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Courses at the Des Moines Golf & Country Club in Des Moines, Iowa, will be the venue for Inkster's second Solheim Cup as captain and Annika Sorenstam's first.

6 U.S. AMATEUR August 14–20 / **WALKER CUP** September 9–10
Two big amateur events will take place in Los Angeles just weeks apart. The Amateur returns to Southern California for the first time since 1976, as Riviera Country Club hosts its third USGA championship following the 1948 U.S. Open (won by Ben Hogan) and 1998 Senior Open (won by Hale Irwin). Three and a bit weeks later, George Thomas's terrific North Course at Los Angeles Country Club (recently renovated by Gil Hanse, and slated to

hold the 2023 Open) stages its first Walker Cup, with Great Britain & Ireland hoping to retain the trophy it won so convincingly at Royal Lytham and St Annes two years ago.

7 NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP
May 19–24 (women), May 26–31 (men)
Rich Harvest Farms in Sugar Grove, Ill., hosts the top men's and women's college teams with Oregon (men) and Washington (women) hoping to repeat their thrilling, but somewhat unexpected, victories of last year.

8 COURSE OPENINGS
Course debuts may have slowed to a trickle in recent years, but those that are opening are virtually all significant,

meaningful, important, and lasting—not vapid, flavorless tracks that weave through homogenous housing. Among the most notable: Streamsong Black in Florida (Gil Hanse), Sand Valley in Wisconsin (Bill Coore/Ben Crenshaw, and David McLay Kidd), Silvie Valley Ranch in eastern Oregon (Dan Hixson), Stoatin Brae in southwest Michigan (the sixth course at Gull Lake View Resort, Renaissance Golf), and Big Cedar Lodge in Missouri (Gary Player) all fit the modern mold.

9 BANDON DUNES LINKS CHAMPIONSHIP June 25–28
Playing all four 18-hole courses over two days at the Bandon Dunes Golf Resort is the sort of thing bucket lists were made

for. The championship format is 60 two-man teams playing fourballs. The first 60 paid teams are assured a spot in the field, so be sure to register as soon as you can.

10 TOMMY'S HONOUR
If you read Kevin Cook's superb 2008 book of the same name, illustrating the life of Tom Morris Sr. and the rise to prominence of his son Tom Morris Jr., you probably thought it would make a great movie. You were right. That movie, produced by Jim Kreutzer, directed by Jason Connery (Sean's son), and starring Peter Mullan as Old Tom Morris and Jack Lowden as Tommy, opened around the country in April and should be available in various formats come summer. Look for it and see it.
—Tony Dear