

**KNOYDART:**

The ferry boat from Arnisdale to Barrisdale no longer operates.

**DRUIM SHIONNACH, West Face:**

The line on the diagram for *Deceptive Chimney* is not quite correct. The chimney itself is left of where the line is drawn, although the start and finish of the route are correct. A couple of ascents have thought IV,4 so that is now the accepted grade.

**CREAG COIRE AN T-SLUGAIN:**

*Flaky Ridge* has seen several ascents and a consensus grade seems to be III,5.

The date in the FA list is wrong for the following. Below is correct.

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**AONACH AIR CHRITH:**

At least two parties have thought *Mica Schist Special* to be IV,5 but it is not unanimous.

**SGURR NAN CONBHAIREAN:**

The route *Corn in Egypt* (p61) should be named *Icestasy*. It is correct in the FA list. The easiest descent (unless there is no cornice) is by the ridge as described for Lochan Uaine Buttress.

**WHITE DYKE (FA list, p370):**

Most routes were done by M.MacLeod, R.Roe and R.Watson from 1973-1978. N.Smith and A.Forrest did some harder routes in the early 80s.

**DUNCRAIG:**

Notes from Mike Lates, who enjoyed climbing on the crag, but found approaches and descents difficult to follow and would like some photodiagrams, which he might take in due course. Specific notes:

*Brigadier* E3 5c deserves 2 stars. Very good.

*Easy Rider* (1 star for pitch 1 and general adventure above).

Pitch 1 as described.

Pitch 2 10m. Climb a steep wall on the left for 5m to large flat ledge (traverse of Babylon goes right?), then step left to belay at large blocks.

Pitch 3 To join Shenaval, traverse perched blocks left (lower is easier) for 5m. Climb easily to a rotten rowan at foot of the final clean wall. Climb this on good positive holds for 8m. Continue as described.

**SGURR NA FEARTAIG - Descent:** The Coire Leiridh path is easily found above the cliff. For a return to the cliff base and the Allt Coire a' Bhainidh path, there are two options.

1. Scramble down and abseil from a tree near the east end of the icefalls (just west of *The Ice Channel*).
2. Go to just east of the icefalls and walk steeply down, either just east of *The Ice Channel* or the next open gully to the east.

**FUAR THOLL:**

*Pipped at the Post:*

The option for pitch 3 is to traverse left, not right.

**FUAR THOLL, Lower South-East Nose:**

*The Ramp* is Grade III (not Grade II) and starts up a turfy fault left of the true diagonal fault to join it higher up. *Irish Grooves* may well be IV,4 (not III,4).

**FUAR THOLL, Mainreachan Buttress:**

Pitch 3 of *Moriarty* refers to *Sherlock's* pitch 4. This should be *Sherlock's* pitch 3.

**SGORR RUADH:**

*Tango in the Night* seems not to be worth 4 stars, as some folk have been disappointed. Maybe three?

*Splintery Edge* was thought to be IV,5.

**SGORR RUADH, Upper Buttress:**

The following route should be added.

40 Wildcat Gully 140m I (1983)

An uncomplicated snow gully to the right of *Riotous Ridge*. It has a detached splintery pinnacle splitting it some way up and the route goes to the right of this. It is clearly seen from Torridon village and is one of the last lines to lose its snow.

**MAOL CHEAN-DEARG:**

*Hidden Gully* should be Grade I (not II).

**MEALL GORM:**

Allen Fyffe found *Lobster Gully* very hard and in fact failed on it. Another party has failed in the past so it is almost certainly harder than IV,5. Tim Rodgers & Mike Lea climbed it on 23 March 2013 and said hard V,6.

**SGURR A' CHAORACHAIN, A' Chioch:**

Colin Stead and party thought *Snothard* to be VS 4c 4c, high in the grade and that the guide didn't make it clear that it started at the height of the end of pitch 1 of *Cioch Nose* (ie. climb this pitch first).

The following was only recorded on UKClimbing.

Nyahootna 130m E2 5c \*\*. Topher Dagg, Ken Darkness. Jun 1998.

Start 5m to the right of Gritstone Grooves, immediately right of a prominent roof.

1. 30m 5b Go up a shallow recess, traverse left to nose and move up to short chimney and wide ledge. Belay 3m right on a spike.
2. 25m 5c Climb a short crack to a ledge under a scary down-pointing spike. Pass this to the right and move diagonally right across slab to a break. Go up and left to a flake (crux), then continue up a crack and corner to a ledge.
3. 25m 5a Climb cracks from the right of the ledge and then a slab to under a roof. Traverse right to pass the roof and up to belay.
4. 50m - Easier ground leads to the top.

### **SGÙRR A' CHAORACHAIN, South Face p157:**

2 Ganglion 35m E1 (1971)

To the left of the clean wall is an obvious groove leading to a large black recess below an overhanging section. Abseil tat in the recess indicates that it used to be **GRADED VS**.

1. 20m 4b Climb the groove and crack to belay in a recess below overhangs.
2. 15m 5a Traverse the halfway ledge left for 4m and make scary moves up to a large flake under the capping roof. Finish round the left end of the roof.

The first pitch of Sword of Gideon is more like 60m than 45m.

### **BEINN BHAN, Coire na Poite:**

The nearby route *Realisation* does remain independent from *Adventures of Toad*, despite the entry in current guidebook. Photodiagram provided by Simon Yearsley.

### **SEANA MHEALLAN**

Geoff Cohen notes: For *Left in the Lurch* there is a discrepancy between the description which says "step right & climb the wall to the top" and the diagram which shows the line going left at the top. I went right about 30 feet below the top, at an obvious place, but found I had to do a series of pretty run-out moves (not technically desperate, but no gear for a long way). If this is the right way I think the guide might mention that the route is run-out. By contrast, the mention of powerful moves in the lower part may not be necessary, in that this part of the climb is at least very safe - agreed it is powerful, but it's very well protected.

Andy Nisbet: the diagram is wrong, although the marked route may be an alternative.

*Seams the Same* should be '(5b without using the crack of *Looks Different* for initial holds) should be Seams Obvious.

### **SEANA MHEALLAN WEST, Opinions from Allen Fyffe:**

*Off with her Head* - not VS, maybe Severe and not two stars.

*Archangel* - good

*Dolphin Friendly* - very good, sustained, worth 3 stars if really cleaned up

*Skate* - still shakey holds on the rockfall scar.

*Heather says Sunshine* - good, easy for grade

*Incognito* - seemed hard for the grade

*Cairn Terrier* - seemed hard for VS maybe HVS

### **Opinions from John Lyall:**

*Nasal Abuse* E2 5b

*Fish and Chips* maybe \*\*\*

### **Notes from Colin Moody:**

p221 The red line on route 19 is an alternative line which has been climbed at the same grade.

p225 Route 32 is left of the grassy crack not up it.

**Erick Baillot offers the following opinions:**

*Skye and Kyle against Trugs*. HVS 5a \*. fair

*Fish and Chips* E1 5b \*\*. hardly harder than Skat.

*Outswinger* E2 5c \*. bang on the money. would give it 2\*

*Nasal Abuse* E1 5b \*\*. perfect grading.

*Age of Confusion* E3 5c \*\*\*. soft 5c but E3 for sure as it is serious.

*Mechanical Sheep* E2 6a \*\*\*. Felt like E1 5c. fully deserves \*\*\*.

*Hadrian's Wall* E1 5b \*\*. a bit low in the grade but would keep it at this.

*Heather said Sunshine* HVS 5a \*. VS, a world apart from Skat above.

**DIABAIG:**

*Route One* is perhaps worth three stars. Climbing the hard section direct on pitch 2 is 5b.

The hard section of *The Dominie* is the start of the second pitch, not the middle.

The guide should say specifically that *Boab's Corner* and the routes to its right start from a lower wall round to the right. Folks have found its start hard to locate.

**BEINN ALLIGIN:**

Peter Biggar thinks *Deep South Gully* should be graded II with a note that it can bank out to Grade I. Other opinions think Grade I is fair, although there is an ice pitch when lean.

**LIATHACH, Coire Dubh Mor:**

was climbed and found much harder than Grade II, but it is not known if conditions were lean.

*Tempress* was climbed by John Lyall and partners. They thought V,6.

**BEINN EIGHE, Coire Mhic Fhearchair, Far East Wall:**

*Vishnu* was repeated in Feb 2014 and thought VII,7 (which seems fair).

*Birth of the Cool* should have the year (1974) on p317.

Rob Durrant (and others have agreed) thought *Sumo* worth four stars.

**BEINN EIGHE, Eastern Ramparts:**

*The Pale Diedre* was climbed on 18 May 1980.

The line on the diagram for *The Unknown Soldier* is somewhat approximate for pitches 2 & 3. The route moves right halfway up pitch 2, then right again on pitch 3 and back left.

A modern description for Boggle:

*Boggle* 110m E1 \*\*\*

Steep and spectacular climbing for the grade.

1. 45m 5b Pitch 1 of *Pale Diedre*, although the original route started 6m to the right, climbed via a small left-facing corner and joined *Pale Diedre* 10m up. Belay 5m right of *Pale Diedre* under the left of two corners.
2. 35m 5b Either climb the left corner or (easier) start up the right and gain the left at mid-height passing the remnants of an ancient rope sling. Move right and climb a wide crack behind a huge flake. Bypass a smaller flake to the right to reach a big left-facing corner. Climb this to half-height, then its right arete to reach a small ledge.
3. 30m 5a Step left and climb a wide square groove which passes between two roofs and leads to easy ground.

**BEINN EIGHE, Central Wall:**

It has been reported that the top pitch of *East Central Wall* is at least technical 5, maybe 6. So the route is at least V,5 and the quartzite alone is IV,5.

**West Central Wall:**

*Blood, Sweat and Frozen Tears* has had many ascents and may be only its original grade of VII,8. *Mistral* has been repeated and is probably the same grade.

**Fuselage Wall:**

An ascent of *Fuselage Wall* (possibly the second) by Duncan Tunstall thought V,6 \*\*.