

Sherpa Pasang. It is believed that this is the first time Tibetan women have climbed to any 8000-meter summit without artificial oxygen. Götz Wiegand led *13 Germans*, who placed leader Wiegand, Frank Gräfe and Uwe Fretter on the central summit on April 29 and Heiko Zülchner the next day. An expedition of the Tibetan Mountaineering Association of *12 Tibetan men* sent leader Song Zhu, Tshering Dorje and Dr. Luo Song Yun Deng to the central summit on May 7. From an expedition of *11 Canadians, 4 Australians and 1 American*, Canadian Peter Jungen on May 7 and leader American Andrew Evans and Australian Paul O'Bryne on May 9 got to the central summit. An expedition of *8 Japanese* placed leader Kazuyoshi Kondo, Hidetoshi Kurahashi, Takaharu Hayashi and Takehito Ikeda on the central summit on May 18 and Iwao Kuwabara, Yoshinori Kawahara and Pemba Sherpa on May 19. An international team of *8 British, 4 Australians, 3 Americans and 1 New Zealander* climbed to the central summit: American William Pierson, Briton Alexander McNab and Ang Babu Sherpa on May 19; leader Briton Jonathan Tinker, Australian Mrs. Brigitte Muir and Jangbu Sherpa on May 20; New Zealander Stephen Hart, Britons Michael Smith and Paul Roberts and Australians Paul Carr and Gregory Linsdell on May 22; and by Britons Andrew Cave and David Craven and Ang Babu Sherpa (again) on May 24. A German Alpine Club (DAV) expedition was composed of *15 Austrians, Germans and Swiss*. Germans Reinhard Müller, Dieter Stein Harald Rössner went to the central summit on May 27. On May 28, Germans Ralf Marsula, Reinhard Büscher and Alexander Härtlein reached the same summit while German Jakob Kirschmer continued on to the *main summit* and returned to the central summit to join the last of his teammates arriving on the lower peak. The central summit was reached again on May 29 by Swiss deputy leader Rolf Haas with Germans Florian Ibel and Karl Veile and on June 1 by German Erwin Diesler and leader Austrian Ernst Schwarzenlander.

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*Shisha Pangma, Southwest Face Attempt.* Catherine Destivelle and I left Kathmandu on August 24 and reached Nyalam the next day. We stayed there three days for acclimatization and to scout the route to the face. On August 29 and 30, we moved up to Base Camp at 5200 meters and spent more time for acclimatization. On September 6, we made our only camp at 6000 meters at the bottom of the Loretan route and climbed the next day to 6700 meters. On the 12th, we ascended and dug a snow cave at 7150 meters. On September 18, we climbed back to the snow cave, but since the weather was bad, we waited there for 24 hours. On September 20, we climbed to the 7950-meter col between the central and main summits but because of avalanche danger, descended from there.

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*Shisha Pangma Ascent, Attempts and Tragedies in the Post-Monsoon.* Only one climber reached the highest summit of Shisha Pangma in the post-monsoon