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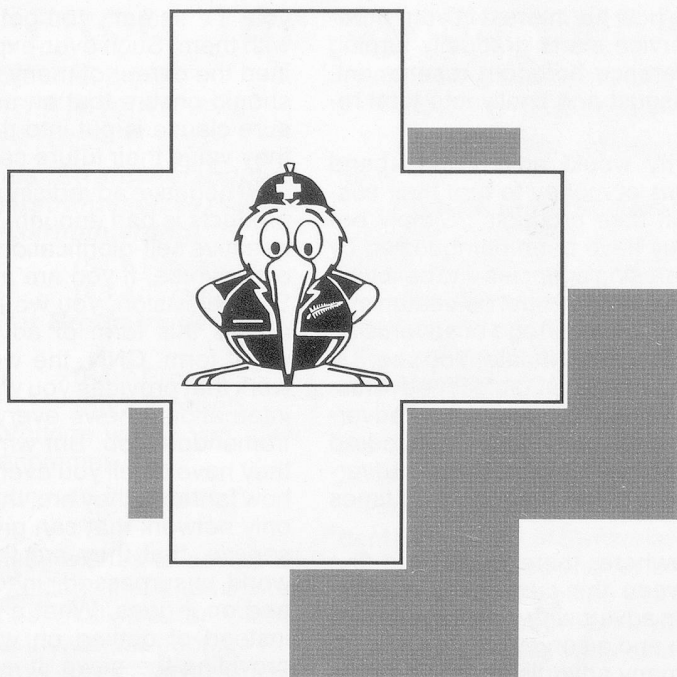
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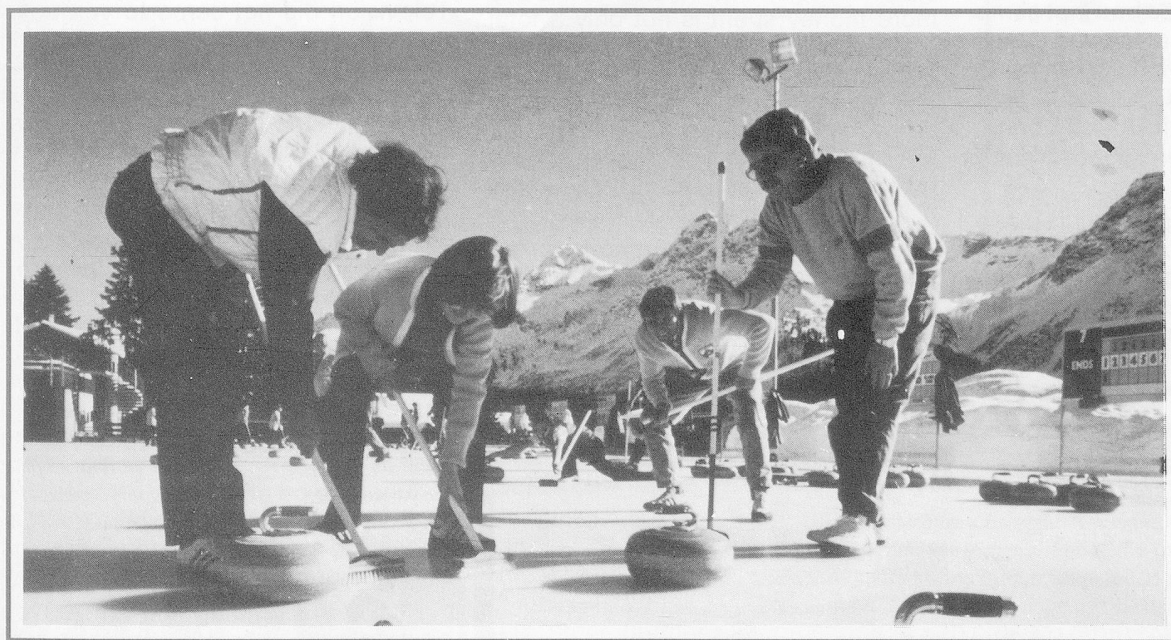
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PRIVATE RAILWAY STATIONS

The SBB/CFF expect to turn over 250 small railway stations which are no longer commercially viable into "ghost stations". With no staff and no station master and only machines to sell tickets, these railway stations are electronically controlled by nearby major railway centres and therefore have become "ghost stations". But private enterprise and enthusiasm has resulted in some stations being taken over by individuals who run them at their own expense, collecting commissions from ticket sales. Tecknau in Basel, Nottwil in Lucerne, Bruggen in St Gallen and now Maienfeld in Graubünden are typical examples of stations saved from this modern trend of becoming "ghost stations". The case of Maienfeld is unique inasmuch as it has been taken over by the Railways Union itself, the first time the union has done so since its foundation 75 years ago.



The Maienfeld railway station with its own, private station master who no longer works for the SBB but only for himself. He no longer wears the SBB regulation uniform either.