The HIMALAYAN DATABASE

The Expedition Archives of Elizabeth Hawley

The Himalayan Database Online Guide

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The Himalayan Database Online

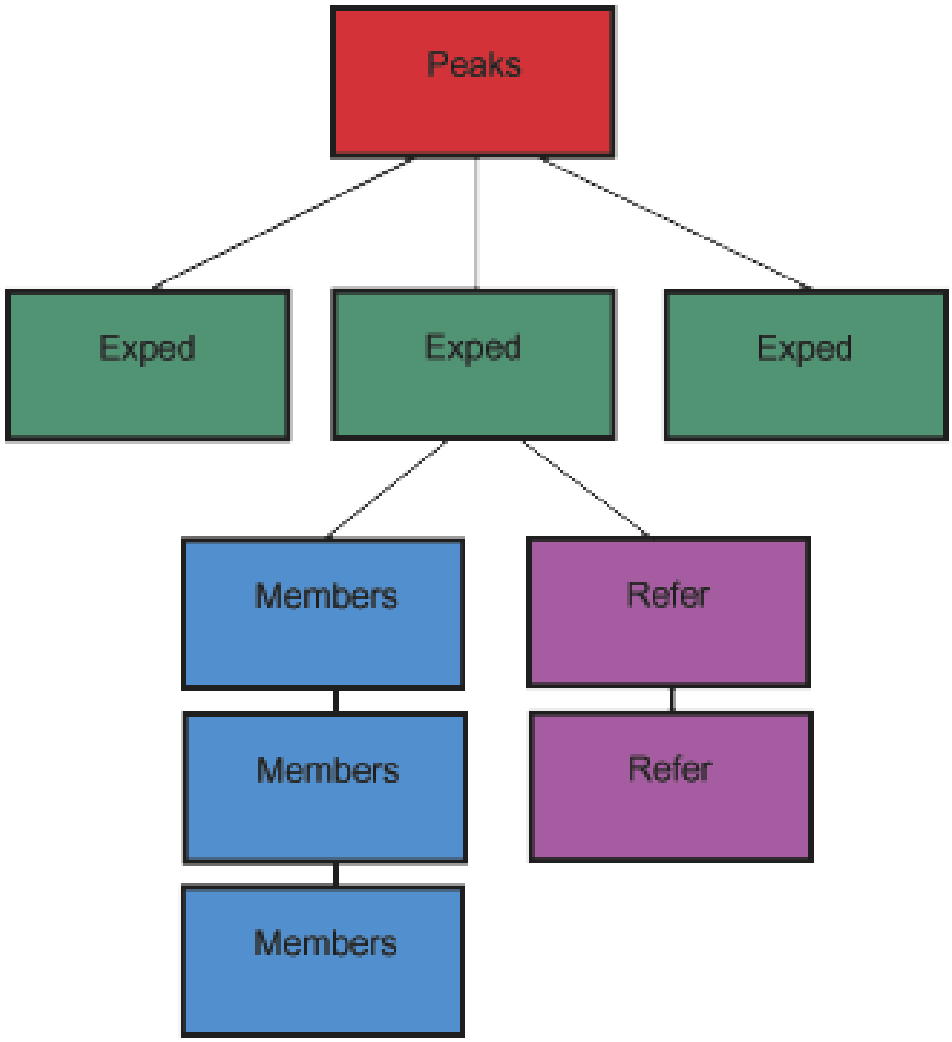
The Himalayan Database Online is a subset of the downloadable version of the Himalayan Database that provides the most commonly used features of the database.

This will make the database more accessible for many users, especially for those with tablets and smart-phones.

The more advanced searching, reporting and analyzing capabilities for research including the exporting of results in Excel are available in the full download version.

Himalayan Database Organization

The Himalayan Database is comprised of four separate tables. The relationship between these four tables is shown pictorially:



The **Peaks** table describes the mountaineering peaks of Nepal, one record for each peak.

The **Exped** table describes each of the climbing expeditions, one record for each expedition.

The **Members** table describes each of the members on the climbing team and hired personnel who were significantly involved in the expedition, one record for each member.

The **Refer** table describes the literature references for each expedition, primarily major books, journal and magazine articles, and website links, one record for each reference.

A 4-character peak ID identifies all peaks in the Himalayan Database. Some of the more common peak IDs are:

AMAD	Ama Dablam
ANN1	Annapurna I
ANN2	Annapurna II
ANN3	Annapurna III
ANN4	Annapurna IV
BARU	Baruntse
CHAM	Chamlang
CHOY	Cho Oyu
DHA1	Dhaulagiri I
EVER	Everest
GANG	Gangapurna
HIML	Himlung Himal
JANU	Jannu (Khumbhakarna)
KANG	Kangchenjunga
LANG	Langtang Lirung
LHOT	Lhotse
LSHR	Lhotse Shar
MAKA	Makalu
MAK2	Makalu II (Kangchungtse)
MANA	Manaslu
NUPT	Nuptse
PUMO	Pumori
PUTH	Putha Hiunchuli
TILI	Tilicho
YALU	Yalung Kang

A complete listing of all the peaks in the database, along with alternative names, is given in Himalayan Database Peak List guide.

A 9-character expedition ID identifies all expeditions and is given in the form

pkid-yys-nn

where “pkid” is the peak ID, “yy” is the last two digits of the year, “s” is the season, and “nn” is the expedition number. The seasons are numbered as 1=spring, 2=summer, 3=autumn, and 4=winter. For example,

ANN1-701-01

is the expedition ID for Chris Bonington's Annapurna South Face expedition in the spring of 1970 and

EVER-131-78

is the Japanese Everest expedition in the spring of 2013 where Yuchiro Miura summited at the age of 80 (there were a total of 90 expeditions to Everest that season).

Displaying the Data

Displaying Peaks

Use the **Display Peak** command to display additional peak information.

Select the option that you want in the options dialog box and click the Submit button. If you enter a portion of a Peak ID or Peak Name, you will get listing of peaks that match your entry, for example:

For Peak ID, entering

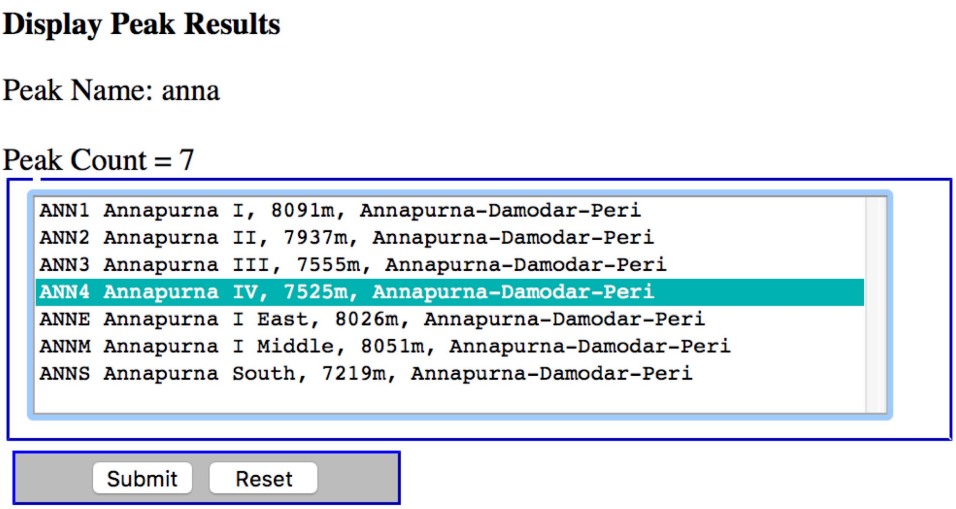
ANN1	displays Annapurna I
ANN	displays all peaks with IDs starting with "ANN" (the Annapurnas)

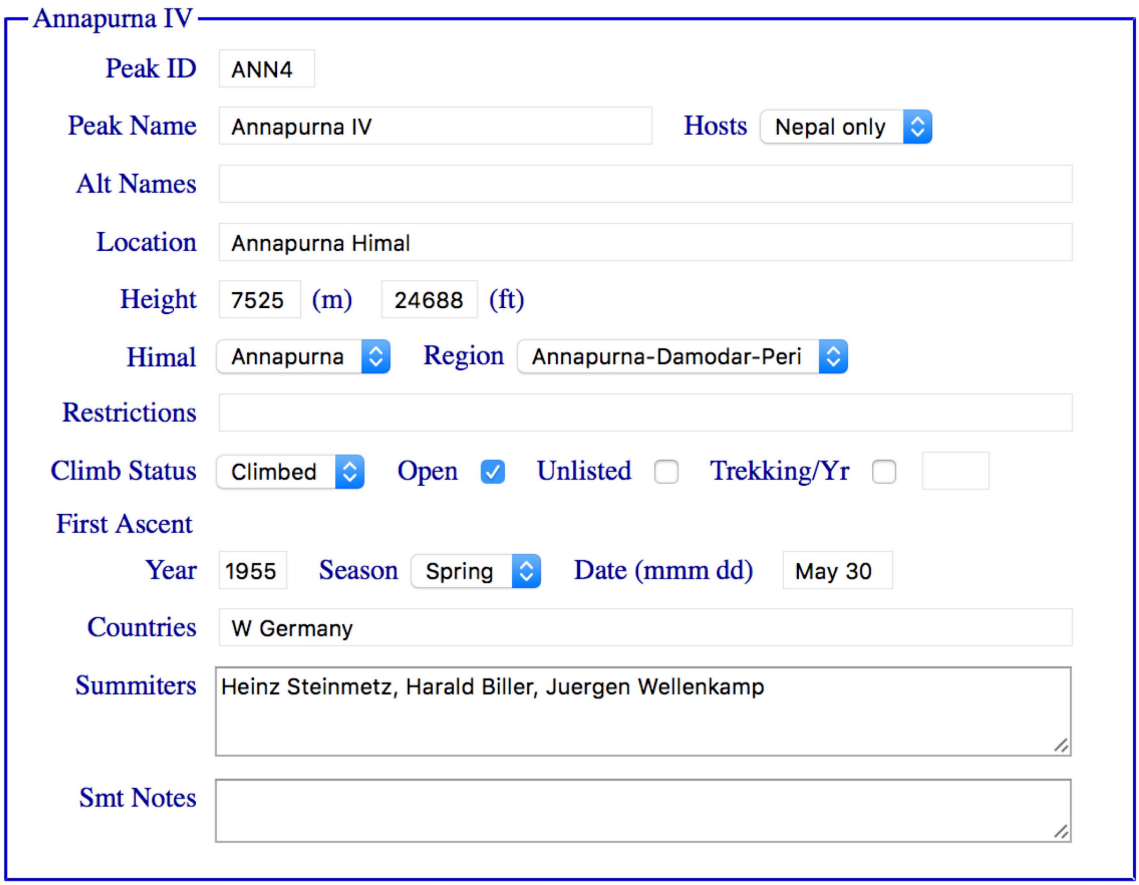
For Peak Name, entering

Langtang Ri	displays Langtang Ri
Langtang	displays Langtang Lirung, Langtang Ri, and Ghenge Liru (Langtang II)
purna	displays all peaks with "purna" as part of their name (Annapurna I, Gangapurna, etc.)

The Peak Name option is most useful when you are unsure of the Peak ID. For example, to get a listing of all peak names containing "anna", enter "anna" into the Peak Name field in the dialog box:

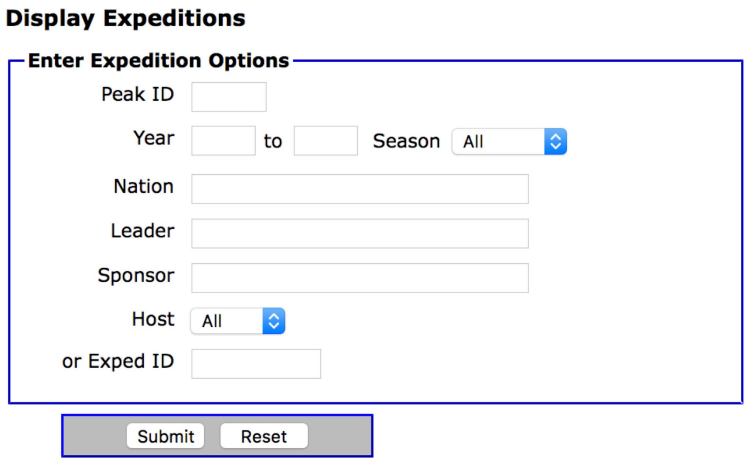
This will display a Peak Results grid from which you can then select ANN4 and click the Submit button to display the information for Annapurna IV:



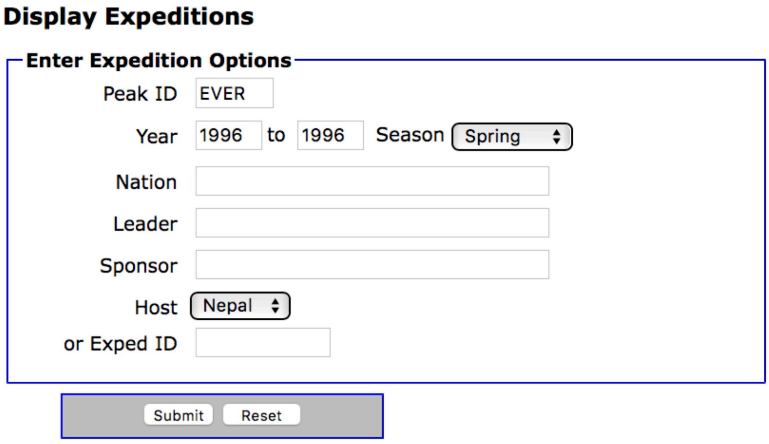


Displaying Expeditions

Use the **Display Expedition** command to display an expedition or a list of expeditions:



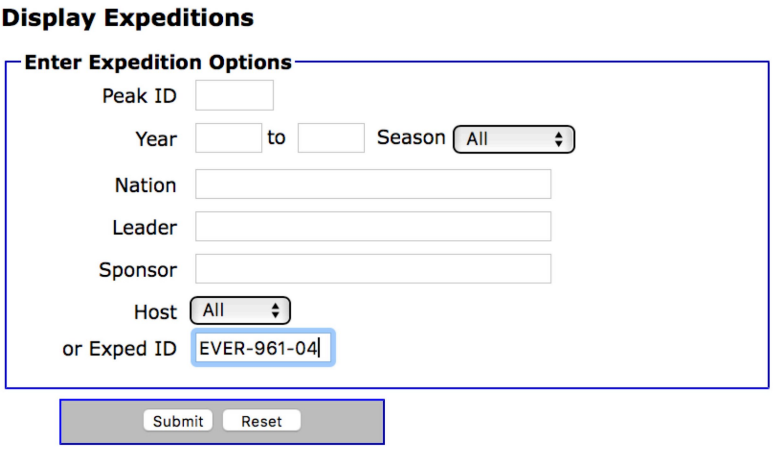
For example, to display all of the Everest expeditions in Nepal in spring 1996, enter the EVER peak ID, the year/season range and the host Nepal in the dialog box:



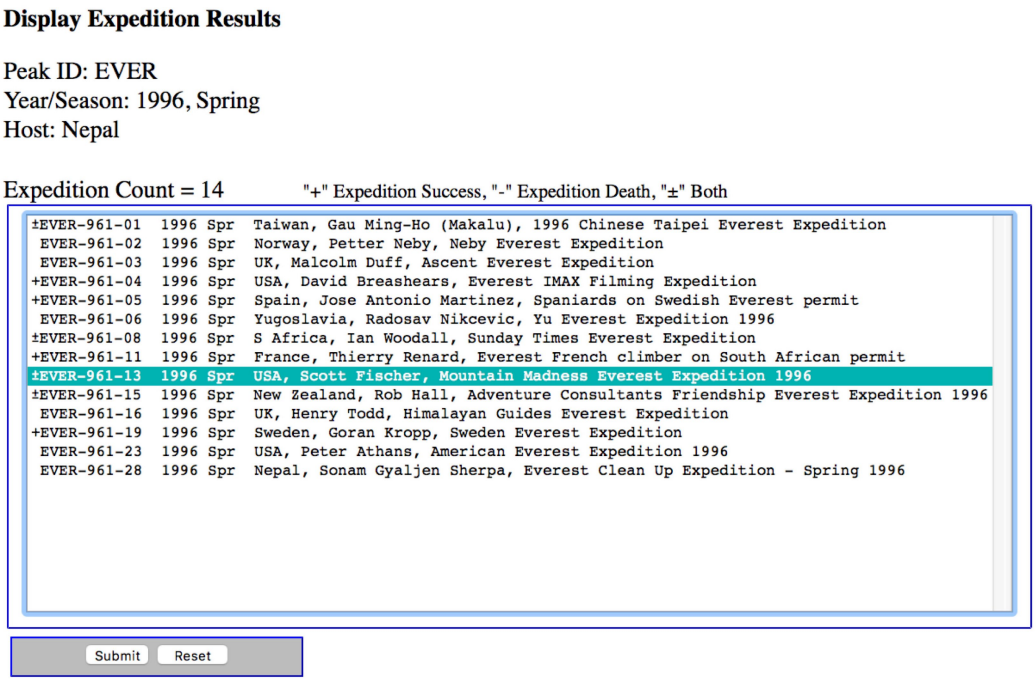
Other combinations also can be used in the Select Expedition dialog box. You may enter a combination of a peak ID, a year and/or season range, a nation, a leader or a sponsor. For example:

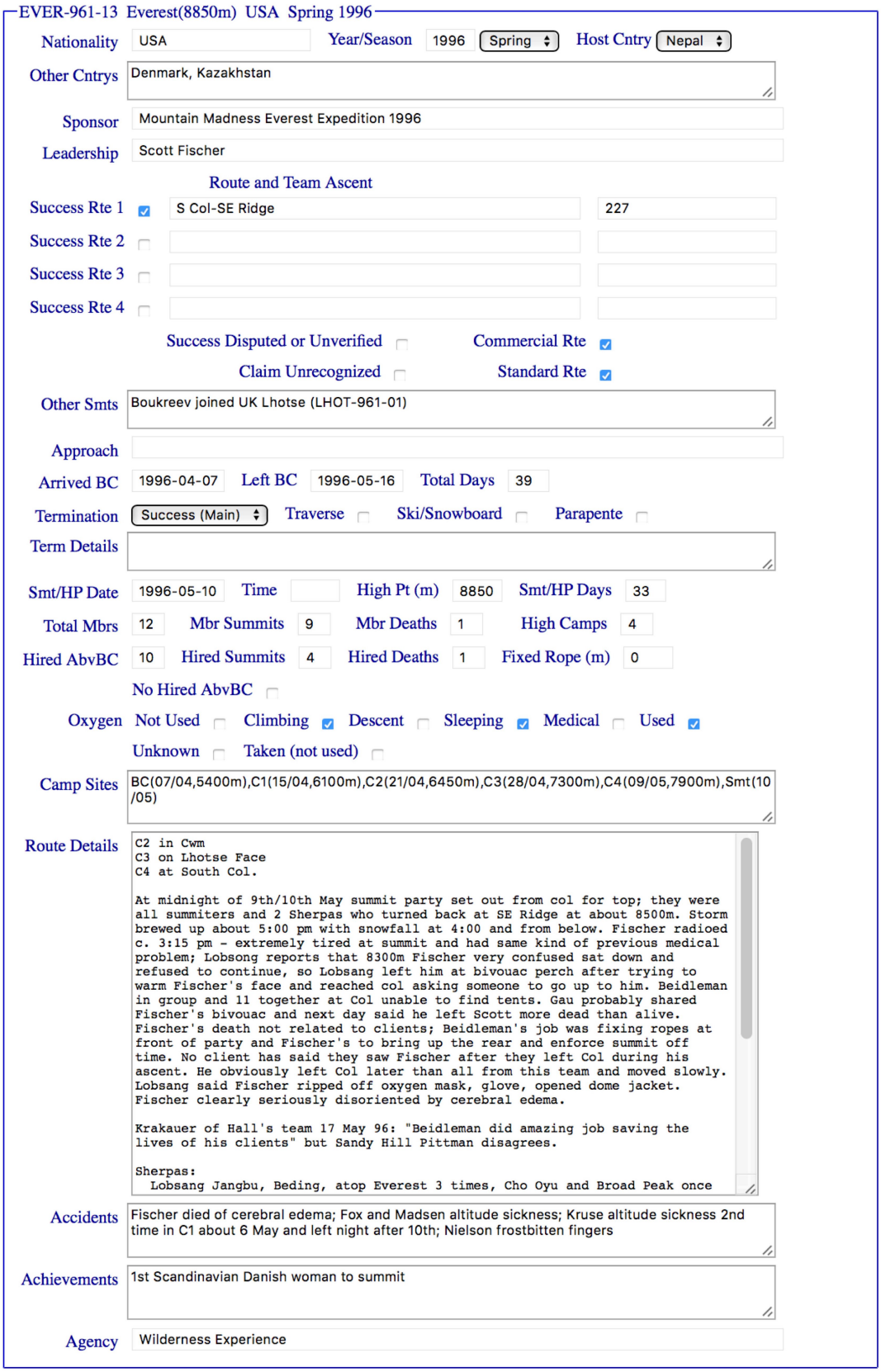
EVER	displays all Everest expeditions (a very long list)
1980 Winter	displays all winter expeditions in 1980
1960 to 1969	displays all expeditions in the 1960s
KANG, India	displays all Indian Kangchenjunga expeditions
EVER, Brice	displays all Everest expeditions led by Russell Brice
EVER, IMG	displays all IMG Everest expeditions

You can also display a single expedition using the 9-character expedition ID. For example, to display the Everest IMAX expedition of the spring of 1996, enter its expedition ID, EVER-961-04, in the dialog box:



Continuing with the first dialog example, EVER 1996 Spring displays the Expedition Results grid below showing all of the spring 1996 Everest expeditions (expeditions preceded by a "+" were successful, those by a "-" suffered a fatality, or those by "±" for both). You can then select EVER-961-13 and click the Submit button to display the information for Scott Fischer's Mountain Madness Expedition:





At the end of the EVER-961-123 expedition screen are two panels from which you can display the expedition members and literature references:

EVER-961-13 Member Count = 17

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01  Scott Eugene Fischer (L)(S)(D), USA
02  Martin Adams (S), USA
03  Neal Jay Beidleman (S), USA
04  Anatoli Boukreev (S), Kazakhstan
05  Ms. Charlotte Conant Fox (S), USA
06  Ms. Lene Gammelgaard Nielsen (S), Denmark
07  Ms. Karen Ingrid Hunt, USA
08  Dale Kruise, USA
09  Timothy Todd (Tim) Madsen (S), USA
10  Ms. Sandra Hill (Sandy) Pittman (S), USA
11  Klev W. Schoening (S), USA
12  Peter Kittlesby (Pete) Schoening, USA
13  Lobsang Jangbu Sherpa (S), Beding, Dolakha
14  Nawang Dorje Sherpa (D), Rolwaling, Dolakha
15  Nawang Dorje (Da Nawang Dorje) Sherpa (S), Beding, Dolakha
16  Tashi Tshering Sherpa (S), Pangboche, Khumbu
17  Tenzing (Tenzen, Tenzi) Sherpa (S), Thami, Khumbu
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EVER-961-13 Reference Count = 26

```
AAJ, 71:21-26 (1997)
AAJ, 71:27-36 (1997)
AAJ, 71:37-43 (1997)
AAJ, 71:303 (1997)
Krakauer, John, Into Thin Air, 1997
Boukreev, Anatoli & DeWalt, G. Weston, The Climb, 1997
Gammelgaard, Lene, Climbing High, 1999
Gammelgaard, Lene, Everest Vejen Til Toppen, 1999
HIGH, 164:9-11 (Jul 1996)
CLMB, 163:94-104+ (Sep 1996)
CLMB, 163:105-106 (Sep 1996)
OTH, 32-46 (Aug 1996)
MENS, 36-46 (Aug 1996)
MENS, 40-46 (May 1997)
OUTS, 46-66+ (Sep 1996)
OUTS, 57-62+ (May 1997)
OUTS, 64-65+ (May 1997)
HIGH, 165:86-88 (Aug 1996)
Norgaard, Christian, Verdens Top, 2003
OTH, 226-231+ (Aug 1996)
OTH, 80-84+ (Aug 1996)
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Scott Eugene Fischer EVER-961-13 Everest(8850m) USA Spring 1996

Name: Given: Scott Eugene Family: Fischer

Sex: M Age: 40 Year of Birth: 1955 Citizen: USA

Status: Leader — Leader ☑ Deputy ☐ HA Supp ☐ BC/ABC Only ☐ Not to BC ☐

Hired ☐ Sherpa ☐ Tibetan ☐ Disabled ☐ Success ☑ Unrecognized ☐ Disputed ☐

	Smt/HP Dt & Time		Rte#	Asc#	Note	Oxygen
1st	1996-05-10		1	227	0	Not Used ☐ Climbing ☑ Descent Only ☐
2nd			0	0	0	Sleeping ☑ Medical ☐ Used ☑
3rd			0	0	0	In C3 & above

Reached Exp High Pt ☑ High Pt: 8850

Solo ☐ Traverse ☐ Speed Ascent ☐ Ski/Snowboard ☐ Parapente ☐

Summit Bid: Successful Smt Bid Smt Term: Success (Main)

	Date & Time		Alt (m)	Rte#		
Death ☑	1996-05-11	12:00	8400	1	Cause: Exposure/Frostbite	AMS ☑
					Death Class: Descent from Smt Bid	Weather ☑
Injury ☐			0		Cause: Unclassified	

Residence: Seattle, Washington

Occup: Alpine guide

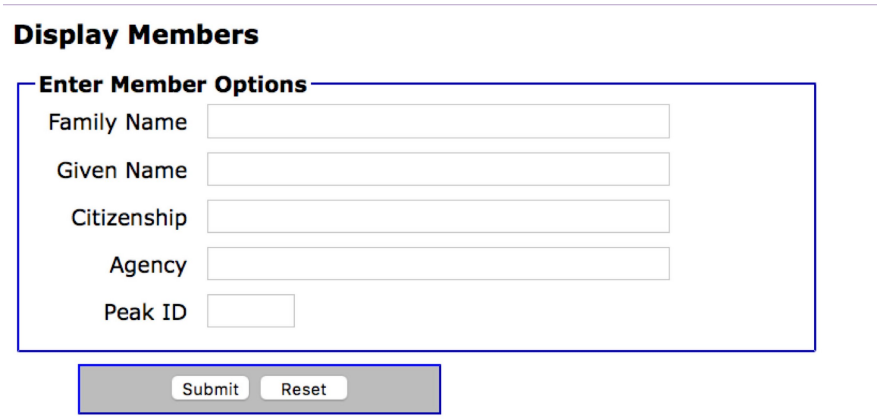
Death & Injury: Died of exposure/ams (last seen alive by Sherpa rescue party about 11-12 noon on 11 May very near death)

Member Notes:

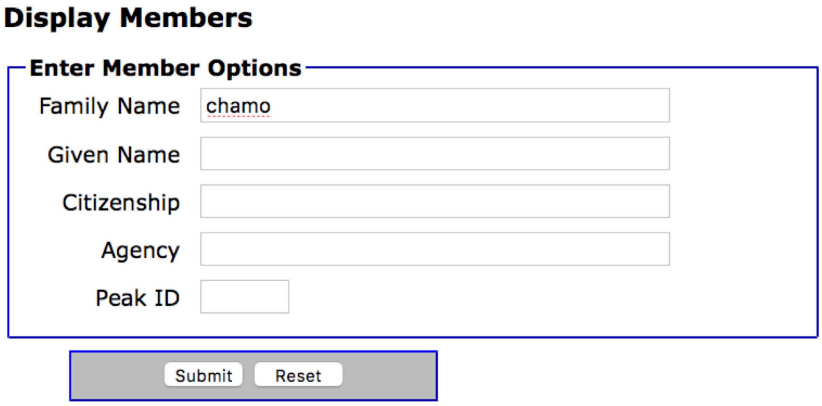
Necrology: (1955-1996) Died 11 May 1996 on Everest from exposure and AMS

Displaying Members

Use the **Display Member** command in the **Display** menu to directly display the biographical information about a member and link to all of their expeditions.



For example, to display information about Benoit Chamoux, enter his last name "Chamoux" (or a beginning, such as "Chamo") in the dialog box:



Other combinations also can be used in the dialog box. For example, you may enter a combination of last name, given name, citizenship, agency and/or peak ID.

Continuing with the above example, entering “Chamo” displays the Select Member grid showing all member records for the expeditions that Benoit Chamoux and other climbers whose name start with “Chamo” participated in.

Display Member Results

Family Name: chamo

Member Count = 15

DHA1-001-02	Juan Carlos Chamoso Acosta, Nepal
MANA-901-03	Michel-Albert Chamot, Nepal
TILI-911-01	Michel-Albert Chamot, Nepal
DHA2-843-01	Benoit Chamoux (L), Nepal
EVER-844-02	Benoit Chamoux, Nepal
ANN1-881-01	Benoit Chamoux (L)(S), Nepal
EVER-883-02	Benoit Chamoux (L), Nepal
MANA-891-02	Benoit Chamoux (L)(S), Nepal
CHOY-901-03	Benoit Chamoux (L), Nepal
EVER-923-10	Benoit Chamoux (S), Nepal
DHA1-933-02	Benoit Chamoux (L)(S)(d), Nepal
LHOT-943-04	Benoit Chamoux (L)(S), Nepal
MAKA-951-04	Benoit Chamoux (L)(S)(d), Nepal
KANG-953-05	Benoit Chamoux (L)(D), Nepal
TILI-033-02	Nicolas Chamoux, Nepal

Submit Reset

The (S) and (D) after the names indicates on which expeditions they were successful in reaching the summit or they died. Selecting the entry for the Kangchenjunga autumn 1995 expedition displays:

Benoit Chamoux KANG-953-05 Kangchenjunga(8586m) France Autumn 1995

Name: Given Benoit Family Chamoux

Sex M Age 34 Year of Birth 1961 Citizen France

Status Leader Leader ☑ Deputy ☐ HA Supp ☐ BC/ABC Only ☐ Not to BC ☐

Hired ☐ Sherpa ☐ Tibetan ☐ Disabled ☐ Success ☐ Unrecognized ☐ Disputed ☐

	Smt/HP Dt & Time		Rte#	Asc#	Note	Oxygen
1st	1995-10-05		1	0	0	Not Used ☑ Climbing ☐ Descent Only ☐
2nd			0	0	0	Sleeping ☐ Medical ☐ Used ☐
3rd			0	0	0	

Reached Exp High Pt ☑ High Pt 8545

Solo ☐ Traverse ☐ Speed Ascent ☐ Ski/Snowboard ☐ Parapente ☐

Summit Bid Aborted above High Camp Smt Term Accident (Death or Injury)

	Date & Time		Alt (m)	Rte#		
Death ☑	1995-10-06	19:00	8350	1	Cause Fall	AMS ☐

Death Class Descent from Smt Bid Weather ☐

Injury ☐ 0 Cause Unclassified

Residence La Roche-sur-Foron, Haute-Savoie, France

Occup: Alpine guide

Death & Injury: Probably fell down N Face between 6:30-7:30 pm

Member Notes:

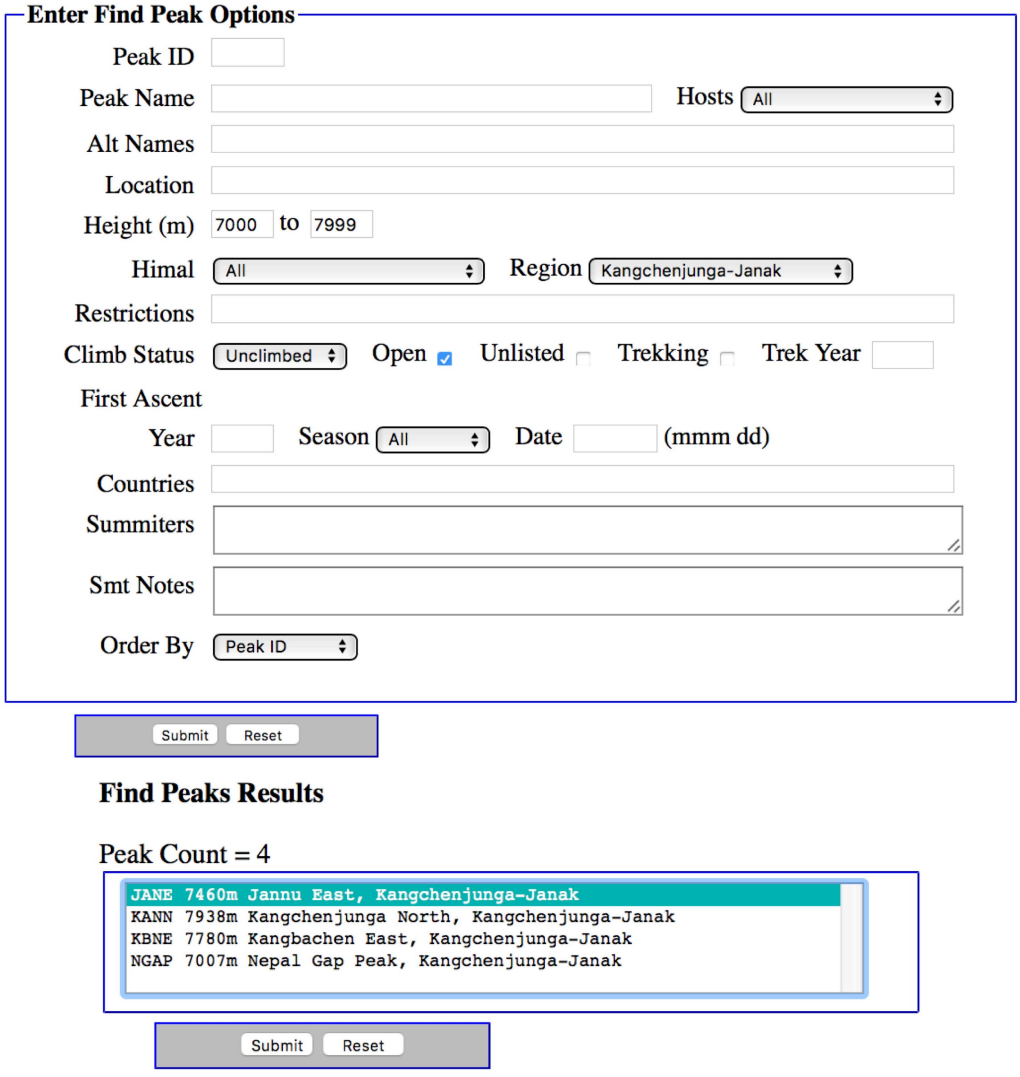
Necrology: (1961-1995) Died 6 Oct 1995 on Kangchenjunga from fall

Searching the Data

Find Peaks

The **Find Peaks** search command provides a blank template modeled after the Peak display screen in which you can enter your search criteria. The following example illustrates how to search for all open, unclimbed peaks from 7000m to 7999m in the Kangchenjunga-Janak region of Nepal:

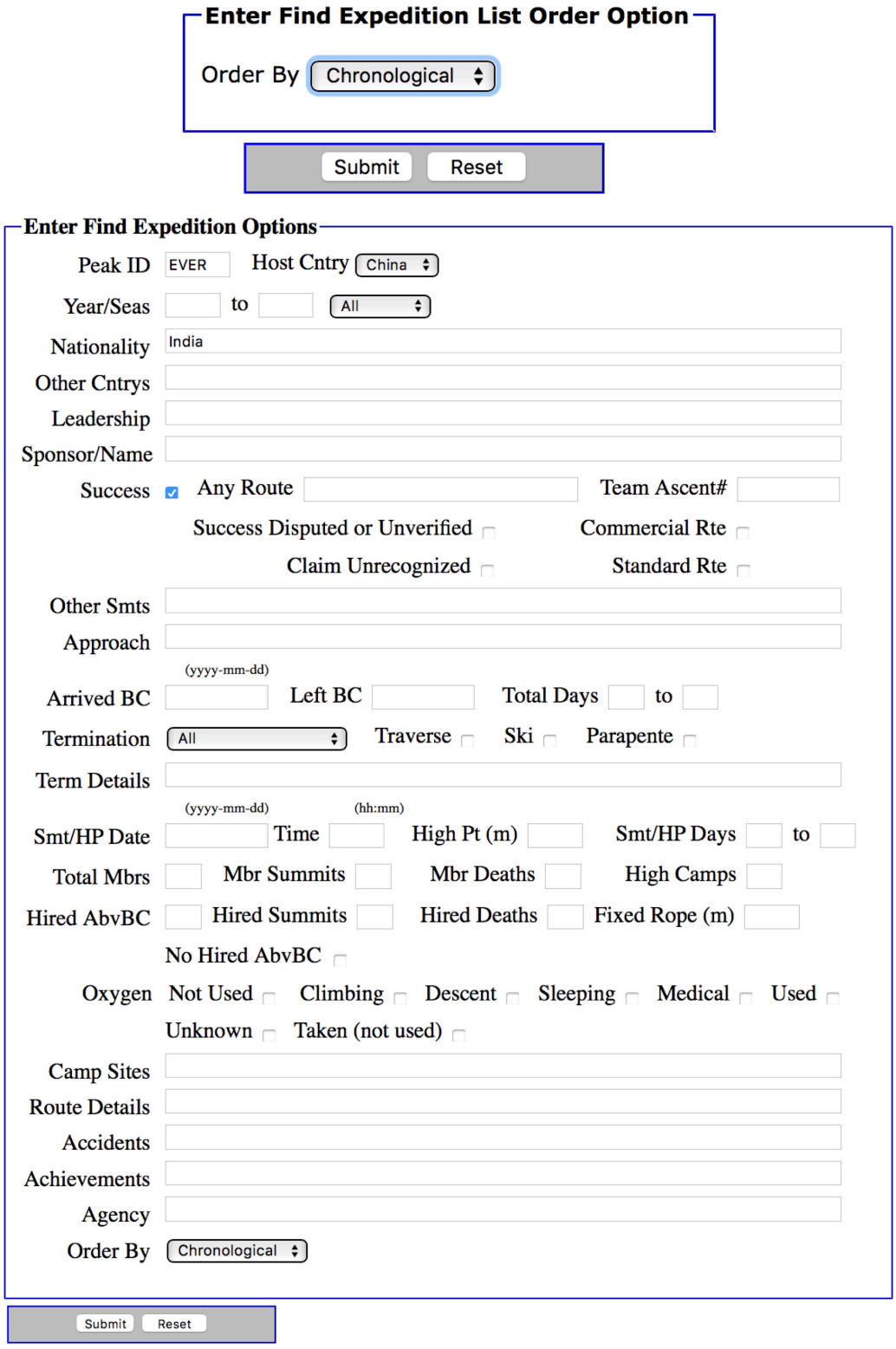
The Peak List Order Option dialog determines the order of the Peak Results list: by peak ID, by peak name or by peak height.



Select and submit the JANE result to display information for Jannu East.

Find Expeditions and Members

The **Find Expeditions and Find Members** search commands provide blank templates modeled after the Expedition and Member display screens in which you can enter your search criteria. The following examples illustrate how to search chronologically for all successful Indian expeditions on Everest in China and all Indian summiters that climbed without oxygen on either side:



Find Expedition Results

Expedition Count = 19 "+" Expedition Success, "-" Expedition Death, "±" Both

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±EVER-961-10  1996 Spr  India, Mohinder Singh, Indian (ITBP) Mount Everest (North Col) Expedition 1996
+EVER-981-17  1998 Spr  India, Hrishikesh Yadav, Independence Golden Jubilee Everest Expedition 1998
+EVER-991-25  1999 Spr  India, Santosh Yadav, Millenium Indian Everest Expedition 1999
+EVER-031-23  2003 Spr  India, Vijay Singh Thakur,
+EVER-041-29  2004 Spr  India, Satyabrata Dam, Indian Navy Mt. Everest North Face Expedition
+EVER-051-13  2005 Spr  India, Major S. S. Shekhawat, Indian Women Everest Expedition 2005
±EVER-051-42  2005 Spr  India, Amit Chowdhury, Indian Air Force Everest Expedition
±EVER-061-86  2006 Spr  India, Harbhajan Singh, Indian Mt. Everest Expedition 2006
+EVER-071-30  2007 Spr  India, Shekhar Babu Bachinepally, Indian on Everest
+EVER-071-51  2007 Spr  India, Lt. Col. Ishwar Singh Thapa, Indian Army Mt. Everest Expedition
+EVER-121-23  2012 Spr  India, Prem Singh, Indian ITBP Everest Expedition 2012
+EVER-141-52  2014 Spr  India, Shekhar Bachinepally, Transcend Adventures Swaeroes Everest Expedition 2014
+EVER-161-72  2016 Spr  India, Shekhar Bachinepally, Transcend Adventures Everest North Expedition 2016
+EVER-171-68  2017 Spr  India, Shekhar Bachinepally, Transcend Adventures Everest North Expedition 2017
+EVER-171-92  2017 Spr  India, Anita Devi, Expedition Himalaya Everest Expedition 2017
+EVER-171-93  2017 Spr  India, Deepak Madhusudan Patidar, Indian Everest North Expedition 2017
+EVER-181-85  2018 Spr  India, Shekhar Bachinepally, Transcend Adventures Everest North Expedition 2018
+EVER-191-69  2019 Spr  India, Shekhar Babu Bachinepally, Transcend Adventures Everest North Expedition 2019
+EVER-191-76  2019 Spr  India, Kuntal Joisher, Joisher Everest Expedition 2019
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To search for all Indian Everest summiters that climbed without oxygen on either side (using Host Cntry set to All):

Enter Find Member Options

Peak ID EVER Host Cntry All

Year/Seas to All

Name: Given Family

Sex Age Year of Birth Citizen India

Status Leader Deputy HA Supp BC/ABC Only Not to BC

Hired Sherpa Tibetan Disabled Success Unrecognized Disputed

	Smt/HP Dt & Time (yyyy-mm-dd) (hh:mm)	Rte#	Asc#	Note	Oxygen
1st					Not Used ☑ Climbing ☐ Descent Only ☐
2nd					Sleeping ☐ Medical ☐ Used ☐
3rd					O2 Note

Reached Exp High Pt High Pt (m)

Solo Traverse Speed Ascent Ski/Snowboard Parapente

Summit Bid Summit Term

	Date & Time (yyyy-mm-dd) (hh:mm)	Alt (m)	Rte#		
Death				Cause	AMS
				Death Class	Weather
Injury				Cause	

Residence

Occupation

Death/Injury

Mbr Notes

Necrology

Order By Chronological

Submit Reset

Find Member Results

Member Count = 7

```
EVER-121-21  Thupten Lobsang (S), India
EVER-121-21  Thakpa Tenzing (S), India
EVER-121-54  Rajendra Singh Jalal (S), India
EVER-171-19  Kalden Panjur (S), India
EVER-171-19  Sonam Phuntsok (S), India
EVER-171-19  Kelsang Dorjee Bhutia (S), India
EVER-171-19  Kunchok Tenpa (S), India
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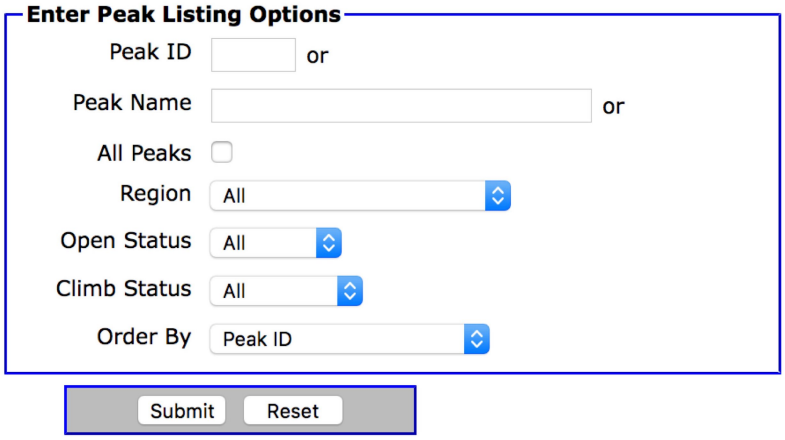
Reporting the Data

Peak Listing

The **Peak Listing** report lists the peaks along with information about their altitude, location, open and climbing status. Select the options that you want in the options dialog box and click on the Submit button.



The options for the Peak Listing report are:

Peak Info Choice
- Peak ID
- Peak Name
- All Peaks

Region (expedition geographical region)
- All
- Kangchenjunga-Janak
- Khumbu-Rolwaling-Makalu
- Langtang-Jugal
- Manaslu-Ganesh
- Annapurna-Damodar-Peri
- Dhaulagiri-Mukut
- Kanjiroba-Far West

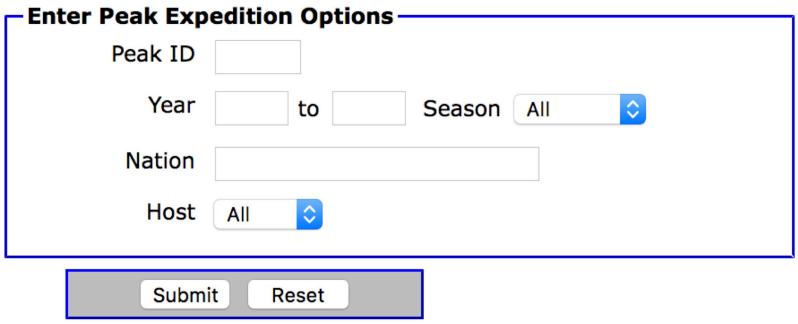
Open Status
- All Peaks
- Open Peaks
- Trekking Peaks
- Unlisted Peaks

Climbing Status
- All Peaks
- Climbed Peaks
- Unclimbed Peaks

Order Results By
- Peak ID
- Peak Name
- Peak Height Ascending
- Peak Height Descending

Peak Expeditions

The **Peak Expeditions** report lists the expeditions for a specified peak. Select the options that you want in the options dialog box and click on the Submit button.

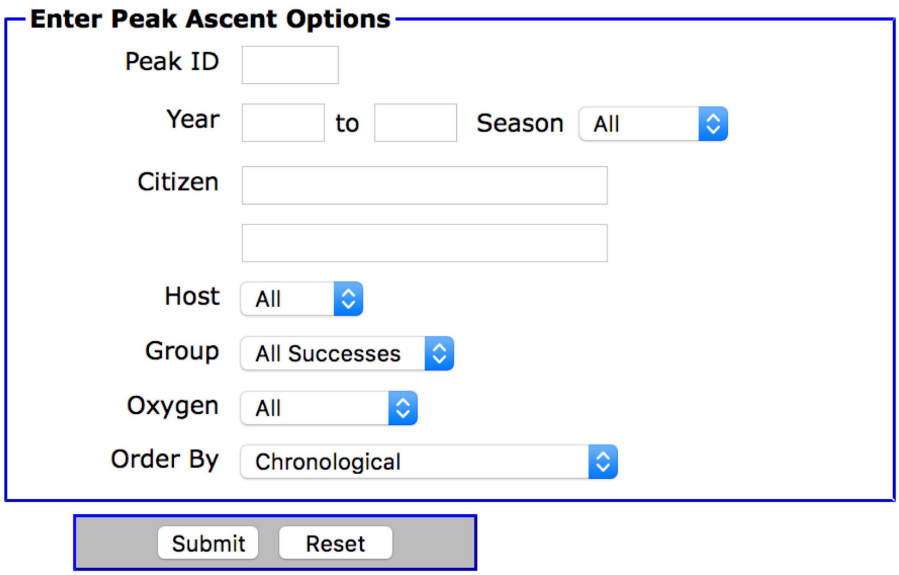


The options for the Peak Expeditions report are:

Peak ID
Year/Season (expedition year/season range)
Nation
Host (expedition host country, applies only to border peaks)
- All
- Nepal
- China
- India

Peak Ascents

The **Peak Ascents** report lists all the ascents for a specified peak. Select the options that you want in the options dialog box and click on the Submit button.



The options for the Peak Ascents report are:

Peak ID
Year/Season (expedition year/season range)
Citizenship (one or two citizenships)
Host (expedition host country, applies only to border peaks)
- All
- Nepal
- China
- India

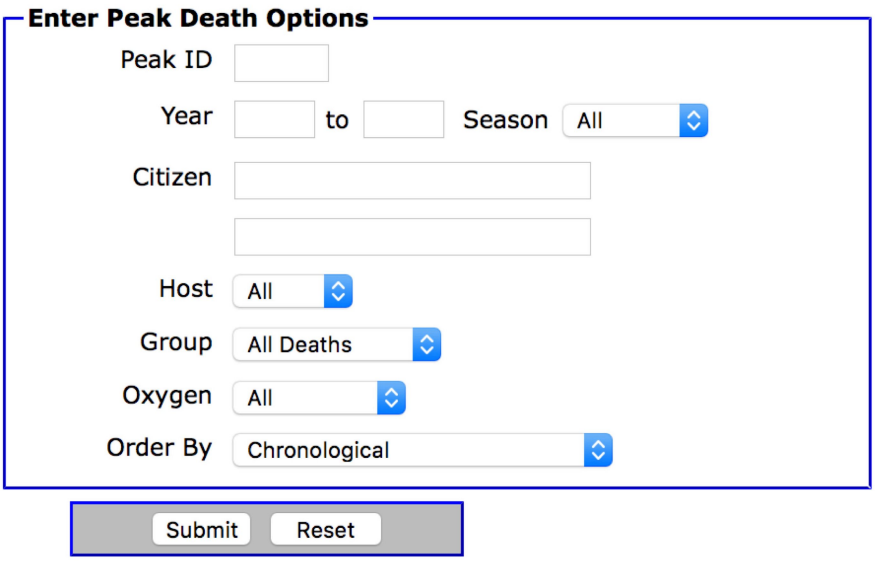
Group (group of members displayed)
- All Successes
- Women Only
- Members Only
- Hired Only

Oxygen (oxygen use, primarily for 8000ers)
- All
- No Oxygen
- Oxygen
- Unknown

Order Results By
- Chronological
- Member Last Name
- Citizenship
- Summiter's Age Ascending
- Summiter's Age Descending

Peak Deaths

The **Peak Deaths** report lists all the deaths for a specified peak. Select the options that you want in the options dialog box and click on the Submit button.



The options for the Peak Deaths report are:

Peak ID
Year/Season (expedition year/season range)
Citizenship (one or two citizenships)
Host (expedition host country, applies only to border peaks)
- All
- Nepal
- China
- India

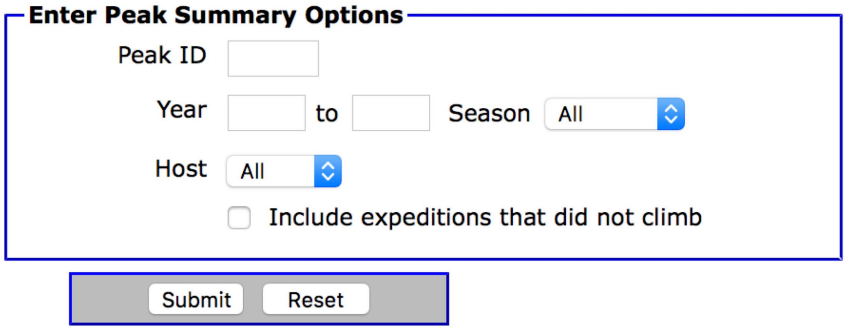
Group (group of deaths displayed)
- All Deaths
- Women Only
- Members Only
- Hired Only

Oxygen (oxygen use, primarily for 8000ers)
- All
- No Oxygen
- Oxygen
- Unknown

Order Results By
- Chronological
- Member Last Name
- Decedent's Age Ascending
- Decedent's Age Descending
- Altitude of Death Ascending
- Altitude of Death Descending

Peak Expedition and Member Statistical Summaries

The **Peak Expedition and Member Statistical Summary** reports give a quantitative analysis of all the expeditions and members to a specified peak. Select the options that you want in the options dialog box and click on the Submit button.

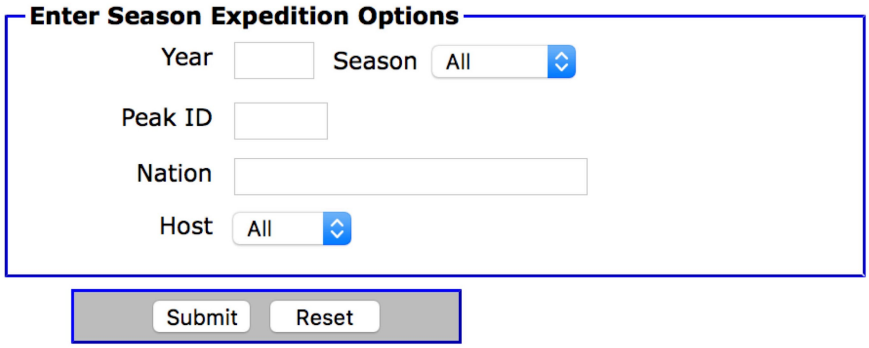


The options for the Peak Statistical Summary reports are:

Peak ID
Year/Season (expedition year/season range)
Host (expedition host country, applies only to border peaks)
- All
- Nepal
- China
- India

Season Expeditions

The **Season Expeditions** report lists the expeditions for a specified year or season. Select the options that you want in the options dialog box and click on the Submit button.

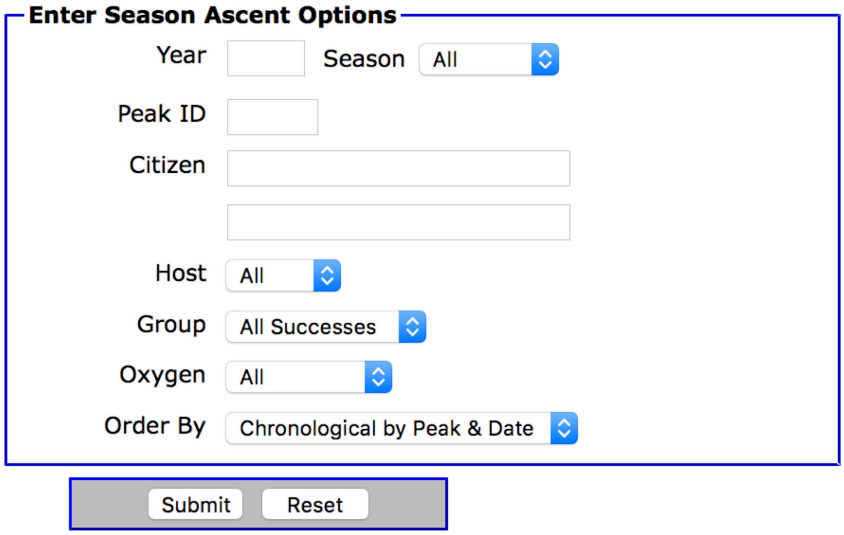


The options for the Peak Expeditions report are:

Year/Season (expedition year/season range)
Peak ID
Nation
Host (expedition host country, applies only to border peaks)
- All
- Nepal
- China
- India

Season Ascents

The **Season Ascents** report lists all the ascents for a specified season or year. Select the options that you want in the options dialog box and click on the Submit button.



The options for the Season Ascents report are:

Year/Season (expedition year and season)
Peak ID
Citizenship (one or two citizenships)
Host (expedition host country, applies only to border peaks)
- All
- Nepal
- China
- India

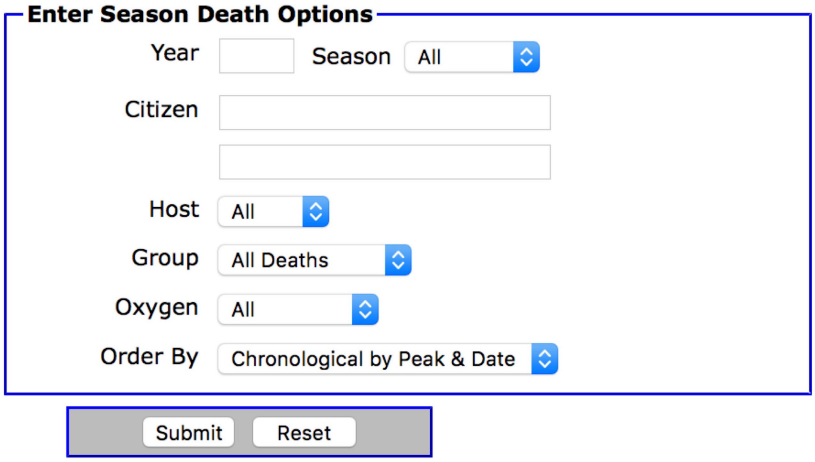
Group (group of ascents displayed)
- All Successes
- Women Only
- Members Only
- Hired Only

Oxygen (oxygen use, primarily for 8000ers)
- All
- No Oxygen
- Oxygen
- Unknown

Order Results By
- Chronological by Peak
- Member Last Name
- Chronological by Date

Season Deaths

The **Season Deaths** report lists all the deaths for a specified season or year. Select the options that you want in the options dialog box and click on the Submit button.



The options for the Season Deaths report are:

Year/Season (expedition year and season)
Citizenship (one or two citizenships)
Host (expedition host country, applies only to border peaks)
- All
- Nepal
- China
- India

Group (group of deaths displayed)
- All Deaths
- Women Only
- Members Only
- Hired Only

Oxygen (oxygen use, primarily for 8000ers)
- All
- No Oxygen
- Oxygen
- Unknown

Order Results By
- Chronological by Peak
- Member Last Name
- Chronological by Date