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Scott,

The following is a list of routes that you established during your years in Thunder Bay. This list is taken from a working copy of a future guidebook for the Thunder Bay area. If you could please take a few moments to ensure the accuracy of the descriptions below and if possible could you add any missing information to them. Also if you notice any routes that you put up in T. Bay that didn't make the list below, please let me know and I will be happy to include them. In my draft of the guidebook I am missing several first ascent credits to routes at the Bluffs and Silver Harbour, if you remember any first ascents that your climbing partners may have put up it would also be a great help to me. If you remember any entertaining stories or have any photos that you feel would add to the character of the book please send them along. In return for your help I would like to include your name in the acknowledgements, if you do not object. Also I can send you out a couple of guidebooks whenever this project goes to bed.

Thanks a lot Scott, feel free to give me a shout if you have any questions or if I can help jog your memory with any of the info that I have here.

Claghorn

TV's and Torsos **Not mine but I do know that walter was involved in this and someone from**
5.10 **40m** Trad *** **Outward Bound**
F.A. Scott Morgan & Walter Mann **Date?**

A definite classic offering excellent clean climbing with good protection, on a direct and sustained line. The route begins with a finger crack in a corner that soon leads to a spectacular move up through a roof and directly into a nice varying hand/fist crack. Enjoy a more technical crux right at the end.

Squaw Bay

Alpine Outing Area

Let's be Frank

5.8 75m 2P Trad *** P1- 5.8+ 50m P2- 5.8 20m

F.A. Scott Morgan, Dave Nix, & Scott Hamilton, 1994

To get to the first belay batman up the fixed rope for **10m**.

P1 - Start at the top of the fixed rope, heading up and left across the face (bolt). This route shares the same mantle crux as Cedar Haven but then traverses right on a ledge for **100m?** to a nice crack leading to the top. Follow it up past several ledges to a gear belay right of a small cedar tree.

P2 – Straight up the crack to a 2 bolt belay.

Pro to 3", with extra medium stoppers, and long draws. Rappel down Cedar Haven (**10m** left).

******Traverse on ledge is about 5m to a crack that heads straight up. If you miss the crack you've got to be blind!!! This route is pretty obvious from the road. Myself and Dave cleaned this route on top belay going all the way to the bottom of crack (end of the traverse ledge) we both cleaned and top roped it. We spent a good 6 hours cleaning. This is a stunning route with good rock and excellent gear once you get past the mantle crux (which I think should have a bolt on the right hand side of the ledge you mantle onto. A couple days after when dave Nix wasn't available I went out and lead the 1st pitch and Scott Hamilton lead the**

second. I have therefore put my name first on the FA I personally think Dave Nix should go second (he lead the route 1 or 2 days later) and Scott Hamilton's name should go last.

Morgan Route - Scott this is just left of Let's Be Frank, did you ever get back to finish it?
5.9? open project?

F.A.

Needs cleaning

I started cleaning and finished cleaning another 2nd pitch finish to Cedar Haven but never got back to climb it and it looks nice. climb 1st pitch of Cedar Haven to chain belay then head out to the right follow flake/crack out right a few meters and then follow crack to top.

I also started cleaning a route to the right of Let's be Frank about 5 to 10m. I believe there are 2 bolts at the top of the climb that you can rap down off of. This route would follow cracks and large flakes and looked to be in the 5.10+ range with potential for a R rating. Definitely a good potential line for the bold climber. You could most likely do a start to this route by heading out right from the long ledge that is the start for Let's be Frank and Cedar Haven. I also believe there could be a direct start to Let's be Frank.

Peeping Squaw Lookout Note there are also some climbs somewhere to the left of the Spiral Galaxy across to Gully that you can hike up to get to the top of the cliff. There is info in one of the old Outcrop journal. The alpine club has a binder with all the old editions contact Frank for them I believe.

Beam Me up Scotty

5.10a 32m Mixed? **

F.A. Julian Anfossi & Scott Morgan, Date?

Climb the open book crack up the large ledge and then up to the face to a fixed belay. 3 bolts.

***We climbed this on Sept. 26, 1992. Mixed climb start at bottom of open book climb up open book passing a piton near the bottom to ledge then move out right slightly to first bolt and then up face past 3 more bolts (1 piton and 4 bolts in total, gear is also need throughout the route. THIS IS NOT A SPORT ROUTE!). There is another excellent looking climb that would traverse out right at first bolt a couple of meters and then head up the face. Probable 5.11-5.12 if my memory is correct. At the top of Beam Me up Scotty there are 2 bolts threded with webbing and a rap ring. ***Note you can not get to this rap anchor from the top of Illusion Solution. This rap station can be used and is the best option to get down from Spiral Galaxiy

Illusion Solution

5.8 A2 60m 2P Trad 0 P1- 35m 5.9 A2 P2- 25m 5.9 A1

F.A. Julian Anfossi & Scott Morgan, Date? 1992?

P1- Climb up flakes and ledges left of Right Hand Man. Negotiate a couple small overhangs heading up and right to a series of finger cracks. The first ascent party aided this section (A2). Step right on a ledge and use the bolted belay on Right Hand Man.

P2- Head up to the pine tree continuing up the crack to the top.

***This climb is 5.8 or 5.9 A1 not A2. I lead the first pitch Julian the second. The 1st pitch was free climbed for the first ½ and a bit then A1 up a thin crack and a traverse right then free climbing again to large ledge. I am not 100% sure if there is belay bolts on this ledge. I know Julian went back and tried to add 2 but broke 1 or 2 bits trying to hand drill them he had to dirve all the way back to the city and jumar back up again. That day he broke 2 or 3 bits. He was also trying to add bolts at the top of pokey kitty. The second pitch heads out left up a crack and chimney to a large coniferous tree (pine I think). There is a rap sling on this tree. Be cautious rapping of the tree. On the first ascent while rapping down we knocked a

rock out of the chimney and put a nice little gash in a brand new rope. We then rapped of a large rock on the belay ledge.

Right Hand Man

5.10+ 25m Trad *

F.A. Julian Anfossi & Scott Morgan, **Date?** 92?

From the bolted belay on the ledge head up the hand and fist crack to the top.

***Julian top roped this solo when he rapped down to the belay ledge to try and bolt the belay. When I left T-Bay in 1996 to the best of my knowledge no one else had lead it or climbed it.

1-900-Hrdcore

5.9 27m Trad *

F.A. P1 Shaun Parent & Scott Kress, 1990 (aid) - **Do you think this is bullshit? No Shaun wasn't much of a rock climber and Scott I believe was just starting climbing.**

F.F.A. Julian Anfossi & Scott Morgan, **Date?**

Climb the open book corner then move left up a bit and then start heading back right and up the face passing 2 or 3 pitons on the way to a 2 piton belay.

***shaun and Scott K to the best of my knowledge did aid this to the top of the good crack (8-10 m) I believe there are 3 bolts (may only be 2) beside the crack. Julian at some later date solo aid climbed the rest of the route to a height of 25 m. There are a couple (3 I think) pitons fixed along the way. Route ends at 2 pitons. You can lower off here with a 50 m and you should just make it or you end up 1-2 m off the ground and you have to down climb. After Julian aided it him and I came back the next day and both lead the route. Another day Julian and I hiked to the very top of this route and I was lowered down by Julian from the very top of cliff to the top of this climb where the lower anchors are and tried linking the moves to the top but found the climbing to be extremely difficult. I suspect now that my climbing level has dramatically improved that the climbing was in the 5.12 - 5.13 range.

Cam-a-lot - **Scott did you and J.C. get the FFA or who?**

5.10a 65m 2P Trad **** P1- 50m 5.10a P2- 15m 5.8

F.A. Scott Morgan & J.C. Debeau, 1995, **Month?**

This climb was originally named Meteor Showers by Brendan Wayne who made an attempt on the route in the early to mid 90's. It was later freed to the top by Scott Morgan and J.C. Debeau in 1995. Subsequent parties have since scrubbed and bolted the belay on it.

P1- Inside the huge chute follow the crack on the left. Sustained liebacking and stemming to the rappel station at the top of the chute.

P2- Follow crack up to the right, belay from trees. The second pitch is dirty and loose, not recommended.

***Brendan climbed this up about 20m where he lowered off webbing slung around a rock chock stuck in the left hand crack. I later climbed the first pitch using approx. 18 camming units for protection, cleaning as I went. The left hand wall was very scaly. The route involves some nice hand jamming and lots of stemming. If I remember it is even slightly overhanging. The 1st pitch uses both the right and left crack for climbing and protection. Use the left for the first 20 – 25 m and then alternate the rest of the way. I believe the pitch was a full rope length to a small grassy ledge. JC lead the last very short pitch to the top. This is definitely a stunning route if it got cleaned up a bit and saw some traffic! A great and interesting climb.

Pokey Kitty

A3 40m 0

F.A. Julian Anfossi & Scott Morgan, **Date?** Oct 1993 I believe the 11th.

Just to the right of Poky Puppy ascend the left of the two cracks up to two fixed pins.

April Fools

A2 1.5 pitches

FA Scott Morgan and Julian Anfossi April 1 1994

This climb is located about 15 – 25m right of Pokey Kitty and it starts up a small right facing open book corner type crack. I lead the first pitch and it is approx. 20-30m ending on a ledge which a boulder that is slung (or was in 94') with a cordlette or webbing. Julian then headed out left for 4-6m and up some smaller cracks to a ledge (was a fixed nut on the left side of the ledge). Julian tried to go left off the ledge but fell. He then headed off to the right and into a large crack. Julian placed a #4 camalot in the crack which subsequently failed when he weighted it (the rock around it was soft and flakey) sending him for round 2. While he fell the rope pulled a bread loaf sized boulder which was lying on the ledge. I then had the pleasure of watching this rock colliade with Julians left shoulder resulting in a trip to the hospital. Of course their was the issue of getting off the climb and driving down the snow covered road!!! This line has the potential to go all the way to the top of the cliff in 2 or 3 pitches and looked to be a nice aid line. Take a bolt kit to assist in going left at the ledge which is the better line if I remember. There may be 2 or 3 fixed pieces on the 2nd pitch which went up approx. 15-20m. I hope this info is correct in regards to location and distances its been a while since I was there. Frank or Dave Nix may know the location of the climb as they both came with my a week later to retrieve a bunch of gear we had to leave when retreating. To get it back I ended up tying 2 ropes together and rapping down from the top passing the knot along the way.

Sliver Harbour When Julian wrote the guide to this area he specifically did not list any 1st ascent names as a number of the routes had been climbed before but very little info was available and some of the original lines had overgrown when we arrived on the scene in the 90's. I think it would be great not to list the names except for those lines that were done after the Silver harbour guide came out. I did a number of routes with Julian and on my own during the making of the guide and am unable to remember what I cleaned and climbed. I can remember some and if you want this info I can dig it up for you.

Black Stallion Arete

5.10d 10M Sport ***

F.A. Scott Hamilton & Scott Morgan, 1994 Month? Oct. I believe

Ascend broken shale to solid rock. Climb up the steep west arete on small holds. This route is sustained and strenuous. Classic. 5 bolts, rap hangers.

Morgan's Magic - Scott this must be yours eh? Yes and so is Alley. Which should be spelled Ally. It was named after my now wife. Allyson Miscampbell.

5.8 Trad **

F.A.

From easy steps start hand jamming the sharp crack to the top.

Leaning Tower 5.11? mixed route

FA Scott Hamilton

FFA Scott Morgan

Scott do you have an e-mail address for Julian or J.C.? – thanks JB

Julian's phone # is 250-344-5535 he now lives in Golden BC and I don't think he has email. If you call him you may have to try a few times to get him even if you leave a message. He can be hard to get hold of especially late Sept to Nov.

Randy Reed and I climbed a couple of routes on a very nice cliff that is out towards the boarder. As you head towards the boarder on the right side of the road is a long set of cliffs that look to be quite high but are in fact approx. 25m high. The cliff is past big thunder and past boy scout road.

Talk to Randy about it if you haven't. This crag has awesome potential for crack and face routes and there are many routes that could be done with very little cleaning.

Good luck with your project. I would love to see a final copy when it is done or even review it for you before it goes to print. Let me know if I can be of any more assistance.

Scott Morgan

PS sorry I took so long to get this info to you. I hope it is not to late.