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DESCRIPTION OF MY ALPINISTIC CAREER

I was born in Ljubljana in 1961, 18 May. I am a member of the Alpine Club of PD Domžale (a mountaineering association in Slovenia). I am also a member of The Mountain Rescue Team in Kamnik a cave rescuer and alpinist-instructor. Since 1979 when I had started my alpinistic career I have done more than 800 ascents and 80 of them was first ascents or new routes. I took part in nine expeditions in the mountains of Asia, North America, South America and in the most difficult faces in Europe. As an alpinist I occupy myself with all kinds of alpinism including free climbing, combined ascents (ice and rocks), winter ascents in Himalaya - the highest peaks on the World. Six years I was also a chief of the Alpine Club (AO Domžale).

Films were also taken about my three successful climbs: Osp - Pajčevina v strehi sveta (A cobweb in the roof of the World), it is a 70m overhang.

Cerro Torre - Peklenska gora (A hellish mountain), prod. RTV Lj. This film was represented on many sport and alpinistic film festivals. It was awarded with special price in Trento - Italy. Cerro Torre - South Face, production RTV Lj., film directors: Janez Jeglič, Silvo Karo, Boštjan Korbar. The film also took part in many festivals. In Trento - Italy it got "Silver Encian". This is an award for the best alpinistic film and it was prized by UIAA too - this time for the best alpinistic achievement that took part in this festival. On the festival in Nova Gorica it got "Srebrni Triglav". This was the first award of this kind for a slovene film in the history.

I wrote many articles that were published in domestic and foreign press. I had also some interviews on the radio and on the TV.

Here are some magazines and newspapers where I publish my results: Dnevnik, Jana, Antena, Sportske novosti, Arena, Poročevalec, Primorski dnevnik, Večer, Delo etc. About my ascents report also all well-known alpinistic magazines over the world like French Vertical, Italian Alp, German Bergsteiger, Japanese Iwa ToYuki, English Mountain, American Alpine Journal etc. Two books were written about expeditions I cooperated in. I also lectured about all my expeditions and some other ascents many times in Slovenia, YU and few times abroad too.

According to my alpinistic results I was chosen among the best climbers in Slovenia and YU few times and I was awarded with the highest prices. Under categorisation of YU sportists I was in international class few times.

My alpinistic identity card:

1982: Colorado 82, USA. There I first climbed mark nine (-IX, 250 m). That was the most difficult ascent in YU free climbing.

1983: I climbed Travnik up to Tamar four times in one day: Aschenbrenner's route (VI+, 700m), Zajeda (Crack), VI, 500m, Hudeček - Juvan, VI 800m and Aschenbrenner, 800m. In Kogel I climbed Kramar - direct, VII, 260m. That was the most difficult solo ascent in our sport climbing.

Fitz Roy, 3400m, Argentina. Three of us climbed a new route Hudičeva zajeda (The Devil's Crack), VI+, A2, and with this ascent we caught world level of climbing in Patagonia.

1984: I climbed many new routes in our the hardest walls with different colleagues. I also raised the topic grade level in solo ascents when I climbed route Pajkova streha (Spider's Roof), A3. In Triglav - Sfinga wall, we climbed a new route grade VIII, which was again the most difficult free climbed route at home.

1985: I was chosen in Himalaya expedition team to Yalung Kang, 8505 m, led by Tone Škarja. We climbed new route called Iskra (The Spark), VI/70°, III/40°, 3500 m from north to top. I reached the point of 7500 m. Our leader stopped the expedition because of an accident.

Borut Bergant died when he and Tomo Česen were coming back from the summit.

France: Grandes Jorasses, 4200 m. Three climbers succeeded in very hard and dangerous route Rolling Stones: VI A3, 1100 m, 22 hours, second repetition.

1986: East Face of Cerro Torre, 3128 m, Argentina

New route: Peklenska diretisima (Hell's direttissima) VIII+/VII-, A3/A4, 70 - 95°, 1200 m. The ascent is declared as the most difficult in Patagonia.

Matterhorn, 4400 m, Switzerland, solo ascent, route Piola - Steiner with variant in north face (VI, 90°, first repetition, 1100 m, 8 hours).

Torre Egger, 2900m, Argentina

Three climbers including me climbed a new route Psycho Vertical, VII+/A3, 90°, 950 m.

El Mocho, Argentina: Sivorumena puščica (Grey-yellow arrow), VIII, A0, 13 hours, 450 m, first ascent.

1987: My colleague and I climbed few new routes for training and in French Alps repeated Supercoluar in Mont Blanc.

Cerro Torre - South Face: My colleague and I climbed over South Face in direction of new route, which is still one of the most difficult in whole South America: VII, A3/A4, 75°, 1200 m.

1988: Cerro Torre - South Face, film was finished.

1989: Triglav, Prusik - Szalay + Jakob Aljaž, VI+/A2, first repetition, solo winter ascent, 1000 m, 7 hours.

Široka peč, Toča (Hail) VI+/A2/A3, 450 m, first and winter ascent with coclimber.

I repeated also many routes in the meaning of sport climbing graded IX-.

1990: My colleague and I climbed routes Ljubilejna + Čopov Steber, in two days and a half (VII+/VI) in winter, 950 m.

Triglav, Helba, solo winter ascent up and route Peternelova (VI+) down, both in three hours, up 350 m and 350 m down.

In Osp, Mišja peč I climbed route Preobrazba IX+.

During summer I succeeded in many routes graded nine, among them a route Sužnja dinozavra (A slave of a dinosaur), on sight, IX-/VIII+, in Vipava - Bela.

In solo ascent I climbed a route Možganski mrk (An Eclipse of the branes), IX-.

The same way I climbed a route Razvalina življenja (A Ruin of the life), also IX-.

India, Garval Himalaya, Bhagirati III, 6454 m

New route in alpine style my colleague Silvo Karo and I made in six days (VIII, A4, 85°). This is an ascent which is in opinion of experts announced as one of the most difficult technical ascents in Indian Himalaya. This extremely exhausting route is named "Jeglič - Karo".

Nepal, Mount Everest, 8848 m, I reached the summit on Oct. 7, 1990 at 14 (at Nepalese time).