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(Rule 26) or at rest (Rule 27). If equipment is left on the course, such as rakes for bunkers, it should always be placed where least likely to be struck by a ball.

**New Conditions Affecting Play**

The proper authorities at the club-house should always be notified of any condition on the course which might affect play, such as an excessive accumulation of casual water (Definition 8), ground under repair created by work on the course (Definition 13), conditions due to rain or over-watering which might cause balls to embed (Local Rule, page 58), etc.

**Locating Cups**

Although the Rules are not concerned with the location of the hole on the putting green, it is good practice to leave at least five yards of reasonably level area between the hole and the edge of the green and to set no cups close to steep slopes or changes in slope. It is also good practice to move the cups daily but to avoid a lot of similar locations for the same day. Nothing is more upsetting to the golfer than to play hole after hole on which all the cups have been cut, for example, in the left rear part of the green.

*(Part III will appear in October.)*

**ST ANDREWS WILL CLOSE ITS COURSES**

In October, for the first time, all four golf courses at St Andrews are to be closed for play to the public for almost a week.

The closure begins on Tuesday, 3rd October, when play over the old course begins in the £56,000 Alcan Tournament. It ends on Sunday, 8th October, but will be extended to include Monday, 9th October, if a play-off is necessary.

Until now, St Andrews Town Council have been bound by law to keep other courses open for play during major events. A new order gives the council power to close the whole of the links. The order also removes the limit which the town council may charge spectators.