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## Encouraging activity, despite disorder

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Having a bleeding disorder does not mean you have to sit the game out -- that's the message pro athletes wanted to hit home at the Evergreen County Club in Castleton.

Young people with hemophilia came from all over the Northeast to meet and compete with athletes who share their affliction.

It is part of a national program that encourages children with bleeding disorders to be active and enjoy competitive sports.

In the past, doctors had discouraged hemophiliacs from exercising. Thanks to medical breakthroughs, that is no longer the case.

"It's very important for these kids to get out and be active so their body and muscles can handle the bleeds better," said PGA Golfer Perry Parker.

"Kids have an opportunity to have a much more normal life through physical activity and proper use of medicines," said Peter Turner, President of ZLB Bearing.

The winners of the regional competition will be honored at the National Hemophilia Foundation meeting next month.