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Soldiers from E Company, 3rd Battalion, 36th Infantry Regiment take to the ice for physical training at the Sierra Providence Event Center Thursday.

## E Company, 3-36 'PTs' on Ice

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Seeking an alternative to the normal everyday physical training routine the Soldiers of E Company, 3rd Battalion, 36th Infantry decided to take its physical training out onto the ice Thursday.

"We get Army guys in here about once every two months," said Dave Herman, rink manager at the Sierra Providence Event Center. "We are trying to get it out to more people though that this is an alternative for their PT. The people who come always have a blast."

Dressed in full gear, the Soldiers traded their boots for ice skates and grabbed hockey sticks for a friendly in-company game. Most of the Soldiers had never played hockey or even skated before, so their first few moments on the ice were tenuous at best, but after a short familiarization, the company divided into two teams and played a fast-paced competitive hockey game.

"This was really fun, I'd love to do it again for PT," said engineer Pfc. William Ellifrits, whose opinion was shared by most of his peers.

"Getting to hit people was a lot of fun," said Spc. Brandon Pounds. "I've never played before, but I've watched a lot of it on TV. I'd do this every week if they'd let us."

Not only did the company's Soldiers enjoy the session on the ice, but the unit's leadership did as well.

"I loved it," 2nd Lt. Ryan Dunbar, the company's executive officer. "I think everyone enjoyed it from what I saw,

and it was good physical training. I think we might even have a competitive team in the company."

"What we were trying to do is have challenging PT, get out away from the flagpole, establish esprit de corps, and get the Soldiers out here working as a team," said 1st Sgt. James Allen after stepping off the ice. "We also want to support the El Paso Hockey Association and this rink, and thank them for making it available to the military. We want to try and do this at least once a month."



E Company Soldiers trade their combat boots for hockey skates Thursday.

### Sports briefs

#### Celebrity basketball game

The Harlem Legends will take on the Fort Bliss All-Stars at 7 p.m. June 8 at Stout Gym. Admission is \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door.

#### Boxing smoker

Fort Bliss MWR-Sports will hold The 2007 Border Rumble Boxing Smoker 6 p.m. June 22 at Stout Gym. This event is free and open to the public. Spectators and non-military personnel should have proof of vehicle insurance, vehicle registration and a picture ID to enter Fort Bliss. People interested in fighting, call 568-5995, for military personnel with less than five amateur fights, or 821-2153.

#### Family member discounts

The Fort Bliss Bowling Center and George V. Underwood Golf Complex are offering special discounts on services. The Bowling Center is offering a \$1 discount for up to three games of bowling in one day. This discount is valid from Friday to Sunday. The Golf Complex is offering a \$10 discount on daily green fees and lessons by appointment only. For more information call 562-6272 or 568-1685 and the Golf Complex at 562-2066 or 568-1273.

#### Tango Tower

Try your climbing skills on the 50-foot climbing walls, brave the cargo net, or test your limits on the Bead Climb. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday to Sunday, climbing fee is only \$10. Group rates are available. For more information, call 568-8087.

#### Ciclovia

Bicycle riders, roller skaters, runners, walkers, baby carriage pushers and fun seekers are invited to the El Paso Ciclovia. Events are scheduled from 7 to 11 a.m. Sunday. Ciclovia is not a race or competition; it's an opportunity to return to the "easier" days and have fun, because the world stops for you. Ciclovia began 20 years ago in Bogota, Columbia with the concept of reserving selected streets to bike, walk, run, or whatever. Help launch this pilot program by participating. For information, call 541-4123.



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### Diablos Baseball free tickets

Military Appreciation Night at the El Paso Diablos returns to Cohen Stadium. Mark your calendar for May 30, June 27, July 19 and Aug. 15. See the El Paso Diablos play ball with teams from around the league. The Diablo baseball team plays at 7:05 p.m. in Cohen Stadium. Pick up your free tickets at PAO, Bldg. 15.