



# Shark Bytes



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## President's Message

Greetings fellow boosters!

What a great month of March for the Sharks! The guys are playing their best hockey of the year, and hopefully we'll be playing beyond mid-April. **Let's keep it loud!** I can't believe it's already the last month of the regular season.

The Awards Banquet was a great time and we appreciate the player's and staff's time after a pretty grueling weekend of games. We've also done a great job at raising money for the club by working the concessions at non-Sharks events at the DCU Center. This helps keep the costs down of booster club events.

We have a great new community driven program called "Booster Seats" that we are all excited about - more in this newsletter. Also, think about renewing your membership for next year at the remaining home games.

Have you volunteered yet to help out on a committee or group? If you would like to get in on the fun, we'll welcome you with open arms! Either see me (or any active booster club member) at a game, or email any of us on the board.

Remember, this is your club!

Yours in hockey,  
*Rich Lundin*

**SAVE THE DATE: APRIL 19th AT 7 PM**

Crowne Plaza Hotel Downtown

Meet the Players! Free Parking! Door Prizes!



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## GAME NIGHT NOTES

by Chris O'Shea

Wow! the last month of the regular season is upon us. Where has the time gone?

I want to again thank all those who have helped out at the doors and at 50/50 this season. Your time is very much appreciated by all of us.

The dates that your help is needed are as follows Wed. 4/4, Fri. 4/6, Wed. 4/11, Fri. 4/13 and Sun. 4/15. Please email me at [hockeynanny20@aol.com](mailto:hockeynanny20@aol.com) if you are able to help out or see me at the games. Just as a reminder as we get closer to playoff time your help will still be needed, although for those who have been helped out with comp tickets to the games you volunteered at they will not be available during the playoffs per league rules.

## BOOSTERS TAKE A TRIP TO TEXAS TO CHEER ON THE SHARKS

Five boosters (Kevin, Gerry, Ronnie, Ashley and Chris) made their way to Texas this past weekend to cheer on the Sharks in San Antonio and Houston. We started out our day very early Thursday morning 3/29 in New England after different stops in different cities along the way we met up in Houston around one PM(CST) for the three hour ride to San Antonio for that night's game. Lots of horses and cattle along the way, but we got there with no problem in time to unwind a bit before heading off to the game at the AT&T Center. We met Mike Mudd of the Sharks when we went into the seating area and he thanked us for coming and asked about our trip so far.

We found our way to our seats which happened to be behind the Sharks bench. We watched warm-ups and we were asked by many a fan where we were from and were amazed that we would travel this far to see a hockey game. We met several people from Massachusetts who had moved down to San Antonio, we even saw the man from Quincy that we saw on our last trip with the IceCats and he remembered us from then and came over to say hello. The game was a nail biter and very exciting, we did a lot of cheering the guys on and they appreciated it very much. At times the five of us were louder than the rest of the San Antonio fans. T-Bone did his best to jinx the Sharks but it didn't work; Sharks won with .04 seconds left in OT on a goal by Mathieu Darche. Other goal scorers were Mathieu Darche and Graham Mink who scored the game tying goal. We left extremely happy and exhausted but made our way to the RiverWalk where we had dinner at the Hard Rock Cafe right on the river. The team also stopped by for dinner while we were there so we got to congratulate them on a fantastic win since we couldn't do it at the arena. They were very happy with the win and enjoyed their dinner, they also thanked us for making the trip down and we told them that we would see them in Houston.

Friday morning came and it was pouring rain and had been since late Thursday night. We met for breakfast before going to explore the RiverWalk Center Mall. We tried to do the riverboats on the RiverWalk but they were not running due to the weather even though the rain stopped but it was still drizzling and very windy. We made our way over to the Alamo for pictures before taking off for the drive to Houston. The drive was in and out of rain all the way but we made it there with no problem, found our hotel, got some quick rest before going to the Toyota Center for the Peoria/Houston game. We stopped at the Home Plate Restaurant across the street from Minute Maid Park where the Houston Astros play for a quick bite to eat. The Astros were playing an exhibition game against the KC Royals Friday night.

We found our seats for the game which would also be our seats for the Sharks game on Saturday. We were joined by Norm and Tayler LaFlash formerly of Worcester who moved down to Texas in 2005. It was good to see some of our Former IceCats again: Mike Glumac, Jon DiSalvatore, Aaron MacKenzie, Ryan Ramsay, Jamie Rivers, Chris Beckford-Tsue. Unfortunately we didn't get to see Mike Stuart who is

injured. The game was a hard hitting game and at times it appeared Peoria had the advantage in play and shots but didn't capitalize on their chances and the Houston goalie (Kochan) came up big for them. They had a bad start and never were able to overcome the 3-0 deficit. The final score was 6-3 Houston. Ryan Ramsay did have a fight during the game and we did get a chance to meet him after the game but didn't see anyone else because instead of walking to the hotel they took the hotel shuttle due to the rain. We also got to meet Clayton Stoner who is the cousin of Sharks Glenn Olson. Several Sharks went to the game we were told but we didn't see them.

Saturday also saw lots of rain and thunder as well as lightning, we had to delay our start of sightseeing in Houston. We eventually got started and went to Houston's Downtown Aquarium. They had some amazing architecture inside and out and some of the inside looked like the inside of old ships. The fish tanks were filled with many amazing animals of the sea, alligators, giant turtles, lots of fish, giant eels, sharks etc. We all took a trip aboard the Sharks Adventure train which took us around the aquarium and inside a tunnel that had different kinds of sharks swimming all around us. There was also a great white shark that jumped out of the water at us along the ride. Ronnie and I went on the Ferris wheel which brought us up above the park and where you could see the city of Houston, the highway I-10 and the Hard Rock Cafe. There was also a diver's challenge which was like a bungee cord experience which Ashley and Ronnie liked. They had a sea inspired carousel which we went on as well. We walked thru this amazing restaurant they have there that has a giant fish aquarium right in the middle with lots of different fish and sharks that you can watch as you dine.

Back to the hotel for some rest before going back to the Hard Rock for supper before heading over to the Toyota Center for the Sharks Game. Wow! what a game only 35 seconds into the game we were up 1-0, before you knew it the Sharks were up 3-0 and all was well and as the game went on the Sharks scored four more and went on to win 7-3 with Mike Iggulden getting the second Sharks hat-trick of the season. Torrey Mitchell got his first points of his Sharks career with a goal and assist, Mathieu Darche had four assists and Brennan Evans added a goal and assist, Craig Valette scored and had 1 assist. Former Holy Cross goalie Tony Quesada was in goal for the Aeros. Tomas Plihal got hurt during the game so we wish him well and hope he isn't out to long. Riley Armstrong also took a puck to the side of the head or a hard check to the head and was down for a bit but did come back to play.

We were able to see several of the guys after the game as they left to go back to their hotel and they were psyched. We saw Mike Mudd and Jamie Smock also and they once again thanked us for coming all that way for the Sharks. It was really our pleasure to do so.

Sunday was packing day for all of us as Kevin, Gerry, Ronnie, and Ashley were leaving later that day and I was changing hotels to be closer to the airport so I could leave early Monday morning for home.

All in All it was a fantastic trip the people were generally very friendly to the visitors from New England. We wished there was less rain but it was warm the 70's and low 80's by Sunday, but now it is back for the stretch run for the Sharks to secure a playoff berth in the Calder Cup Playoffs. Pictures will follow next month and I'll have some at the booster table later this week.

Thanks to Judi for getting the tickets, thanks to the people of San Antonio and Houston for their hospitality and the Sharks for doing such a great job while they were there, but most of all to Gerry, Kevin, Ronnie and Ashley for their companionship throughout the trip as the Sharks Booster chomped their way thru Texas to 2 wins and lots of memories.

### **Season Ticket Raffle**

We continue to have this raffle for two front row seats at every home game. The seats are in Section 125 Row CC seats 6&7. Stop by the table on game nights and take a chance on winning the seats. It only cost \$5/chance.



**Happy Birthdays to our Sharks**

Wishing the following Sharks a Happy Birthday this month

**Tom Walsh 4/22**



**Get Well Wishes**

Continued good wishes for their recoveries to Michal Macho and Dan Spang.

**Congratulations to Booster of the Year: Josie Brown!**

Thanks to all that attended this year's awards banquet and all those who worked hard to put it on. Congratulations to Mathieu Darche, Brennan Evans, Riley Armstrong and Thomas Greiss on their awards.

**AAHLBC 07**

Reminder your remaining balance is due by May 15,2007 for this year's convention.

**AHLBC Broomball Tournament**

The tournament will be held on Saturday June 16,2007 at the New England Sports Center.

**Booster Seats**

If you were at the game on March 24th, you probably saw the excited fans from the Rainbow Child Development Center sitting in section 236 behind the 'Booster Seats' banner. They were there thanks to your Booster Club as we kicked off a new program that brings our charitable work to a new, more visible level. Through the Booster Seats program, we will be sponsoring local charities by donating tickets, Friendly's ice cream, and special attention to kids who would not otherwise be able to attend a game. Seeing their enthusiasm as the Sharks won over the Baby Bruins added a lot to game night.

We will be doing another Booster Seats night on Friday, April 13, as we sponsor a group from Friendly House, and we expect to continue the program throughout next season. Look for the Booster Seats banner and give the kids a warm welcome by cheering when the camera turns to them.

Thanks to the many people who helped and supported this effort including Mike Myers, who made the banner and arranged for the game night publicity, and to John Sbrogna for acting as a guide and welcoming committee at the game.

## WORCESTER SHARKS BOOSTER CLUB

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Going to a game is always fun - but that fun is tripled or more when you go with the Booster Club! The price includes round-trip motorcoach transportation from the Park-n-Ride Lot at the Mass Pike/Route 20/Route 146 intersection and a ticket to the game. All ages welcome. I also need help - if you'd be interested in being a Group Leader, please contact me!

**Right now, I'm waiting on playoff information and will plan accordingly. Please pay attention to the Booster Club Table behind Section 117 at the home games and/or your email inboxes for the latest information!!!**

**Also, I'm in the midst of planning a few fun outings for the summer. Suggestions put forward by members so far include a trip to the Paw Sox, a Tornadoes invasion by Sharks fans, a day at Foxwoods, and possibly a trip to Six Flags in Agawam. If you are interested in any of these trip please email me at the address below or call me at 508-798-3687.**

*All prices subject to change, depending on interest. Deposits and/or payment in full due at time of deadline. Booster Club policy is that no alcohol is allowed on the bus for any of our trips. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Judi Dionne at [sharkbytesbc@gmail.com](mailto:sharkbytesbc@gmail.com).*



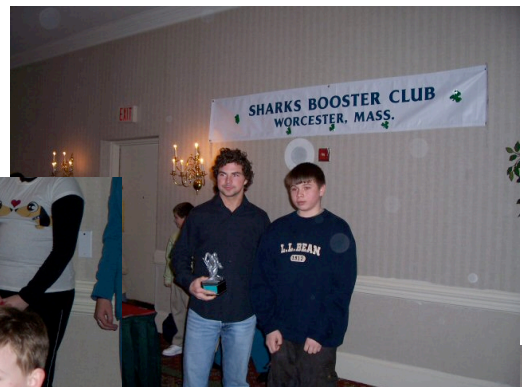
The Inaugural Spring Awards Banquet was held on March 25th at the Crowne Plaza, and was attended by over 120 Boosters, players and office staff. A great time was had by all as we passed out awards to the big achievers of the season! For the first time, players were not limited to one award, so it was the most accurate representation of the fans' favorites yet. Superstar Mathieu Darche took home awards for Top Scorer, Best Offensive Player, Best Single Game Performance and Most Valuable Player...luckily, his multiple-kid family was in attendance to help him carry the awards home! Brennan Evans won the Tough Guy Award and the award for Best Defensive Player and did NOT need to arm wrestle anyone for the titles. Booster Riley Armstrong won the Fan Favorite award as well as the Seven Hill Seventh Player Award, as well as an honorable mention for "Most Parades Attended" - thanks Riley! Outstanding goaltender Thomas Griess easily captured the Rookie of the Year Award. The Booster of the Year Award went to Josie Brown for her work during the season. Congratulations to all the winners!

## WORCESTER SHARKS BOOSTER CLUB



We presented a Six Flags Family Pass and framed Gerry Cheevers print to goalie mask guru and club liason Mike Myers, who also received the prestigious Ghetto Booty Award from Emcee Jamie Smock. Mike has been the Booster Club's own seventh player this year, and we were excited to have this chance to thank him! There were also a variety of raffled items, from autographed photos to game used, signed hockey sticks from both Worcester and San Jose Sharks players. We also auctioned off a game worn Brady Leisenring jersey, which was bought by Riley Armstrong and Grant Stevenson.

Thanks to everyone who attended, and we missed the folks who couldn't miss it! We hope to see everyone at next year's banquet after yet another GREAT season!



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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(As of March 28)

### Thursday March 29-

**FINZ @ Worcester Academy School Worcester, MA**

- ♣ FINZ will visit from 11:30-12:30pm

### Friday March 30-

**FINZ @ PTO Family Fun Night Auburn, MA**

- ♣ FINZ will visit from 6:30-7:30pm

### Saturday March 31-

**FINZ @ DCU Street Brigade Worcester, MA**

- ♣ FINZ, Sharks Street Brigade Staff and 1 player will run event
- ♣ Session 1- 11-12:00pm                      Session 2- 1-2:00pm

**FINZ @ Ash/West Community Hockey Game Ashburnham, MA**

- ♣ FINZ will visit from 5-6:30pm

### Thursday April 5-

**FINZ @ Staples Framingham, MA**

- ♣ FINZ and Sharks staff will visit from 11:30-12:30pm

### Sunday April 22-

**March of Dimes Walk Worcester, MA**

- ♣ FINZ and Sharks staff will visit from 11-1pm

### Saturday April 28-

**American Heart Association Walk Worcester, MA**

- ♣ FINZ and Sharks staff will visit from 10-12pm

### Sunday April 29-

**Westborough Spring Festival at Westborough H.S., Westborough, MA**

- ♣ FINZ and Sharks staff will visit from 10:30-12:30pm

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