

## Seasons' Greetings!

I hope this letter finds you healthy and happy after another wonderful year.

After working my tail off in 1997, my resolution at the beginning of this year was I would make the time to get back into the mountains and on the river and pursue activities I had been neglecting. I'm glad to report I was fortunate enough to make that happen.



In May, I returned to the Dolores River in SW Colorado for a river trip, which to me is one of the prettiest rivers in the country. June found me in California where I participated in the First Annual San Diego Rock 'n' Roll Marathon (for the Leukemia Society). It was great to be healthy and running again.

In August, I made my first journey to Mexico, traveling to the Yucatán Peninsula. A friend and I spent time on Islas Mujeres and in the interior in the town of Pisté, touring the incredible Mayan ruins of Chichén Itzá. We spent the rest of our time at this wonderful little hide-a-way in the coastal town of Tulúm, snorkeling, eating the fresh tropical fruits, and napping in hammocks on the beach. The heat and humidity were a killer, but thanks to the cerveza and tequila...



Kalalau trail along the Na Pali Coast. I'm still on a this trail ranks up with hikes I've done in the Grand Zealand.

My "career-life" remains in limbo. I made the Leukemia Society in January. While I was not my fundraising and running the two marathons. pursue different interests to see where they led. I'd the stock market for several years, so I attempted to living trading good start, my learned that I'd



In September, I returned to Oregon to participate in my seventh Cycle Oregon. We toured the south central part of the state, which included spectacular days cycling around the Cascade Mountains and Crater Lake. Some old cycling acquaintances were renewed, and several great new ones were made.

I just returned from Hawaii, where I participated in the Honolulu Marathon (Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>), again for the Leukemia Society. Through the gracious generosity of friends, I managed to raise almost \$7000 this year. After the marathon, I returned to Kauai, and backpacked the rugged and spectacular high from this trip; Canyon and New



decision to leave longer working for them, I continued to stay very involved through This was a year to been interested in see if I could earn a full time. After a "luck" turned and I better find a "real" job. My next experiment was to work part-time and to return to school to take a computer programming class. From this I learned I'm not a programmer. So the search continues. Working several part-time jobs has allowed me the flexibility to travel more this year, so it has been worth it. One constant is I'm still vending at the Rockies games. The Coors' "Hey Beerman" commercials made it especially fun this summer, and it was great to be part of the excitement of the All-Star Game at Coors Field.



Plans for 1999 include a return to the Boston Marathon in April, and then in August, participating with a team of eleven other Denver runners in the Oregon 'Hood to Coast Relay Race' (we'll be trying to place in the Mixed Masters Division). I'm hoping to score a few river permits (I've never had much luck with the permit lotteries) and several more backpacking trips. But what I am really looking forward to is a long-hoped-for return trip to New Zealand for the Millennium Marathon (6 AM Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2000) and other explorations.

I wish the best for you and yours in this, the last year of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.