

Press Release

Greenland Expedition

Arctic Summits Expedition 2008

Successful return!



After 38 days in the Arctic the two mountaineers and Greenland adventurers Georg Csak and Dominik Rind have successfully returned from their *Arctic Summits Expedition*.

The two members of the DAV Alpine Club are the first German expedition to summit the 4 highest peaks in Greenland (up to 3693 m) and are the first ever to also descend all four of the highest mountains north of the Arctic Circle on skis. Further, six first ascents in the Gronau Nunatak and Knud Rasmussens mountain ranges add to the success of the expedition.

In order to reach Greenland's remote mountain ranges they covered 321 km on skis across the inland ice. The expedition was fully self-supported, the two men pulled all their equipment and food supplies in pulka-sleds, each weighing in excess of 100 kg to start off with.

The most critical situation the two mountaineers found themselves in, was during their ascent of Paul Emile Victor (3609 m). While on an exposed ridge they got surprised by a sudden weather change. A raging snowstorm and total whiteout conditions forced them to dare an emergency descent of 1300 m down a steep and crevassed glacier. Without any visibility it took them 28 hours to reach the safety of their base camp.

An online diary updated throughout the expedition tells their story.

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