-think of the aims of this club is required, with a complete reorganization of the club's activities. Over the last couple of years, it has become increasingly plain that club members are content to organize their climbing activities on a small scale without resorting to the mechanics of club contact to round up trip participants. Similarly, the club's community status has been maintained by two or three committee members taking ad hoc decisions in political matters, without consulting the body of club members

for direction. Such simplification reduces unnecessary paperwork and bureaucratic extravagance, while keeping things running smoothly.

Nonetheless, there is no reason why a strong and active club cannot operate within this informal framework. Various cohesive factors may operate to keep similarly interested individuals in contact with each other, without the need for the traditional and tiresome procedures of meeting conduct. Recently, concern over access to climbing areas galvanised the club into a level of activity and concern not witnessed in recent years, and the problem was accordingly resolved. Clearly the club works as a unified body in times of crisis. In times of non-crisis, club members get together to combine business and pleasure at such functions as the Moonarie chicken scoff. Do we need more of such activities to ensure the club's viability? I hope not, for if we do, the club runs the grave risk of becoming merely a vehicle for social organization.



Instead of continuing formalism in organization, whether political, social or physical, all that is required to maintain the strength of this club and to stimulate the closing of ranks in times of strife or celebration is an efficient means of communication. To this end, it is hoped that following an initial burst of enthusiasm, the club's newsletter may reach out to all climbers and would-be climbers in South Australia and gain their support for the kind of organising body we require. The newsletter will therefore be produced in a format more acceptable (and more expensive) than the traditional duplicated Wettex, and we hope that it will gain fairly wide subscription. We may not, however, expect the editors to endlessly produce reams of interesting material for this newsletter; feedback will be necessary to gauge acceptance, while original contribution will be required to assure continuity of publication.

**Graham Hill (president)**

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FORTHCOMING ISSUES OF BOLFA INCLUDE:

- (1) Bolfa on the ADELAIDE HILLS ROCKCLIMBING GUIDE.  
Includes reviews of the Guide, an index of climbs, articles related to climbing in the Hills and ...would you believe a centrefold line drawing of Far Crag, etc. etc.
- (2) Bolfa on the SOUTH WEST FACE OF EVEREST.  
Constructed from articles on the expedition from the Times and Sunday Times - articles by Bonnington, Hunt, Faux and other expedition members; perhaps a bit journalistic and popular but still worth reading.
- (3) Bolfa's photographic special on the OCTOBER MOONARIE TRIP.  
Just a thought at the moment. What we may be able to produce will be a professional glossy containing the photographs taken by those attending the annual scoff'n'climb.

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# LAY ON THE HEAVY \$TUFF

In an attempt to make this slim tome more like the Russian novel it purports to be, we are busily engaged in trying to produce, generate, or otherwise extract any thoughts we can lay our hands on. As befits a newsletter, we are particularly interested in: New Routes, Trips, Social (or antisocial) slander and so on- i.e. stuff which will both bring people up to date and provide stimulus for further exploration. If sufficient feedback can be developed, it may be possible to establish this newsletter both as an effective appendix to existing guidebooks and as a useful soapbox from which to abuse the world, so if you have anything to say, for god's sake say it (to us).

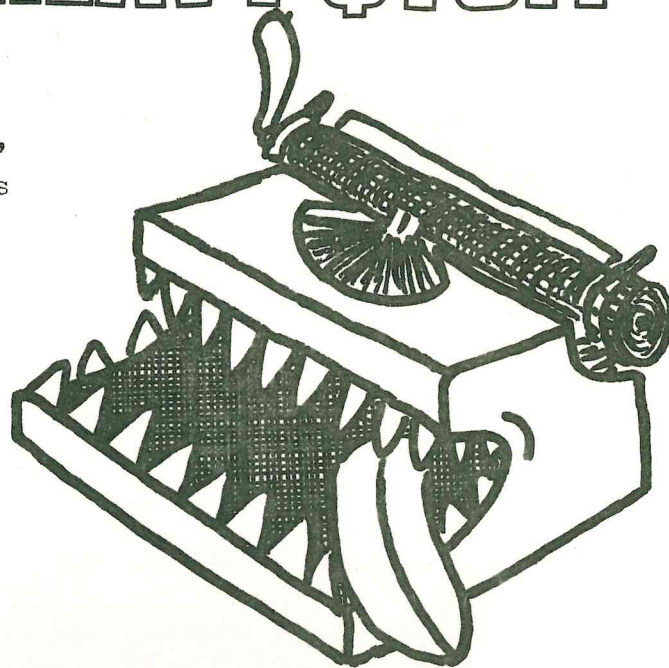
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Any form of article, on any subject, will be gleefully accepted. Hopefully we may even progress to pictures and advertising, like the better known glossies. Several future editions are now floating around our well fertilised minds- among them the scoop-type publication of the "Times" Everest SW face articles, but beyond these, we want ideas, articles and any other examples of the twisted mind in action. Don't worry about literary style, most of our readers only look at the pictures anyway, in fact you don't even have to write it down- just tell us what you think. In short, communicate you bastards. Any (and all) information, articles, letters, threats, bombs and bribes will be gratefully accepted by us, c/o anywhere you find us, in particular the places opposite.

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# Waitpinga wind & wane

by Colin Reece.

The garbage below purports to be a semi-factual account of a wipe-out trip which unfortunately did not occur long enough ago to be forgotten.

Saturday arvo, Morialta:

You'd think that after a year's tugging at this valley, that by then you'd know where Boulder Crag is, but .... Luckily we met Darryl and Dave Blackburn, also lost, remarking on the "classic line" they'd just done. It had "QB", amongst other things, marked at the start. The four of us returned to the scene of the grip.

"I've just got to see Waitpinga", exclaimed David, cleaning the crud from an attempted new route (premonitions??). Flying rocks deterred Mike from agreeing but Darryl, only buried in mud, conceded.

Sunday morning & incredibly early, at Mike's:

Rattle, tap, squeak; the window lifts. A snoring groan from within. "Better take it easy, Mike, if your elbow's badly swollen." Reece thinks\*: "Jeezus. How's he going to earn some brass for his Frog Buttress trip?" James thinks\*\*: "So who's even lifting a finger; it's Sunday."

"Where are the others?" drawled Mike's reply interspersed with yawns. An embarrassing remark, for neither were to be seen 'til from outside the glugging rumble of a Honda heralded the arrival of the missing duo. Ans so, folks.....

Sunday morning relatively early (10a.m.), still at Mike's:

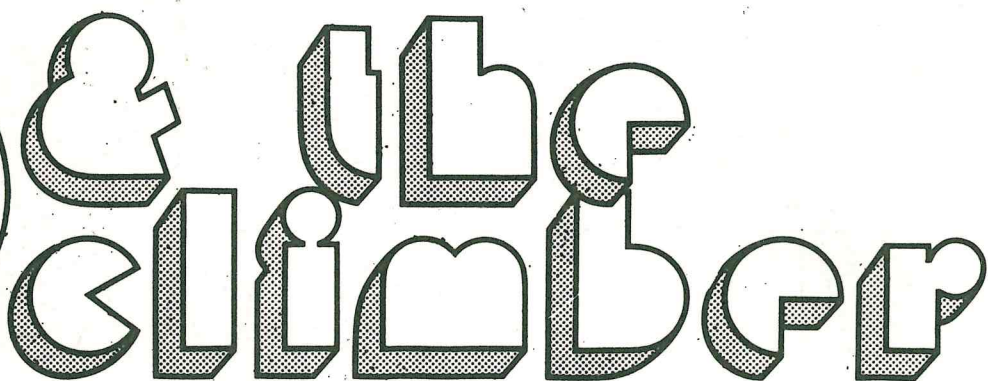
"Oh, the alarm clock.... I just hit it and....", David cheerfully explains. Exit, stage South.

Sometime Sunday, Main Sreet of Victor Harbour:

Rob Jenkins is seen pulling his car over to "assist" a female in difficulties with her travelling machine (turned out to be a little old lady). We yell out in passing and he promptly takes off after our v-dub for that stylish rite-breakfast at the deli! (By now the reader should realize that such incompetence shown in even trying to get to Wait suggests that no climbing was done. But then, Dave only wanted to SEE the place; this was actually achieved.) And so followed the entertaining spectacle of opening and closing Carmichael's gates, collecting edible agaric fungi etc. Carted over 200m of rope and 30kg of tinkerware down the wrong gully, only to be very nearly swept away by a freak wave beside the Flatiron. After lumping it back up to the cars we discussed the merits of climbing its smooth surfaces with abalone for portable holds (we have them trained etc.) "Sure. And use periwinkles for belays", rebuffed Mike. Then Saturday's omen was realized in an abortive reccy of the "30m layback crack" just west of Mollusc Wall descent gully. Much pigface, mud and rocks were loosened à la rappel et la jume. Most of this blew upward on a roaring southerly wind into the faces of the onlookers. Once agin, it was time to retreat from Waitpinga, mightiest of Adelaide's cliffs.

(\* Although a rarity, this has been known to occur (Ed.))

(\*\* Ibid.)



For approximately two months the Parks and Wildlife Division prevented rock-climbing at Morialta and by association all National Parks including Wilpena. They also requested that the C.C.S.A. set up some sort of certification scheme for climbing competence. This understandably caused some concern among climbers in the state, some preparing to man the barricades against the mindless, soulless bureaucrats who were trampling on their individual rights for no other reason than that they were bastards (and of course bureaucrats). The purpose of this report is to point out what happened without the emotionalism and to discuss what I think are the main issues of the whole affair.

Colin Reece unwittingly set the ball rolling when he went into the State Planning Office to inquire about access to Onkaparinga. The timing of this visit was unfortunate. Firstly Onkaparinga was being studied by two government departments at this time, the State Planning Office and the Parks and Wildlife. As a result at one fell swoop the name of the C.C.S.A. became bandied about two bureaucratic organisations - never a good thing. Secondly, according to the Rangers at least, they are continually rescuing young people from cliffs at Morialta; certainly there have been two rescues (well covered in the media) of people on cliffs along the south coast this year. Naturally they consider it their job to prevent such occurrences. Finally, earlier this year a woman was killed when she fell from one of the lower crags at Morialta. The Chief Ranger may have lost his position over this, and the media also made a fuss about it. Thus at this point the

Parks and Wildlife Division was aware of our existence and were also feeling the need to somehow prevent accidents on cliffs in National Parks. I would like to point out now for the sake of good relations with the Parks and Wildlife Division that, throughout the entire affair, they were trying to act in the interests of climbers and not against them. All the division wanted was some sort of legal way of allowing climbers to practice their sport and at the same time be able to remove irresponsible people from rockfaces, which to them seemed necessary due to the number of accidents that had occurred.

Graham Hill contacted the Division and had talks with John Smith - the man in charge of all parks in the metropolitan area. He was told that some sort of certification scheme might be required and to think of some suggestions the club might be able to make in this direction. He also came away with the impression that he had a "gentlemen's agreement" that climbers could continue to climb at Morialta until the affair was settled. However a couple of weeks later Graham, Craig and myself were asked to leave the park by one of the rangers. We immediately made an appointment with John Smith and a few days later had a meeting with him. He asked us for some form of certification for the defining of a competent climber, something similar to the certificates issued to cave-divers. We gave him some information on the sport of rock-climbing pointing out that it was difficult to define competency due to the nature of the sport, and that no other states required such a thing. However he persisted so we said we would see what we could do.

There were several issues at stake. If certification was brought in in South Australia it would set a precedent to other states since Smith was in contact with Parks in other states about this issue. Also one day the C.C.S.A. might have a bureaucratic and officious committee (not at all like the gentlemen who hold the positions at the moment) in their

hands certification might become rather stifling and do the sport no good. Consequently we sent to Smith, a rather nebulous description of what a climber was, and what the sport involved, rather than an objective set of criteria defining a competent climber, and again pointed out the difficulty in supplying such a thing. At the A.G.M. of the C.C.S.A. the issue was put to the members who rejected the idea of certification completely. Not understanding the motives behind the Division's actions, some members wanted to launch an attack on it, using the media and Members of Parliament. This would have been rather drastic - a failure - and have been rude to the Division who were trying to do the right thing by us. (As most of our climbing is done in National Parks), keeping their goodwill could be useful. However the problem was solved at a meeting with Dr. Ingles, head of the Department for the Environment, and ourselves. Dr. Ingles, a climber himself, and a man of some influence, rejected the idea of certification and this finding was accepted by Smith. The situation now is that certain areas will be set aside for climbing. The C.C.S.A. will "educate" the rangers at Morialta in the sport of rockclimbing so that they can separate the responsible from the irresponsible and remove the latter under section 42 of the Parks and Wildlife Act.

Thus there is no certification required for climbing at Morialta. The C.C.S.A. has the goodwill of the Parks and Wildlife Division who will come to the club, whom they recognise as the main authority on climbing matters in the state, with any problems they have regarding the sport.

T.D.Prime.

THE  
FIRST  
ASCENT OF  
NYABUBUYA,  
NORTH-EAST  
FACE.

by David Higgs.

This article was written by Dave for inclusion in Thrutch, but this is not possible at the moment; so I present it here for the enlightenment of the Adelaide climbers. Before Dave left for England with his family in mid-1971 he was a keen member of the AUMC in all of its activities. Prior to entering the Adelaide Uni, his local rockclimbing was carried out completely independent of the two existing clubs. His ventures have progressed a long way since tangling with the outcrops of Waterfall Gully etc.

Colin Reece.

Introduction:

Nyabubuya is a 4900m peak, one of many, on Mount Stanley, a massif in the central Ruwenzori mountain range. Ruwenzori itself extends for 100km along the border between Uganda and Zaire. The range is seldom visited largely because very few people have heard of it and those who have are not encouraged by the tales of large stretches of deep swamp and bog and continual rain. These stories are, in the main, true, although I have heard of some people who have actually enjoyed sunshine there. The equator lies about 30km south of Mt. Stanley and the whole range experiences heavy, persistent rainfall; and from 1800m to 3500m the mountains are protected by thick jungle. What then is the attraction of the range you may well ask. The range is remote and generally experiences bad weather and this has meant that there is still much scope for climbing new routes. The range also has a character all of its own which can be summed up in one word: "Weird". This feeling is probably brought about by the combination of tropical vegetation in alpine surroundings.

The following account of the ascent by Alan Roberts and myself probably typifies the sort of experiences a mountaineer has when climbing rock in the range, that is unless he is one of the lucky few to have seen the sun.

The Ascent:

Another typical Ruwenzori morning dawned at Elena huts, the peaks on the Stanley Plateau just opposite across the snout of the glacier were almost hidden by grey mist. A fine, sleetly snow was falling while inside the hut it was cold, damp and cramped. The thought of spending another day festering, waiting for better weather to appear was just too depressing so at the first sign of a break in the mist we decided to go and have a closer look at the gully we had seen leading to the summit of Nyabubuya.

A short traverse across the glacier below small seracs and crevasses at about the level of the huts led almost directly to the foot of the broad angle of the gully. A quick inspection of the first pitch revealed wet and greasy rock split by cracks bulging with dripping moss. Alan led off up the cracks while I belayed from a broad ledge.

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NYABUBUYA

Some distance above me Alan yelled, "Watch your head", as a large rock fell onto the snow just below me. A little later I heard a shout to start climbing. The rock was steep, creased with eroded grooves clogged with slime and the moves were occasionally awkward. The first pitch was about grade IV but was followed by a rope length of easy scrambling to a point where the gully steepened again. It began to look a bit intimidating with overhangs starting a short way up. If we went at the overhangs directly we might get involved in some extreme climbing, perhaps the left hand wall would go? Alan got a good chockstone belay just below the roofs. Soon I was on the sharp end of the rope again. There seemed little choice of line. I traversed left and upward along a line of ledges out onto the left hand wall, until a steep, narrow moss-clogged crack lead upward. It seemed that the only way to climb it would be to find any slight broadening of the crack or a particularly luxuriant growth of moss and "put the boot in". This method wasn't entirely satisfactory and I had to keep moving because the moss only held for a few seconds. "Christ", I thought as more awkward foot-jams followed until two ledges appeared.

"Don't run the whole bloody rope out", yelled Alan... "find a good belay!" Good belay? All I could see were blind cracks, no good for pegs or nuts. Eventually I wedged a leeper horizontally in a broad crack and hammered a peg behind a loose chockstone. The rocks looked ever steeper and wetter above. Alan appeared and muttered something about awkward pitches before disappearing upward. I saw a boot waving in the air as he leant around a corner then he went around out of sight but reappeared higher up bridged in a square cut corner; a short overhang barred his way. Water from above flowed down from its moss-fringed edge and plunged, lemming-like, down into the mists below. I could see him bridging widely seeking a weakness which would lead to the grassy grooves above. He climbed a little higher, balanced on small holds on a rounded corner. Then I heard a peg go in, sounding rather shaky, and a little later another, so I guessed it must be pretty hard. This was the crux pitch of the climb, about grade V, and a little way above the overhang two snow-filled grooves lead to a stance.

From here on the climbing was much easier. We found we could avoid the ice-filled gullies and keep to grade II and III rock for the next four pitches. Ten metres below the summit ridge we saw a traverse line heading rightward around a corner. Five minutes later we stood on the ridge, visibility almost nil, snow falling heavily. It had taken five hours, II pitches and about 300m. of climbing in miserable wet conditions but at least we had established a new route, a logical line on a beautiful buttress jutting from the Stanley Plateau.

#### SUMMARY

Ruwezori (5130m)

David Higgs and Alan Roberts established a new route on the North-East Face of Nyabubuya, on the Stanley Plateau. The route follows the main gully line of the face and was given an overall grading of V, though much of the climbing was easier than this.



WE ALL KNOW ABOUT CONSTITUTIONS!

NEVERTHELESS.....

Opposite present and prospective club members will find the ammended Club Consitution. Since its adoption some 9 years ago, the constitution has served the club well, mostly by being forgotten or ignored. In that period it has, however, dated and changes were much overdue .... particularly because the club is required to submit a copy of its constitution to the Conservation Council as a condition of membership.

Hence the General Meeting of August 10 .... hence the insignificant ammendments ...hence the copy opposite. May we suggest that you too ignore it!

CLIMBING CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

CONSTITUTION

1. NAME :

The name of the organisation shall be the Climbing Club of South Australia.

2. AIMS :

- (a) To promote and develop the sport of climbing in all its aspects.
- (b) To provide instruction in the skills of climbing.
- (c) To associate and cooperate with other organisations with allied interests.

3. MEMBERSHIP :

- (a) Membership shall be open to all persons with an active and genuine interest in climbing provided they pay such dues as are required by this constitution.
- (b) Any person whose behaviour is deemed undesirable by the committee shall be excluded from or deprived of membership.
- (c) Persons so excluded or deprived shall have the right of appeal to a general meeting, from the decision of which there shall be no further appeal.

4. OFFICERS :

Officers of the Club shall be the President, Secretary/Treasurer. The officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, shall hold office for twelve months and be eligible for re-election.

5. PATRON :

The Club will, if it desires, nominate a patron or patrons. The position will be honorary and for a period of three years. The patron or patrons shall have voting rights equivalent to financial club membership.

6. MANAGEMENT :

- (a) A committee shall be appointed to manage the affairs of the Club and control its property.
- (b) It shall consist of the officers of the Club and five committee members of whom one will be newsletter editor; all committee members will be elected at the Annual General Meeting.
- (c) It shall have the power to appoint a new member to replace a member retiring during the course of a year.
- (d) It may make rules for the regulation of its own proceedings and those of the Club generally, provided they are consistent with this constitution.

7. MEETINGS :

- (a) An Annual General Meeting shall be held in June each year.
- (b) The Annual General Meeting shall -
  - (i) confirm the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting and of Special General Meetings, if any;
  - (ii) receive the Annual Report of the Committee;
  - (iii) receive the audited statement of receipts and payments and balance sheet for the financial year;
  - (iv) elect the officers and committee members for the ensuing year;
  - (v) appoint an auditor;
  - (vi) transact other business of which fourteen days' prior notice has been given.
- (c) Special General Meetings may be called by the President or at the request of five members provided that one month's notice is given to all members and the business to be discussed is on the notice.
- (d) Committee meetings shall be held monthly and at such other times as may be deemed necessary.
- (e) The President shall be chairman of all meetings save that, in his absence, a chairman shall be appointed from among the members present.
- (f) 30% of the financial members shall constitute a quorum at a general meeting, four members at a committee meeting.
- (g) Voting rights are confined to financial members. Each member shall have one vote but the Chairman shall also have a casting vote where there is equality of voting.
- (h) Accurate minutes shall be kept of all meetings.

8. FINANCE :

- (a) The committee shall cause to be kept proper books of account in which shall be kept full true and complete records of the affairs and transactions of the Club.
- (b) The Treasurer shall receive all moneys and issue receipts for same and shall submit a financial statement at each committee meeting.
- (c) The committee shall take the necessary steps to open a bank account in the name of the Club and all moneys received shall be paid into this account forthwith. All accounts shall be authorised and passed by the committee for that purpose. All cheques and withdrawals must be signed by any 2 of the Officers of the Club.
- (d) Subscriptions and other charges shall be determined by the committee and ratified at the Annual General Meeting. A person joining the Club for the first time during the course of a year shall pay a pro rata subscription as determined by the committee.

9. AUDIT :

Within the month prior to the Annual General Meeting (and also whenever requested by the President of the Club), the accounts of the Club shall be audited and the auditor shall report thereon to the Club.

10. ASSETS :

No part or parts of the assets of the Club shall be given or transferred in any way to any member or members of the Club except that payments in good faith may be made to a member of the Club for services rendered to the Club, or for goods supplied in the ordinary way of business or for any reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by a member of the Club acting under the authority of the committee.

11. EXCURSIONS :

- (a) Excursions may be organised in the Club's name by club members acting under the authority of the committee.
- (b) Neither the Club, nor any members thereof shall be liable in the event of any accident sustained by any persons while attending a club trip or engaged in any club activity.

12. ALTERATION OF CONSTITUTION :

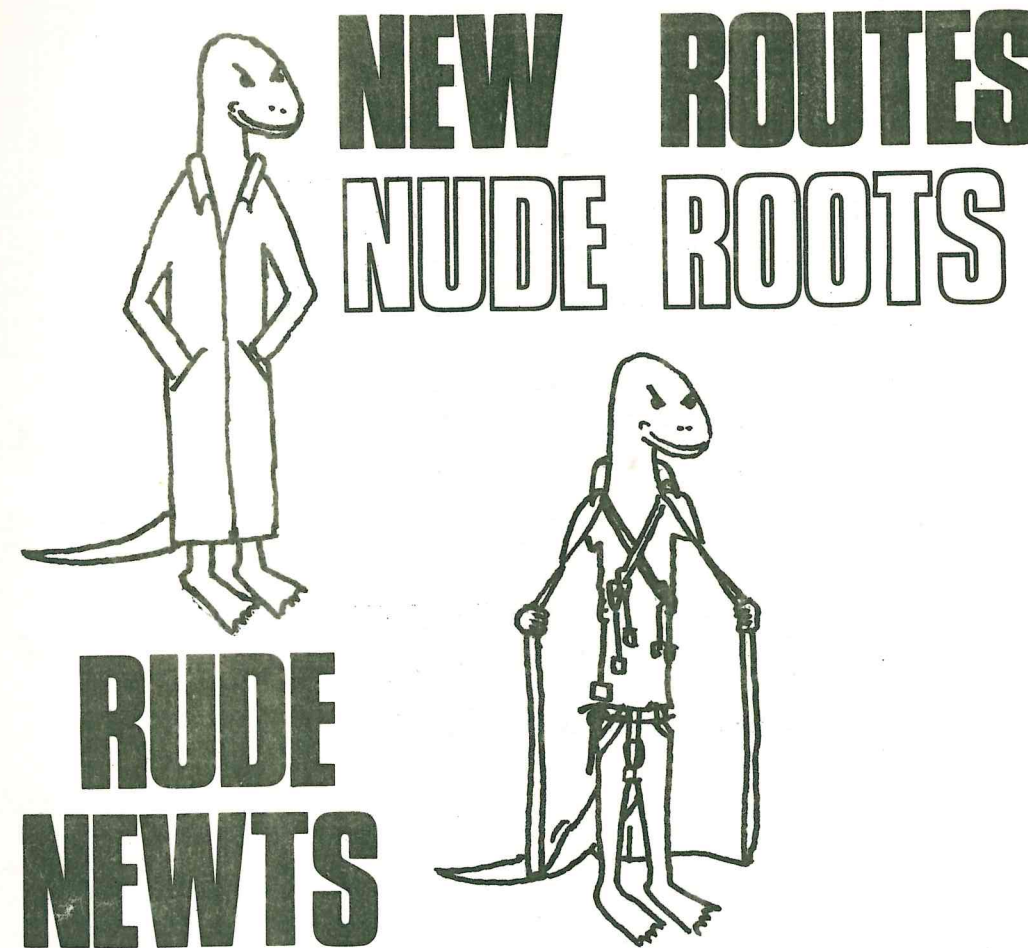
- (a) Alterations of this constitution may be made by a resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of those present and entitled to vote at a general meeting.
- (b) At least one calendar month's notice of the meeting and of the proposed alterations shall be given.

13. DISSOLUTION :

If at any time the committee considers that the Club should be dissolved, it shall present its reasons to a Special General Meeting of the Club. If a resolution for dissolution is carried by a majority of members, the real and personal property of the Club, after discharge of any debts, shall be disposed of as the members present see fit.

Adopted at the Inaugural Meeting, September 19 1967.  
Ammended at a General Meeting, August 10 1976.

There's nothing like eighteen months' worth of new routes to swell the otherwise un-inspired pages of a club newsletter. Since receiving this kind of information is a rare experience for S.A. climbers, it is only fair to warn that route descriptions in the newsletter are as supplied by first ascent parties. There is no check on length, grade or even existence of the new climbs. A further point may be made for new routes claimed at Buckaringa and Red Rock: both these areas have been visited by climbers in the past, although records of their routes are currently not available. If you are offended by the unwarranted claim of a new route at these (or other) areas, submit your gripe to the "Right- lay on the heavy stuff" page, care of the editors.



RED ROCK

VICTORIANS' CRACK 15m 16.

The obvious line with brief difficulties. Up the crack.  
C.Reece: January 1976.

GHASTLY RABBITFOOT 18m 18.

The faint weakness with little protection.  
Start on the wall beside an enormous overhang 5m left of Victorians' Crack. Move up and left across the wall above the overhang. Gain the left arete and finish up it.  
C.Reece: January 1976.

BUCKARINGA GORGE

These cliffs lie on the north-west of the main tourist road to the gorge. From left to right, the cliffs are: ABC Wall (rock tends to be loose and dangerous), then a scrubby gully, then South Wall- has a large cave and associated overhang. \*\*\* a large gully, the "wallaby gully", is used as a descent path \*\*\* Sheoak Wall extends about 60m to a U-shaped indentation, "Central Gully". Midnight Wall covers about 50m until the rock changes to a smooth pink. Piton Wall- excellent rock, tapers out at the right end.

# APPEARING SOON!

(But only for those who can read)

## ROCKCLIMBS IN THE ADELAIDE HILLS

### ...Buckaringa Gorge. SOUTH WALL

#### RADIATION LIMIT 24m 10.

Located 6m from the scrubby gully at the left end.  
S.Carter, B.Molyneux: 1975.

#### SOLAR 21m 11.

Solo to the large ledge. Continue over the bulge (crux) and up the oblique line.  
S.Carter, B.Molyneux: 28/6/75.

#### LA ROUTE SANS NOM 18m 15.

Start in the centre of the large cave. Layback the diagonal line to the roof; jam across and finish.  
M.Taylor, N.Andronis, S.Carter: June 1975.

### SHEOAK WALL

#### CONQUISTADOR 25m 11.

Just north of Wallaby Gully, this corner is one of the most impressive at Buckaringa.  
Climb the corner and continue up the wall at the top.  
S.Carter, B.Molyneux: 1975.

#### ewe BANDIT 14.

A discernable line at the left end of Sheoak Wall. Well protected, but involves difficult jamming.  
M.Taylor, S.Carter: June 1975.

#### GROPE 22m 11.

Straight up for 16m, then move right along the easiest line.  
S.Carter, B.Molyneux: 1975.

#### INCURABLE 22m 12.

Straight up on small holds to a bush, then continue on good jams to the top.  
S.Carter, B.Molyneux: 1975.

#### HECKLE 22m 10.

Move straight up, then left around a large bulge. Up the corner to the top.  
S.Carter, B.Molyneux: 1975.

#### JECKLE 22m 10.

Up and move right around a boulder to a small gully.  
S.Carter, B.Molyneux: 1975.

#### H.S.C. 28m 13.

No description, except this route appears to have been done before S.C. and B.M.'s time by someone who left hammer scars

#### HATE 30m 14 MO.

Start as for H.S.C.  
Up 6m, then traverse right along an obvious fault, using a sling for aid. Follow the next vertical fault with a small overhang, then easily to the top.  
S.Carter, B.Molyneux: 21/9/75.

#### STICKY FINGERS 28m 12.

Move up the direct line and left at the top for a hand jam overhang.  
S.Carter, B.Molyneux: 1975.

#### GROOVER 27m 10.

Climb the wall and move into the left hand corner of the arete.  
S.Carter, B.Mitchell: 12/7/75.

### CENTRAL GULLY

#### CIRRUS 29m 9.

Follow the left side of the central gully. Well protected and worthwhile.  
S.Carter, B.Molyneux:

#### CUMULO 29m 11.

An excellent climb on an obvious natural line.  
(1) 6m. Climb up to the ledge at the base of the corner.  
(2) 23m. Continue up the corner by airy bridging- enjoyable.  
S.Carter, G.Thomas: 1975.

#### HANDSHAKE IN SPACE 28m 12.

Starts with a small overhang, then straight up. The rock is a little rattly in places.  
S.Carter, B.Molyneux: 1975.

#### SEEDS OF TRANQUILITY 29m 13.

Move up on finger holds to a small overhanging block. Move left and over by bridging and jamming. More easily to the top.  
S.Carter, B.Molyneux: 12/7/75.

### MIDNIGHT WALL

#### BLUEBOTTLE 24m 6.

Toward the right end of Midnight Wall, just before Piton Wall: an easy route requiring bridging.  
S.Carter, B.Molyneux: 1975.

### PITON WALL

#### OMEGA 21m 15 MO.

Move up on small holds, then left at a V-crack on jams. A sustained crux on small holds to the slab and either finish on a juggy overhang or traverse



At the risk of the club degenerating into an odd assortment of socialising alcoholics (as fears our President!), C.C.S.A. is organising an excursion into the Land of Bacchus: Yes compagnons, a club

**Wine Bottling!** For  
in early September. With an eye to climbers' scrupulous taste & discernment, offerings this time include a premium red ("...a fascinatingly eager, charmingly naïve little number", commented our resident authority.) & a superior reising ("...laffy/dod..." stuttered the same by this stage in the proceedings incapable of separating the vertical from the horizontal!!). Both wines were delicately coaxed from selected grapes in 1975 at **Wilstford** Lyndoch.

With the other eye to climbers' traditional impecuniousness,

lots of 5 bottles of either wine are offered for \$4.00 or 80¢ per bottle - approximately 33.33% less than cellar door prices!

**Formidable N'est-ce pas?**

Bottling (what doesn't get consumed) takes place in ceremonial ritual at the winery which supplies the wherewithal, except labour and bottles. Clean bottles should therefore be provided. A charge of 12¢ per bottle will be exacted if you cannot supply your own caskets. Barbecue facilities are available & should be exploited; the Vate should provide a new route or 2.

Firm orders to C.Hill. Confirmation and details of final arrangement in future BOLFA.

...Buckaringa Gorge, Piton Wall.

off to the right. Nut for rest at the crux.

S.Carter, B.Molyneux: 27/7/75.

**INQUISITION** 27m 16.

A sustained and hard route. Climb the direct line on small holds. Step up using a loose flake and continue to an easier finish.

S.Carter, B.Molyneux: 27/7/75.

**LOST ARROW** 15m 10.

A great fun climb with good protection. The diagonal line moving right at the right end of Piton Wall.

S.Carter, B.Molyneux: 27/7/75.

(In order to prevent confusion arising from the above descriptions, an attempt will be made to produce annotated diagrams for both Buckaringa and Red Rock in a subsequent issue of this newsletter.)

#### MOONARIE LOWER CRAGS

**YARBO** 54m 13.

Located in the centre of the Lower Crag, approx 14 on the scale.

(1) 23m 6. Climb the slab in the left hand corner and move up easily through overhangs and scrubby ledges.

(2) 9m 10. Walk left across the belay ledge. Climb the bulging wall and continue up the left side of the wall. Belay just before a slab.

(3) 21m 13. Move carefully up the corner of the slab to a large roof, which is turned on the right at an obvious break. Protection is moderate.

S.Carter, B.Molyneux: 7/3/76.

#### PUNCHBOWL

**GOAT'S HEAD SOUP** 65m 11.

Starts in a gully right of Crystal Ridge. This gully has a 6m rock step near the bottom and an impressive crack-line through two roofs on the left wall. The climb ends in the chimney high up on the right wall.

(1) 40m 10. Up steeply right, then traverse left to a groove. Belay in the scoop below the overhang.

(2) 25m 11. Jam the overhang then easily up the chimney to the top.

C.Reece, S.Carter: March 1975.

#### CHECKERS WALL

**PAGODA DIRECT** 24m 19.

Starts as for the second pitch of Pagoda. Climb straight up the steepening corner crack. Out across the roof, then belay in the nearby scoop on Pagoda. H.Barber (second used aid) 18/4/75.

#### THE RAMPARTS

**PERHAPS** 115m 17.

An intricate route with highly varied climbing. Starts as for Spartacus.

(1) 20m 14. To a prominent wide ledge on Spartacus.

(2) 42m 15. Straight up the left wall about 10m, then left to the nose which is followed roughly until it steepens near some loose blocks. Traverse 8m left at an obvious line, then easily to a belay ledge at the base of a large RH corner.

(3) 14m 13. Up the corner, exit by squeezing through a gap between boulders on the spacious Carter ledge.

(4) 16m 15. Climb the overhang at a weakness near the right end, up a mossy bit to a thread belay on the next ledge about 2m left of the Spartacus line.

(5) 23m 17. Head slightly left across easy ledges to finish up the monumental wall crack.

C.Reece, J.Marshall: 18/4/76.

**REMNANT** 114m 16 M2.

The front of GRRC Buttress. Start below the weakness in the 3m roof slightly left of the centre of the buttress.

(1) 25m 16 M2. Up the thin crack to the roof and cross it with the three pegs in place. Follow the steep corner and obvious line curving left to a stance in a scoop.

(2) 37m 15 MO. A devious pitch. Meander around the area of the left arete and gain the mossy central crack at a weakness just above its base. Up it (one nut for rest) to a gigantic scoop. Belay in a crack at the ledge above and right.

(3) 34m 15. Head left and up onto a block left around the arete and up a bomb-bay corner. Straight up and over a 4m roof to a belay ledge with commanding aspects.

(4) 18m 14 MO. Crawl right inside the incut to a peg runner at the nose. Move out and tension right (exposed) to a foot hold. Finish in a thin crack

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up the middle of the buttress.  
C.Reece, R.Lawrence, J.Marshall:  
24-25/4/76.

VICTOUR 100m 18 MO.

Please note that the aid in this climb has been reduced to one nut for rest in the first pitch.

## GREAT WALL

RIP OFF 40m M6.

Risk a 10m fall in the first pitch. Start 6m left of Infirmary- belay from a dead tree.

(1) 26m M6. Start on a small flake, veer left a bit, then two rurs, a 25mm angle and some tiny nuts lead to a bolt. Continue with a poor knifeblade, a tiny nut and four rurs to a good horizontal crack. Wider, easier cracks to a narrow ledge with bolt and piton anchors.

(2) 14m M2. Move straight up on horizontal cracks until a large horizontal incut is reached. The easy crack finishes at a tree.

C.Reece (solo) 8/11/75.

OUTSIDE CHANCE 50m 16.

The left arete of the Great Wall. Solo up to the enormous ledge.

(1) 30m. Obvious start. Move left above the roof, then up the arete, making small rightward excursions onto the wall for runners. Belay on a tiny ledge.

(2) 20m. Finish up Sorcerer's Apprentice. H.Barber, M.James, C.Reece: 18/4/75.

## MORIALTA THE THRONE ROOM

HARPIC 15m 8.

At the very left end of the Throne Room wall. Straight up and into the corner.

G.Hill, C.Hill: 18/8/76.

## MILESTONE BUTTRESS

THE EAVESDROPPER 8m 14.

Tackles the prominent roofed outcrop 20m right of Beehive. Climb the roof at the crack in the centre.

T.Prime, C.Hill, G.Hill: 14/8/76.

My Goodness, you may be thinking, that's jolly kind of the Climbing Club to let me have a free copy of their newsletter. I wonder how many more I'll get. Rack your brains no further, fellow climber/ aspirant/ enthusiast/ camp follower, for this is the first and last freeby.

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