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UPDATE: The Man Who Shoveled the Marathon Finish Line Has Been Found



Courtesy Phillip Hillman

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Boston spent all of yesterday shoveling their way out of one of the largest winter storms in its history, with many getting just enough snow out of the way to move their cars. But one local hero went above and beyond, taking the time to carefully clear off the Boston Marathon finish line.

UPDATE (2:00 PM) — We have a winner! [Back Bay Social Club](#), a restaurant right next to the marathon finish line, reached out claiming the shoveler was Chris Laudani, a bartender who was working at the restaurant yesterday.



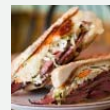
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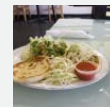


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@BostonDotCom The marathon finish line shovler was Christopher Laudani! He borrowed our shovel to do it!

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According to Back Bay Social Club manager Ryan Swann, Laudani asked to borrow a shovel because things were a bit slow.

“I asked him why he needed the shovel, and he said ‘I’m going to go clear off the Marathon finish line if that’s ok with you,” Swann says.

“He’s run the marathon the last few years, so I told him to go for it. And now his photo is everywhere.”

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In a comment to [Boston Magazine](#), Laudani said he loves the Marathon, and didn’t like the word ‘hero’ being thrown around to describe him.

I only did it to send a message...I love the Boston Marathon and everything it stands for, the finish line doesn't deserve to be covered in snow." He then added, "I think it's cool that so many people feel the same way, but I saw the word 'hero' being tossed around and that I don't like. I'm no hero, I'm just a nut who loves the marathon. The real heroes are the people who were out there clearing the streets and sidewalks, the [Boston Police Department], and the [Boston Fire Department] who risk their lives every day to keep people safe."

We have reached out to Laudani for comment, and will update if we hear more.



The photo was taken by Twitter user [@PhillyIdol1017](#), aka Phillip Hillman, from a window at the Charlesmark hotel.



 Gabrielle Daniels
@AroundTownGabby [Follow](#)

Powerful photo, taken by my friend [@PhillyIdol1017](#) - let's find the guy in the photo! [#whoshoveledthefinishline](#)
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Hillman and his friends have started a Twitter hashtag, [#WhoShoveledTheFinishLine](#), hoping to find the identity of the man.

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everyone share this tweet!!! let's find this guy. :)
[#WhoShoveledTheFinishLine](#)
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One of the early guesses was an employee of the hotel, but according to [an editor at Mashable](#) who called, the hotel had nothing to do with it.

 Philip L. Hillman 28 Jan
@PhillyIdol1017

[@DavidClinchNews](#) we have a Twitter Search on as we speak [#whoshoveledthefinishline](#) I think he works at The [#CharlesMarkHotel](#) Hotel

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[@PhillyIdol1017](#) [@DavidClinchNews](#) just called the hotel. nope.
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[#WhoShoveledTheFinishLine](#): I've got calls in with Boston's mayor's office, [@bplboston](#) & the [@bostonmarathon](#) to find out whodunnit.
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Whoever that mysterious man is, we salute you.




UPDATE (12:30 PM) — We have several leads on possible shovelers, leading us to believe the ‘local hero’ may in fact be several ‘local heroes.’

The first photo comes from [John Campbell](#), who submitted this photo to the [Boston.com Blizzard 2015 Instagram contest](#).

In a comment to Mashable, Campbell confirmed that he was not the shoveler, but arrived soon after.

 Jessie
@JessieHeasman 28 Jan

@[whoisjohngalt](#) Rumor has it... that you might be the finish line shovel hero? we would love to have you on our show! Cnn producer

 John Campbell

@[JessieHeasman](#) sorry, I came upon the scene just after the shovel hero finished. I just took photos.
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The next is from [Monkmp1s](#), who looks similar to the man in Hillman's photo, though it's too far away to tell for sure.

And finally we have a photo from [Kelsey Karkos](#) of a different man shoveling the walk posted two hours earlier.

Even the Boston Police want to know who he is.



 Boston Police Dept.
@bostonpolice

Help Boston solve a [#BlizzardOf2015](#) mystery.
[#WhoShoveledTheFinishLine?](#) [#BostonStrong](#)
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Given how busy Boylston Street is, it's very possible that there's a whole brigade of shovelers who kept the Marathon finish line clean throughout the day.

[Photos via Philip Hillman]

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He's a HERO for shoveling the finish line?

Seems that "hero" has taken as much of a downgrade as "Knighthood" in the United Kingdom.

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I don't like the use of the word "Hero" here, but he's still an awesome guy.

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Right. A thoughtful and powerful gesture? Certainly. But it falls well short of heroic.

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Community Servings Has Meals4Moms For Mother's Day

We love when your friend Stephanie Carrigg stops by to talk about all the great things Community Servings has going on, like Meals4Moms. Proceeds from their [Meals4Moms](#) program help provide meals and

nutrition to the critically ill and homebound in Massachusetts. So listen and find out how you can help out and get a little something in return for Mother's Day! [More ...](#)

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RESTAURANTS TODAY AT 11:53 AM

5 Sandwiches That You Need to Try in Boston This Spring

The following piece was co-authored by Jon Mael and Emily Boyd.

The transition from winter to spring means two things: get ready to see a lot of pale arms and legs for a while, and get ready to discover some great new grub. Now that you can walk two blocks down the street without getting frost bite, why not check out some of the best and most legendary sandwich spots that Boston has to offer?

You can't go wrong with any dishes at these places, but these are some sandwiches worth grabbing this spring, as they all feature traditional warm weather flavors. [More ...](#)

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Kickin' It With Boston's Bucket Drummers

You see them outside Fenway Park and down in Faneuil Hall, hustling and tapping and drumming up a storm. Now, thanks to [this Boston People piece](#) by Boston.com's Braden Campbell, you can get to know two of those insanely talented bucket drummers you've seen around Boston. [More ...](#)

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The May 2015 installment of [Boston Calling Music Festival](#) is almost

upon us, but that doesn't mean you can't have your sights on September, too.

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I Saw 'Shrek: The Musical' for Five Straight Days, This Is My Story

COMMENTARY

“One movie cannot contain him.”

– Roger Ebert, 2001 [review](#) of *Shrek*

As I type this, there are men in America who dress up and perform as Shrek every night for a living.

Soliders fight overseas for these Shreks. These Shreks are taxed by their government accordingly for their Shrek-related activities. These Shreks are our fathers, our brothers, our tour guides at local museums when productions of *Shrek* aren't happening. They are us, if we were Shrek.

As I type this, there is also an editor who would allow an adult writer to see *Shrek: The Musical* five times in a row at Wheelock Family Theatre in a mentally taxing endurance activity we'll call #shrekweek — an action that makes it hard for me to look in the mirror. That is, until I put on my Shrek ears, which are hilarious.

So how has *Shrek*, a film intended as a sucker-punch to Disney

fairytale juggernauts and loaded with early-aughts topical references, somehow followed us all the way into 2015?

Let's go on a disturbing journey together. [More ...](#)

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The Coffee Buster: Boston's Caffeine Hero of the Early '90s

Every city has its characters. People who, by their personality and actions, stand out among the crowds. While some of these characters are known for always being in the same spots, such as Spare Change Guy or the late Mr. Butch, there are those who are known for their effort to put a smile on the faces of those who happen to pass by. In the recent past, Boston has had Keytar Bear, but back in 1993, there was Chris Costonis — the Coffee Buster. [More ...](#)

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Why Are Bostonians So Easy To Troll?

Boston.com's Charlotte Wilder recently wrote this piece: "[How To Hate On Boston.](#)" And it made me think about Boston and Bostonians and the chip-on-our-shoulder, inferiority complex that sometimes manifests itself. So I invited Charlotte to talk about the things that get under our skin, why they do, and what it all means. [More ...](#)

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