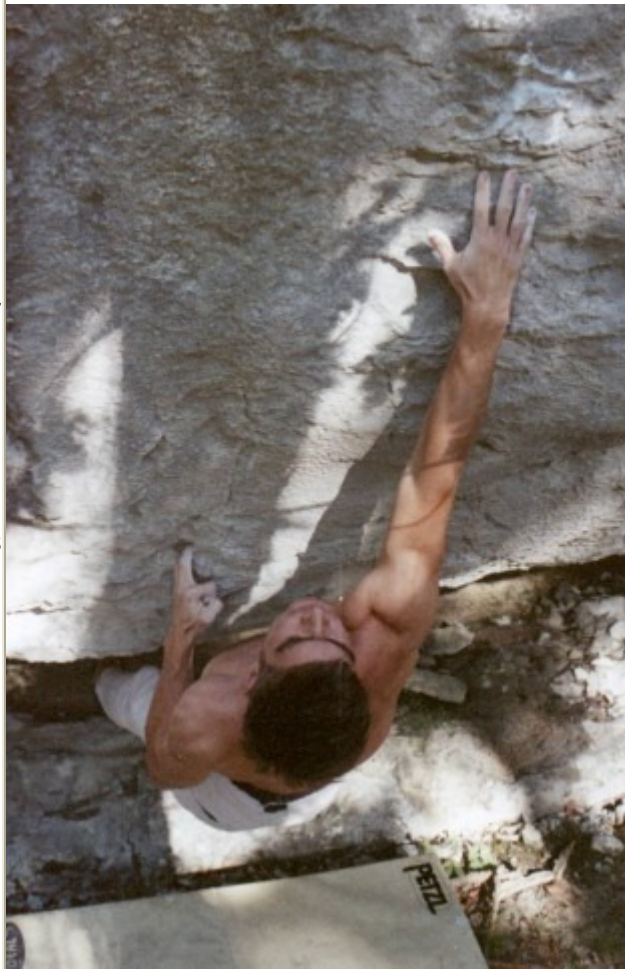


Who's Herman Schwaiger?

Some four months ago, the Bernhard and Hermann Schwaiger joined the Scorecard with a hole bunch of 8A+'s and harder. Nobody had ever heard about them before, except for Markus Schwaiger (who joined one year ago), so we had to ask our Austrian sources if it was really true and if they were relatives? Few days later it was confirmed - They are real and they are maybe the strongest brothers in the world!

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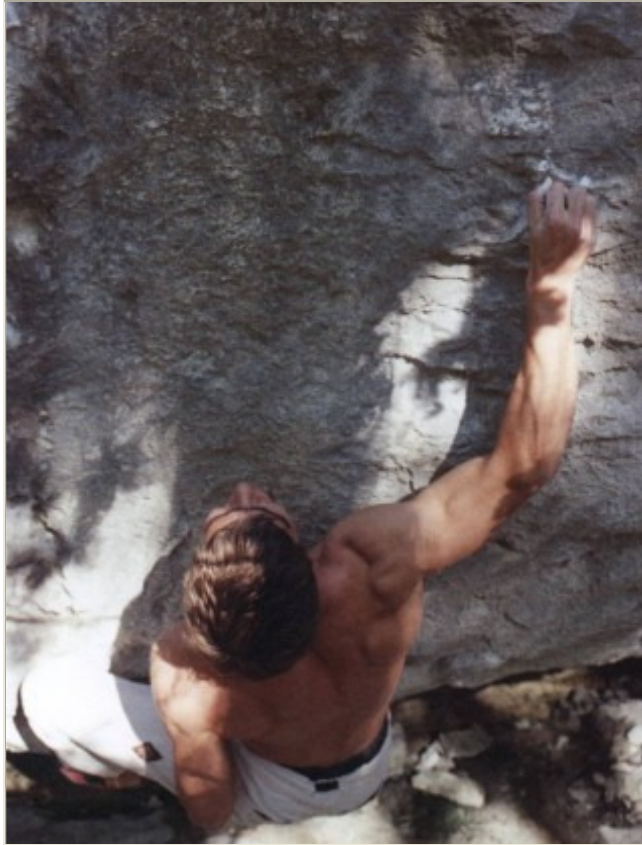
Hi, I am Hermann (Hemo) Schwaiger, 23 years old and I live in Maria Alm together with my girlfriend Daniela. Maria Alm is a small village in Pinzgau; 1 hour away from Salzburg. In summer I work as a wallpainter, and in winter I am a skitester for Fischer. I began climbing at the age of 16 together with my brother Berni. In the beginning we just were weekend-warriors in a small climbinggarden not far away from us. With the time I got more and more fanatic and built a small boulder-wall at home. As a result of this I got better and better (up to 8b+).



Going for the tiny crucial crimper on Statikus, 8A+

In 1998 my brother and I found some really cool boulders 30 minutes away from home, called "Fuchsloch". This was the day were climbing changed and bouldering was number one. There are about 60 problems from 6A to 8B+ and some really hard projects. Every bloc harder than 7C only saw ascents from Berni and me. Hopefully this will change soon ... After a good training in Winter 2000 I felt very good in spring, but then I broke my leg when falling directly onto a bolt in "All you can eat, 8c" at Plombergstein so the season was over.

Consequently I went into sommerseason 2001 more motivated, and I think it wasn't so bad. I started with Knallfrosch direkt 8A bloc in Kochel (second try) and some other fast acentcs of hard boulders there. Then I was on the Blaueis glacier, and gained some fast acentcs of hard boulders too (look for details in Klettern 12/2001/1/2002)... My absolut highlight was "Flying Circus" 8B+ bloc. This is an amazing boulder from Berni and me! There are 9 powerful moves (each of them a nearly 100%er for me) in a 50 degree overhanging wall. It took me a couple of days to send this bloc. After this I had a lot of work and therefore not so much time to climb outside.



Time is a big problem, because I have to work up to 45 hours a week and climbing outside is just possible on weekends when the weather is good. In the middle of the week I train at home on my small boulder-wall. This is not always easy after a hard day of work, you can imagine.

When I climb or train I try to climb always as hard as possible until I can't do anymore moves. I don't have special exercises. Just climbing works best for me. Right now I'm number 8 in the world-boulder-ranking but I think I'm not a very good climber. If I could climb more (more time), I think I could climb better. I think I am not at my limit right now. I am sure that in some time I could climb harder than now. But this is a different story. So I hope I'll see you during a bouldersession at "Fuchsloch" or at another place in Europe...

