



Couple from Kirkland are back on top

Ershlers conquer Everest, stand atop 7th continent

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Speaking from more than three miles high in the skies of Nepal, Phil and Sue Ershler feel as if they've conquered the world.

In fact, they have.

"I spent three years pursuing this and it all came together in one day. It was just great to do it together," Sue Ershler, 46, said in a telephone call last night from a Mount Everest base camp 17,600 feet above sea level.

The Kirkland couple are believed to be the first husband-and-wife team to have together climbed the highest peaks on each of the world's seven continents.

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Sue and Phil Ershler emerge from the Khumbu Icefall on Saturday on their way back to base camp at the 17,600-foot elevation of Mount Everest.