

Badger Buddy Line

The Official Newsletter of the Badger State Dive Club

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Next Club Meeting Tuesday, May 29th

The Badger State Dive Club invites all certified divers, students currently enrolled in classes, and all those interested in the sport of skin and scuba diving, to join us at our next meeting on Tuesday, **May 29th at 7:30pm at Edwardo's Natural Pizza, Hwy 100 & Bluemound, Milwaukee.** Directions and more information available on the Club website: www.badgerstatediveclub.org.

Club Officers for 2007

President – **Rich Laiacona**

Vice President – **Tom Ash**

Treasurer – **Ben Prokash**

Dive Coordinator – **Bob Lijewski**

Secretary – **Lee Hintz**

Sgt.-at-Arms – **Steve Busalacchi**

Honorary Board – **Dick Klug**

Honorary Board – **Dan Booton**

Honorary Board – **Mike Wolf**

Members in attendance at 4/24/07 meeting:

Tom Ash, Steve Busalacchi, Dick & Mary Klug, Rich Laiacona, Bob Lijewski, Ben Prokash, Gary Steven and guest Bryce Ripp. Excused: **Kevin Cokain, Dan Booton, Lee Hintz, Mike Wolf and Mike Tompkins.**

Meeting Notes

by Lee Hintz

- ◆ President **Rich Laiacona** called the April 24th meeting, held at **Edwardo's Natural Pizza**, to order, at exactly **7:30 pm.**
- ◆ The minutes of the March 27th meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.
- ◆ Treasurer's Report from **Ben Prokash:**
Checking Account Balance: \$1,635.74
Certificate of Deposit Balance: \$13,100.82
- ◆ The new Club meeting place is in the private upstairs room of **Edwardo's Natural Pizza, Hwy 100 & Bluemound Road, in Milwaukee**, just North of I-94. Food and beverage options are available to the Club, and at a cost to members who choose to eat food at the Club meeting, of \$3 per person. Those who choose not to eat will receive beer and soda as in the past, at no cost. The Club pays the balance due to Edwardo's, including gratuity, in excess of the \$3 per person contributed by members and guests.

Old Business

- ◆ The South store of **Deep Blue** in **Franklin**, has donated two prizes, to give to lucky Club members in attendance at upcoming meetings. **Bob Lijewski** received the items while he was delivering some of our Club brochures to **Deep Blue**, for display in their store. **Deep Blue's Manager Rich Henry**, also graciously offered to exchange the gift items, if they aren't compatible with the member's dive gear. After discussion, it was decided that the drawing that was to be held for one of these items at the April meeting, would be postponed until the May meeting. **Thanks again to Rich at Deep Blue!**

New Business

- ◆ The Club's newest members voted in at the April meeting:
Gary Steven (also his son **Joey** & daughter, who are both certified divers)
4930 S. De Soto Lane
New Berlin, WI 53151
Phone: 414-427-0082
gsteven@aasc-drsteven.com

Gary is a medical doctor and a PhD, and is pursuing his wreck diving certification. **Welcome to the Club guys!**
- ◆ Guest **Bryce Ripp** filled out an Application for Membership, and has signed up for upcoming Club Charters. Hopefully **Bryce** will be voted in June.
- ◆ The Club sent a card of sympathy to **Gary and Barb Emrich** in memory of **Gary's mother.**
- ◆ More sad news just in: **Mike Wolf's** father passed away on the day of our last meeting, and was buried on April 30th in Menomonee Falls. He was 84 years old and had been living the last 4 years at the Veteran's Home in King, WI. Our condolences go out to **Mike and Debbie.**
- ◆ **Brendon Bailod** sent an email announcing a program of the **Wisconsin Underwater Archeology Association** to do Summer 2007 fieldwork on the wreck of Milwaukee's historic **Fireboat No. 23**, formerly the August F. Janssen, which now lies in 50 feet of water off Milwaukee, in Lake Michigan. **Bob Lijewski** stated that he was interested in volunteering for the research project. More here: www.ship-wreck.com/shipwreck/fireboat/.

- ◆ **Bob Lijewski** brought in a few bottles from his collection. They were from the 1800's and early 1900's and included an old Joseph Schlitz Beer bottle, Waukesha Soda water bottle and a Crow Stove Polish bottle. **Bob** gave background information on the history of the bottles.

Past Dives

- ◆ **Kevin Cokain** has been completing his **Tri-Mix and Extended Range, Advance Tri-Mix Gas Blender** class prior to the **Door County** trip. He has been diving the past three weekends doing deco skills training dives. He will give us a full report on both at the May Meeting.
- ◆ **Bob Lijewski** did a recent dive in **Pewaukee Lake** (need I say for bottles). Water temp was 46 degrees and visibility was five feet.

Future Dives

- ◆ **Dick & Mary Klug** and **Lee & Jean Hintz** are going back to the **Riviera Maya** coast of **Mexico** the first two weeks in May. They will be staying at two **Palace Resorts**; the first week at **Xpu Ha Palace** and the second week at **Aventura Spa Palace**, in **Puerto Aventuras**. Both all-inclusive resorts offer reef dives, cenote dives, snorkeling, and many other water activities.
- ◆ **Memorial Day Weekend – Door County.** **Kevin Cokain** is organizing 2-tank charter boat dives in **Gills Rock**, on Friday May 25th and Saturday May 26th. The **Dive Diva's Charter** is a six- pack boat and space is limited. Dives are planned on the **E.R. Williams**, a 110' schooner and the 300' long **Frank O'Conner**. There are also some good shore diving sites to enjoy. The Club will reimburse **\$20 per day** for each member's cost of the charter. Contact **Kevin** or **Bob Lijewski** as soon as possible, to reserve your spot and for details. **Kevin and Jackie Cokain** and **Bill Rozga** have signed up so far.
- ◆ An **Inland lake dive** is planned for **Saturday, June 2nd**, at **10:00 am**, in **Lower Genesee Lake**. Meet at the **DNR parking lot**. Call **Lee Hintz** if you are ready to get wet: **414-762-3175**.
- ◆ **Bob Lijewski** has reserved half of a charter with **Jerry Guyer**, on the **Len Der**, for **Saturday June 9th**. The destination is probably going to be the car-ferry **Milwaukee** and/or the **Prinz Wilhelm**. The Club will reimburse members **\$40** towards the cost of the two-tank charter. Please call **Bob** as soon as possible to reserve your spot on this month's Club sponsored charter. **Bob, Ben Prokash, Rich Laiacona** and **Bryce Ripp** have signed up so far.
- ◆ **Saturday August 25th – 1:00 pm** **Lady Elgin 55'** and **Sea Bird 30'**, **Lake Michigan** charter with **Enterprise Marine, Waukegan, IL**. **Bob Lijewski, Lee Hintz** and **Rich Laiacona** have signed up so far.

- ◆ **Bob** is setting up a charter for **July** and one for **September 22/23** out of **West Bend**. **Rich Laiacona** is in contact with **Blake Ewing** of the **WCDA**. They will coordinate efforts to have some joint Club dives this summer, and fill all charters.

Future Social

- ◆ Discussion took place regarding the **Maritime Museum** in **Manitowoc**, the **County Zoo**, shipyards in **Sturgeon Bay** and the **Lighthouse Tour** in **Door County**. The Humphrey **IMAX** theatre is showing "**Deep Sea**" directed by **Howard Hall**, now through September 6th. Keep up which the events listed on the Club Web site.

