

Stephenson tied for lead

Jan Stephenson, one of the hottest players on the Ladies Professional Golf Association tour, and **Julie Stanger Pyne**, wielding a deadly putter, fired 4-under-par 68s to share the first-round lead in the \$150,000 Columbia Savings Classic in Denver.

Stephenson and Pyne held a 1-stroke lead over veteran **Janet Coles**, with eight golfers another shot back at 2-under 70, including **Nancy Lopez-Melton** and former champions **JoAnne Carner** and **Sandra Haynie**.

Donna Caponi, the leading money winner on the tour this year, and runner-up **Pat Bradley** were among 10 players grouped at 71. Defending champion **Beth Daniel** had an even-par 72.