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PARTICIPATING STARS RELAX DURING SUNDAY'S CLINIC AT SPYGLASS HILL
... LPGA touring pros (from left) Alice Miller, Juli Inkster, Janet Coles and Amy Alcott

Clinic, Exhibition at Spyglass Hill

LPGA Stars Dish Up Advice Along With a Slice of Ham

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Teaching golf pros might want to try Amy Alcott's approach.

She does impressions when giving instructions, as she did Sunday at Spyglass Hill during a golf clinic given by four LPGA stars.

For instance, we've all heard "You've got to keep your head down" so often it tends to, well, go over our heads.

Alcott, however, said it Sunday a la Ed Sullivan, and that made it stick. She also did fellow pro Juli Inkster 'as' Rudolf Nureyev, bouncing on her toes as she handed out golfisms. Everyone laughed, including Inkster.

"Amy's a ham," said her mother, Lea Alcott of Carmel.

The four pros each gave a lesson in a different segment of

stay on the ball as long as possible."

Alcott fluffed a few beauties softly into the air, then showed pros can be heir to mistakes also. "That's nice — hit it fat," she said after a baddy.

Hitting the middle irons, Miller, who won two tournaments last year, emphasized the importance of "alignment and setup. When I start having trouble, it's usually alignment."

She hit a perfect seven iron and responded to the applause with, "Thank you. I got lucky." On a mis-hit shot, Miller said, "I don't know if I had the collar on (choked) or what." "It was the ball," chimed in Inkster. "When you hit a bad shot, it's always the ball."

Miller was asked to demonstrate a knock-down shot, but deferred to Alcott, considered an expert at the shot. "You take

excited all week about doing this clinic" until she was told that "I had to hit long irons."

While most golfers no longer carry a two iron, Coles said, "I love it." Granting it is considered a tough club, Coles said, "It's really important to sit down and have a talk with your two iron."

She hit some beautiful shots with it — "That was a basic miracle," she said after the first — and recommended its use for windy days, as a driving club for "short, tricky courses where position is important," and from under trees "if you happen to get off the fairway."

Inkster said, "Being the youngest, I get stuck with the driver." A three-time U.S. Amateur champion, Inkster, of Los Altos, said, "When you hit it well, you hit your other clubs good. The driver and the putter