

Peru

Ranrapalca, North Spur, Cordillera Blanca. On August 29 and 30, Britons Joe Simpson and Rick Potter climbed a new route on Ranrapalca (6162 meters, 20,216 feet), the north spur. This lies to the left of the ascent made in 1975 by Johns, Slaymaker and Rourke. An article on the present climb appears in *High* of December, 1994 on pages 31 to 34.

Chacaraju Este. In mid July, Masael Alvial and I made two attempts on the Bouchard-Meunier route on Chacaraju Oeste. On the first attempt, we were stopped one pitch up by weather and bad ice. The second was stopped after three pitches when we found a 3-inch coating of ice on a vertical wall where we could get no protection. We then opted for the Jaeger route on Chacaraju Este. We reached a point just below the summit cornice which was too unstable to surmount, as it had been for Jaeger.

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Bolivia

Bolivian Climbing in 1994. We suffered losses in 1994. A Pole died on Huayna Potosí on March 31 and three Austrians were caught by bad weather on Illimani on June 18. Two of them perished. On a more positive note, Bolivian guides Gregorio and Eduardo Mamani with Dr. Tito Carrasco made a variant of the Lyon route on the west face of Huayna Potosí on July 6. A rescue group was formed. I finished the construction of a climbing hut at the base of Huayna Potosí. For reservations, get in touch with me at the Hotel Continental, Avenida Illampu 626, Casilla 731, La Paz; telephone 313584-795936; fax 591-2-378226.

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Alpamayo Chico, Condoriri, Illampu, Cordillera Real; Quimsa Cruz. Holly Samson and I visited the easily accessed area around Condoriri. Our scenic Base Camp at 14,700 feet was an ideal spot to acclimatize and climb in a compact cirque of six or so peaks of 16,000 to 18,000 feet with one-day moderate mountaineering or technical alpine routes. We climbed Alpamayo Chico (5223 meters, 17,135 feet) by its northwest ridge, a fine, exposed route with a short section of 50° snow-and-ice below the summit. I later soloed the direct south face of Condoriri (5648 meters, 18,531 feet), a striking face of continuous 60° snow-and-ice with a tricky rock band of loose, shattered rock midway. I descended the normal southwest ridge, completing the round-trip in four hours. The highlight was visiting the northern Cordillera Real, where we climbed Illampu (6368 meters, 20,891 feet) by its northwest ridge. An approach now being used starts at Sorata (8500 feet) on a trail to Lacatiya (13,000 feet), the highest village, then crosses the steep, untrailed Huila Khota Pass (15,700