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# 23<sup>rd</sup> Piolets d'Or

Chamonix Mont Blanc - Courmayeur  
Global Alpinism Meeting

This preliminary list of major ascents during 2014 was compiled by Claude Gardien (*Vertical Magazine*) and Lindsay Griffin (*American Alpine Journal*). The following is a representative list of significant, innovative ascents during 2014 that more or less comply with the Piolets d'Or charter. Grades are those quoted by the first ascensionists; in the case of new routes and first free ascents they remain unconfirmed. Note that some web links may not convey a completely true picture of events, but are currently the best available.

## ASIA

### Nepal

#### Langshisa Ri (6,412m), northwest face, Snow Queen.

*Nikita Balabanov, Mikhail Formin and Viacheslav Polezhaiko.*

1,500m, ED M5 WI4. Traversed mountain.  
<https://www.thebmc.co.uk/first-ascent-of-wellknown-line-on-nepalese-trekking-peak>

#### Chekigo (6,257m), south face direct, Shiva - straight to the top.

*Jordi Corominas, Manu Cordova and Jonatan Larranaga.*

1,200m, AI5/5+ M6.  
<http://www.trangoworld.com/en/our-world/noticia/130/manu-cordova-opens-a-new-route-in-chekigo-6270m-rolwaling-1200m-vi-m6-ia5->

#### Chugimago (6,258m), first ascent via west face. Sam Hennessey and Domen Kastelic.

900m, 90° M4.  
<https://www.thebmc.co.uk/americanslovenian-team-climbed-erroneously-attributed-scottish-peak>

#### Parchamo (6,279m), west face.

*Alan Rousseau and Tino Villanueva.*  
1,200m, AI4 M5. Single push, traversed mountain.  
<http://www.alpinist.com/doc/web14f/newswire-rousseau-villanueva-pachermo-rolwaling>

#### Lobuche East (6,090m), east face, Two Arrows Flight.

*Yuri Kilichenko, Makcym Perevalov, Petro Pobebezhnyi and Yuri Vasenkov.*  
900m, 70° 6b A2/A3. A few belay bolts. Traversed mountain.  
<https://www.thebmc.co.uk/ukrainians-climb-hard-new-rock-route-on-nepals-lobuche-east>

#### Thamserku (6,618m), southwest face, Shy Girl.

*Alexander Gukov and Alexey Lonchinskiy.*  
1,620m, Russian 6A/6B, steep snow/ice, many sections of M4-M5, and four pitches of A2.  
<https://www.thebmc.co.uk/russian-pair-make-first-ascent-of-the-southwest-face-of-thamserku>  
<http://www.alpinist.com/doc/web14x/newswire-thamserku-russian-southwest>

#### Point 6,325m (Sakaton), first known ascent, southwest face, Pura Vida.

*Mikel Ajuria, Juan Jose Cano, Roger Cararach, Alberto Fernandez, Faust Punsola and Mikel Zabalza.*

1,300m, TD+ M5 80°.  
<http://www.alpinist.com/doc/web14f/newswire-sakaton-kyasar-himalaya>

#### Bokto Central Summit (6,037m), first ascent, north face and west-northwest ridge, Nyunchutui et la snow cougar.

*Jonathan Crison, Hélias Millerioux and Remi Sfilio.*  
1,400m, WI5+ M5 90°. Traversed mountain.  
<http://www.bourses-expe.com/blog/compte-rendus/les-bourses-expe-2014/cr-expe-alpinisme-exploratoire-autour-du-glacier-de-yamatari/>

### India

#### Piri Ri (5,850m), first ascent.

*Oriol Baro and Sidarta Gallego, Es Falles.*  
1,550m, VI4, M4 6b, A1. Other climbs.  
<http://desnivel.com/expediciones/oriol-baro-y-sidarta-gallego-cinco-nuevas-rutas-y-tres-picos-virgenes-en-ladakh>

#### Hagshu (6,657m), north face direct.

*Ales Cesen, Luka Lindic and Marko Prezelj.* 1,350m, ED 90°. Complete traverse of mountain.  
<http://www.alpinist.com/doc/web14f/newswire-hagshu-kishtwar-cesen-lindic-prezelj>

#### Hagshu (6,657m), north face, northeast couloir.

*Mick Fowler and Paul Ramsden.*  
1,350m ED Scottish VI. Complete traverse of mountain.  
<http://www.alpinist.com/doc/web13f/newswire-fowler-ramsdens-kishtwar-kailash>

#### Shivling East (5,895m), east face, Chalho. Andreas

*Abeggien, Thomas Senf and Stephan Siegrist.*  
600m, WI5 M6 90°. Other climbs.

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<http://www.alpinist.com/doc/web14f/newswire-abeg-glen-senf-siegrist-kishtwar>

### **South Simvu Peaks, north summit (5,750m), first ascent.**

*Expedition led by Alberto Peruffo.*

650m TD+ 75°. Other ascents.

<http://www.planetmountain.com/english/News/shownews1.lasso?l=2&keyid=42223>

## Pakistan

### **Paiju, south pillar (6,065m)**

*Alberto Inurrategi, Juan Vallejo and Mikel Zabala.*

5.10d, A3, M5. Did not continue to main summit.

<http://www.alpinist.com/doc/web14x/newswire-south-to-wer-payu-peak>

<http://desnivel.com/expediciones/inurrategi-vallejo-y-zabalza-sobre-su-nueva-via-al-paiju-peak-res-demasiado-peligrosa>

### **Sipton Spire, north spur to west ridge at ca 5,500m, Bismillah.**

*Patrice Bret, David Girard, Pascal Trividic.*

800m, TD+, 6a/b A2 WI4+ M4.

### **Gasherbrum V (7,147m), 1st ascent, south face.**

*Ahn Chi-young, Seong Nak-jong.*

1,450m.

<http://www.alpinist.com/doc/web14x/newswire-gasherbrum-v-first-ascent-alpine-style>

### **K7 West sub summit, Badal (ca 6,100m), southeast ridge.**

*Ryo Masumoto, Takaaki Nagato and Katsutaka Yokoyama.*

ca 1,600m (58 pitches), VI 5.11c C1 M5 70°.

<http://www.alpinist.com/doc/web14f/newswire-k7-west-attempt-giri-giri-boys>

## China-Sichuan

### **Tyrol Shan (ca 5,860m) first ascent.**

*Simon Gietl, Vittorio Messini and Daniel Tavernini.*

700m WI5 UIAA VI-.

<http://www.planetmountain.com/english/News/shownews1.lasso?l=2&keyid=42300>

### **Daogou East (5,462m), south pillar.**

*Marcos Costa and Pat Goodman.*

700m, 5.11+. Other routes.

<http://www.climbing.com/news/american-brazilian-pair-bag-three-new-routes-in-china/>

### **Peak 5,100m (Four Pigs Peak), first ascent, east face, Les Rescapés de la Forêt Magique.**

*Aurelie Didillon, Simon Duverney, Elodie Lecomte and Sebastian Ratel.*

600m 7b A2.

## China - Xinjiang

### **Kyzyl Asker (5,842m), east-southeast face, War and Peace.**

*Dmitry Golovchenko, Dmitry Grigoriev and Sergey Nilov.*

1,350m, ED, 6b A2 M6. Semi-capsule style, single belay bolts.

<http://publications.americanalpineclub.org/articles/13201212976/Kyzyl-Asker-East-Southeast-Face-War-and-Peace>

### **Kyzyl Asker, east-southeast face, Sal con Cebolla, not to summit (ca 5,700m).**

*Rafael Caceres, Estoban Mena, Nicolas Navarette and Carla Perez.*

1,100m, 5.12a C1 WI5+ M6+. Capsule style. No bolts.

<http://www.alpinist.com/doc/web14f/newswire-kyzyl-asker-attempt>

## Kyrgyzstan - Pamir Alai

### **Pyramidal Peak (5,500m), north face, not to summit. Probable new route to 5,000m**

*By Robin Coulet, Thiphaine Duperier, Jonathan Isoard, and Christophe Moulin.*

1,300m, ED, 35 pitches, M5, WI5.

[http://www.ffcam.fr/~actualite\\_T005:50b02y/kzf8z\\_2014-10-10\\_groupe-excellence-alpinisme-national.html](http://www.ffcam.fr/~actualite_T005:50b02y/kzf8z_2014-10-10_groupe-excellence-alpinisme-national.html)

### **Ortotyubek (Central Pyramid, 3,895m), Atlantide.**

*Luca Schiera and Matteo De Zaiacom.*

700m, 6c/7a max.

<http://ragnilecco.com/kirzighistan-massive-luca-schiera-report/>

## Russia - Siberia

### **Chukotka Region, Bilibino Towers, The General, Basil Brush.**

*Chris Fitzgerald and Chris Warner.*

465m, 7a. Five other granite rock routes on these newly discovered towers.

<http://www.planetmountain.com/english/News/shownews1.lasso?l=2&keyid=42126#>

## NORTH-AMERICA

## Revelation Mountains

### **Dyke Peak, first ascent. Powered by Beans.**

*Kris Irwin, Darren Vonk and Ian Welsted.*

1,000m, AI5 M5. Other climbs.

<http://www.climbing.com/news/canadians-bag-three-new-routes-in-alaskas-revelations/>

### **Pyramid Peak, 2,600m, first ascent. The Odyssey.**

*Lise Billon, Pedro Angel Galan Diez, Jeremy Stagnetto and Jerome Sullivan.*

1,100m, 6b A1 M7 90°.

<http://www.alpinist.com/doc/web14s/newswire-revelations-pyramid-iliad-odyssey>

## Denali Range

### **Mt Johnson, 2,572m, north face, Stairway to Heaven.**

*Kevin Cooper and Ryan Jennings.*

1,200m, Alaskan 6, AI5+ WI4 M6 A1.

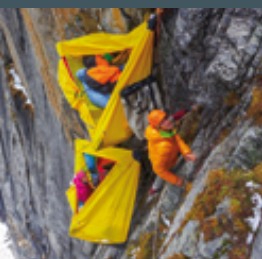
<http://www.alpinist.com/doc/web14s/newswire-johnson-north-face-cooper-jennings>

### **Mt Huntington, 3,731m, west face, Scorched Granite (between Polarchrome and Colton-Leach).**

*Will Mayo and Josh Wharton.*

1,300m, AI6 M7.

<http://www.alpinist.com/doc/web14s/newswire-huntington-scorched-granite-mayo-wharton>





### **Idiot Peak, (3,260m, Huntington group), west face, Down the Rabbit Hole.**

*Scott Adamson, Aaron Child and Andy Knight.*

1,500m, VI WI5+ M6 80°.

<http://www.alpinist.com/doc/web14x/newswire-idiot-peak-huntington-rabbit-hole>

## Kichatna Spires

### **Mt Augustin, (2,552m), northeast face.**

*Benjamin Erdmann and Jess Roskelley.*

1,200m, IV M3 70°.

<http://www.alpinist.com/doc/web14s/newswire-kichatna-augustin-erdmann-roskelley>

## Hayes Range

### **Mt Hayes, (4,204m), east face and complete traverse of mountain, Thicker than Thieves Traverse.**

*John Giraldo, Jason Stuckey and Angela VanWiemeersch.*

VI 5.8R AI4 M5.

<http://www.alpinist.com/doc/web14s/newswire-hayes-stuckey-giraldo-vanweimeersch>

## Baffin Island

### **Walker Citadel, southeast pillar, Shepton's Shove.**

*Nico and Oli Favresse.*

1,000m, E6 6a or 5.12a. Single 24-hour push. Other climbs.

<http://www.planetmountain.com/english/News/shownews1.lasso?!=2&keyid=42094>

### **Beluga Spire, north face, Harpoon.**

*Crosby Johnston, Joshua Lavigne, Paul McSorley and Tony Richardson.*

1,100m, 29 pitches, VI 5.12 with two short sections of A1 (freed by second). Other climbs

### **Lurking Tower, New Dog old Tricks.**

*Mike Libecki and Jonas Haag.*

900m, VI 5.11 C3+. FFA, with 7 independent pitches, by Ben Ditto and Sean Villanueva to create Up the Creek without a Paddle, E5 6a, or 5.11+.

<http://www.alpinist.com/doc/web14s/newswire-haag-libecki-baffin-island>

## Alaska/British Columbia

### **West Witches Tit, northwest ridge, No Rest for the Wicked.**

*John Friehe and Jess Roskelley.*

ca 450m, AI6 M7.

<http://www.alpinist.com/doc/web14x/newswire-witches-tit-friehe-roskelley>

## GREENLAND

## West Coast

### **Funky Tower, Drygalskis Halvo.**

*Ben Ditto and Sean Villanueva.*

No Place for People a.k.a Sunshine and Roses (500m, E6 6b or 5.12a). Other routes

<https://www.thebmc.co.uk/sailing-to-greenland-an-austro-swiss-team-and-the-wild-bunch-climb-new-rock-walls>

## East Coast

### **Shark's Tooth (1,555m), northeast face, The Great Shark Hunt.**

*Matteo Della Bordella, Christian Ledergerber and Silvan Schüpbach*

(900m, 7b+). Two bolts placed. Traversed mountain.

Other routes

<https://www.thebmc.co.uk/sharks-teeth-and-fox-jaws-in-east-greenland>

<http://www.alpinist.com/doc/web14f/newswire-sharks-tooth-greenland-della-bordella>

## SOUTH AMERICA

## Bolivia

### **Huayna Potosi, south summit (ca 5,960m), west face, Via del Triangulo, variant - Andinismo Creativo Boliviano.**

*Juvenal Condori and Pacifico Machaca.*

800m, ED VI/5+ M5 6a+.

## Peru

### **Siula Chico (6,265m), west face, Looking for the Void.**

*Frédéric Degoulet, Benjamin Guignonnet, Hélias Millerieux and Robin Revest.*

900m, WI6R M7.

<http://www.alpinist.com/doc/web14f/newswire-frenchmen-siula-chico-huayhuash-peru>

<http://www.montagnes-magazine.com/actus-siula-chico-6265m-perou-ouverture-haut-vol-face-ouest-quatuor-tricolore>

### **Jurau (5,674m), southwest face, La Siesta del Bodacious.**

*Davide Cassol and Carlo Cosi.*

600m, WI4+ M4.

<http://www.planetmountain.com/english/News/shownews1.lasso?!=2&keyid=42239#>

### **Quesillo (5,600m), west face to north ridge, not to summit, El Malefico Sefkow.**

*Tito Arosio, Saro Costa and Luca Vallata.*

800m, ED2, M5+ AI5 A1.

<http://www.planetmountain.com/english/News/shownews1.lasso?!=2&keyid=41943>

## Argentina-Chile / Patagonia

### **Fitz Roy Group, Fitz Traverse.**

*Tommy Caldwell and Alex Honnold.*

Five kilometres, 4000m of elevation, 5.11d C1 65°.

<http://www.alpinist.com/doc/web14w/newswire-fitz-traverse-caldwell-honnold>

<http://www.planetmountain.com/english/News/shownews1.lasso?!=2&keyid=41590>

### **Domo Blanco, southeast face, Super Domo. Joel and Neil Kauffman, and Mikey Schaefer.** 500m, WI5 M5/6.

[www.planetmountain.com/english/News/shownews1.lasso?!=2&keyid=41495](http://www.planetmountain.com/english/News/shownews1.lasso?!=2&keyid=41495)



## **Aguja Antipasto, first ascent via Romance Explosion.**

*Colin Haley and Rob Smith.*

500m, 5.10, M5 R (loose rock).

<http://www.planetmountain.com/english/News/shownews1.lasso?!=2&keyid=42349>

## **Volcan Aguilera (2,480m), first ascent via north ridge and north west face, Concierto de Rimayas.**

*Viviana Callahan, Ines Dusallant, Natalia Martinez, Evan Miles and Camilo Rada.*

<http://www.planetmountain.com/english/News/shownews1.lasso?!=2&keyid=42143#>

## **ANTARCTICA**

### **Seven Sisters of Fief, first traverse (south to north).**

*Laurent Bibollet, Antoine Cayrol, Emmanuel Chance, Yann Delevaux, Paul Dudas and David Lacoste.*

ca 11km, TD+ 90°. Also first ascent of Southeast Cape Renard Tower (700m), southwest face, Podro-nard. 500m, TD/TD+ 60° M5.

<http://www.alpinist.com/doc/web15w/newswire-french-traverse-antarctica-7-sisters-sierra-du-fief>

<http://www.montagnes-magazine.com/actus-expedition-antarctique-2014-retour-2-belles-premieres>

### **Ulvetanna (2,930m), south ridge.**

*Kjersti Eide, Espen Fadnes, Aleks Gamme, Ingeborg Jackobsen, Andy Kirkpatrick and Jonas Langseth.*

27 pitches. E2 5b A1+. Capsule style and bolts used.

<http://www.planetmountain.com/english/News/shownews1.lasso?!=2&keyid=41564>

## **NEW ZEALAND**

### **Pope's Nose (2,700m), east face, solo winter ascent.**

*Guy McKinnon.*

First winter ascent (second overall) without helicopter usage for the arduous approach. "Possibly the finest alpine achievement of New Zealand's modern era."

<https://alpineclub.org.nz/news/2014/media-release-guy-mckinnon-winter-ascent-of-the-east-face-of-popes-nose>

### **Mt Suter (2,094m), south face, first ascent (and in winter).**

*Ben Dare and Stephen Skelton.*

700m, WI5. Descend six-kilometre east ridge.

<http://climber.co.nz/news/first-ascent-south-face-mt-suter>

## **EUROPE**

## **Russia - Caucasus**

### **Bezengi Wall, complete winter traverse.**

*Sergei Kondrashin, Victor Koval, Petr Kuzenkov and Nikolai Totmyanin.*

13km ridge in 12 days, from Lial'ver (4,350m) to Shkhara (5,200m).

<http://publications.americanalpineclub.org/articles/13201212542/Bezengi-Wall-Complete-Winter-Traverse>

## **Norway- Lofoten**

### **Vagakallen, north face, The Corner Kick.**

*Andreas Klarström and Adam Pustelnik.*

950m 8a.

<http://www.planetmountain.com/english/News/shownews1.lasso?!=2&keyid=42272>

## **Slovakia-Tatras**

### **Tatras. Full winter traverse, solo.**

*Dodo Kopold.*

Almost non-stop three-day traverse. 72km and 130 peaks. Only one previously-unsupported solo winter traverse, which took 14 days.

<http://www.alpinist.com/doc/web10f/newswire-kopold-tatras>

## **Alps**

### **Matterhorn, four-ridges solo winter enchainment, including first winter solo of Furggen Direct.**

*By Herve Barmasse in 17 hours.*

<http://www.planetmountain.com/english/News/shownews1.lasso?!=2&keyid=41732>

<http://www.planetmountain.com/english/News/shownews1.lasso?!=2&keyid=41709>

### **Grandes Jorasses, Rolling Stones, first free ascent.**

*Luka Kranjc and Luka Lindic.*

1,100m, M8.

<http://www.planetmountain.com/english/News/shownews1.lasso?!=2&keyid=41722>

### **Les Droites, northeast face, Le Vol du Dragon. Jan Straka and Pavel Vrtik.**

1,200m M7+ A2 (one pitch).

<http://www.singingrock.com/pavel-vrtik-jan-straka-le-vol-du-dragon-m7a2>

### **Meije (3,983m), left part of the north face and then north spur, Été blizzard**

*Max Bonniot and Mathieu Maynadier.*

M6+ 4 70°.

<http://www.petzl.com/en/Sport/News/2014-9-3/Mathieu-Maynadier-and-Max-Bonniot-link-up-Meije-Bonne-Pierre-and-Ailefroide-?l=US#.VMpd2Mu7Pb0>

<http://www.montagnes-magazine.com/actus-meije-bonne-pierre-ailefroide-ouvertures-enchainement-maynadier-bonniot>

### **Ailefroide Occidentale (3,954m), northwest face, Le Reactor.**

*Antoine Avenas, Jonathan Isoard and Hélias Millerieux.*

1,000m, 6b, M7, WI5+ R.

Huge gully left of the Voie des Plaques.

<http://www.montagnes-magazine.com/actus-nouvelle-voie-face-nw-ailefroide-occidentale-3954m-massif-ecrins>



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