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## **BMC International Winter Meet as part of the Global Youth Summit**

This year the BMC decided to offer this meeting as a UIAA Global Youth Summit event, although some older people took part, there were 31 participants in the 20-30 age group. It was an opportunity for more experienced climbers to take out those less familiar with Scottish winter climbing. Traditionally this meeting also attracts some of the world's best climbers and often new routes are established in harsh conditions! Here is a report of some of the days events from the BMC website....

The BMC and MC of S Winter International Meet 2007 starts today. The meet is based at Glenmore Lodge near Aviemore in Scotland. There are 45 international guests from 22 countries attending the meet. There are also 30 hosts from all over the UK showing our guests the delights of Scottish winter climbing, walking and mountaineering.

**Monday.** Conditions today were excellent and international guests and UK hosts returned tired but delighted with their full day.

A vast range of things were done today, from 20km high level walks to new routes. The following were just some of the routes climbed in excellent conditions on Ben Nevis.

- Smith's Route V 5
- Psychedelic Wall VI 6
- Albatross VI 6
- Savage Slit V 6
- Hobgoblin VI 7 with a new direct finish VII 7
- Babylon VII 8
- Thompson's Route IV 5
- Point Five V 5
- Tower Ridge IV 3
- North East Buttress IV
- Cresta IV
- Central Gully Right Hand IV 4
- The Slab Climb VI 7

The photograph, by Vivian Scott, shows Ian Parnell in red and Kristoffer Szilas (Denmark) making what is thought to be the 3rd ascent of Babylon. Up and to the left of Ian (approx 11 o'clock) you might just be able to make out Rok Zalckar (Slovenia) following Es Tresidder's new direct finish to Hobgoblin VII 7. The 4th ascent of Babylon was made shortly afterwards by John Varco and Freddie Wilkinson (both USA). Hooker's Corner V 6 was also climbed.

Simon Richardson and Sean Isaac (Canada) went to the rarely visited Braeriach and did an excellent three pitch new route graded V 6.



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**Some of the routes done today include:**

Tower ridge IV 4

Wedigo IV 4

Morwind III 4

Gargoyle VI 6

Diana V 5

JP is Back IV 5

Cascade IV 5

Indicator Wall (Rght Hand) V 5

Es Tressider and Paul Sab (Germany) did Stringfellow VI 6

Freddie Wilkinson (USA) and Rok Zalokar (Slovenia) did 3rd ascent of Sioux Wall VIII 8 including the upper pitches. (photo Viv Scott)

Albatros VI 5

Darth Vader VII 8

Stu MacAleese and Tomaz Jakofcic (Slovenia) did Cornercoupia VII 9

Dave MacLeod, Hiroyoshi Manome and Katsutaka Yokoyama (both Japan) did a new route on the Comb above the Good Groove graded VIII 8. A great present for Hiroyoshi who celebrates his birthday today!

Viv Scott and Domagoj Bojko (Croatia) did a new route VIII 8 that takes the obvious hanging chimney just left of South Sea Bubble Viv has provisionally named the route Salva Mea.

Ian Parnell and Sean Isaac (Canada) did a new line based around the line of Last Stand on the Sioux Wall and provisionally named it Curly's Arete VIII 8

The BMC would like to thanks all the hosts and all the international guests for contributing to a fantastic week as well as all the staff at Glen Lodge for all their unflagging support.

**Nick Colton said, 'We had a really good crowd of people (45 International guests and about 40 UK hosts) who got on very well. I think there were 6 major new routes done. However, there were really only a few days of really good conditions and a few crap days of rain etc - but that's Scotland for you.'**

**Nick Colton [www.thebmc.co.uk](http://www.thebmc.co.uk)**

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