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Notes from Cambridge, Fall 1998

When climbing on rocks

The leader must recall that

Draws are essential

J. Eisner (who did not)

We would like to apologize to all members that we were unable to send out last year's newsletter till now. We have had some problems recovering our address database, and even the current reconstruction may not be complete, so if you know an HMC member who has not received this newsletter, please email or write to us.

Despite the lack of printed vital signs, the HMC was, however, far from inactive over the past year.

Climbing

Summer brought great weather and less work, which of course meant more climbing: HMC members got out to rock areas both locally and in Canada, France and Switzerland. Steve Tregay, Stephen Haggarty, and Mike Fitzgerald spend 17 days in Peru in the Cordillera Blanca range. Here is Steve Tregay's account of the expedition:

The first area was Lake Peron. Several days were spent acclimatizing followed by an ascent of Peron (18,600 ft) which included steep snow and ice. Mike and his partner attempted Artesonraju (19,600) but were unsuccessful. After restocking Steve and I started into Huascarán. After 3 days and surmounting a 20 foot overhanging bergschrund, we arrived at high camp (19,500 ft). During our rest day there people returned from Huascarán Sur (highest point in Peru) without success due to a large crevasse. With a 2 person British team we started at 12 am up the more technical North peak (21,800 ft). Climbing was straightforward but tiring, especially as 60-70 degree snow was found for the last several hundred meters. Several false summits lead

