**The Matterhorn – 2001.08.27**

Well, it all came together this year on the Matterhorn program. We wore ourselves out climbing 4,000 meter peaks around the Zermatt area. The group was able to summit the Breithorn, Castor, Pollux and the Central Breithorn. When it came time to climb the Matterhorn, the weather and conditions were perfect. Our group didn't have great success, only one of six climbers actually summited the Matterhorn. However, all members gave it their best and climbed as high as they could while still maintaining a margin of safety. A special commendation to Chris Fragakis and Dave Hahn for actually summiting the Matterhorn. An extra special thanks goes to Johan Sandstrom who turned back with me at the Solvay Hut. Johan was climbing very strongly, but accepted my decision to turn back with the rest of the group for safety reasons.