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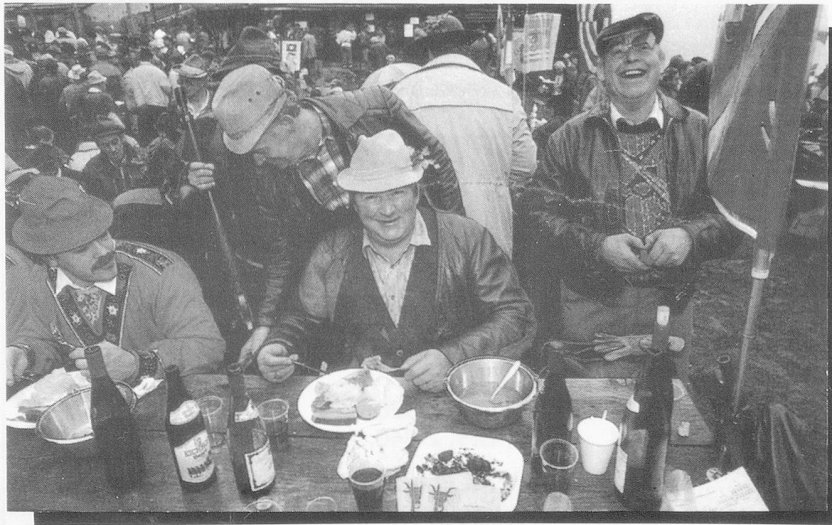
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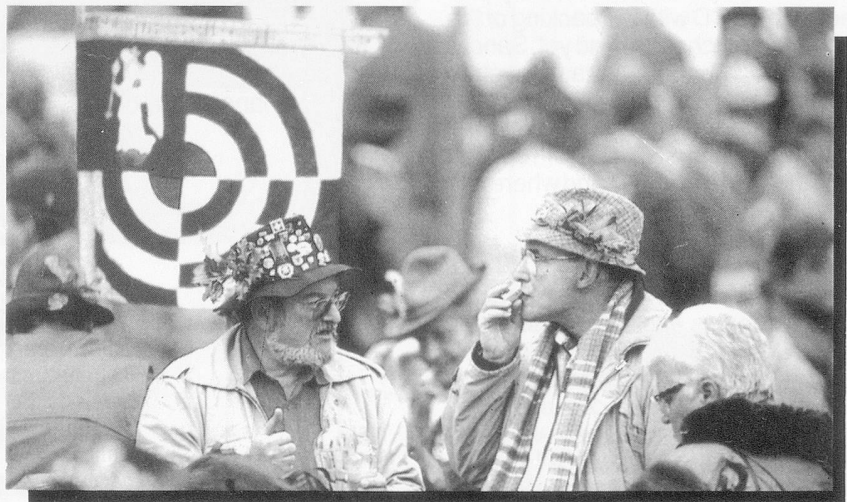


The Rütli Shoot is also a meeting place for veterans, a chance to exchange some old memories.

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WOMEN PILOTS

Fifteen Swiss women would like to become air force pilots. But since women, in the Swiss army, are not allowed to participate in armed combat, their training and military activities have to be restricted to helicopters.

HEAVIER PARCELS

The Swiss Post Office (PTT) has increased, on a trial basis only, the maximum weight allowed for parcels from 20 to 30 kgs.

RÜTLI SHOOT

For the past 130 years, 1200 selected shooters meet every year on the Rütli for this annual event: Fifteen shots each on temporary targets at 260m.

The night before the event, everyone assembles in Brunnen. In the morning, two paddle steamers shuttle the participants to the Rütli. The event usually takes place in the presence of high ranking officers of the Swiss army and a Federal Councillor or two. The Rütli Shoot is a tradition amongst the shooters and to be selected to participate is it a great honour because it means that you belong to the elite of Swiss shooters.

The Rütli Shoot is organised by the "Schweizerische Schützenverein". The club, founded in 1824 with 314 members, has today 580.000 active members. With the planned reduction of the Swiss army, the yearly compulsory shooting will be abolished, but the club still expects that some 300.000 shooters will stay as members. Particularly amongst the younger generation, there is a great interest for the club since more than 22.000 young shooters have joined up in one year alone. And women are welcome too. Eleven percent of the club's members are women. Despite the fact that the Rütli Shoot remains traditionally a manly affair, women compete on equal terms with men in all other events.