

Badger Buddy Line

The Official Newsletter of the Badger State Dive Club

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Next Club Meeting Tuesday, May 27th

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 27th at 7:30pm at Edwardo's Natural Pizza**, Hwy 100 & Bluemound, Milwaukee. More information available on the Club website: www.badgerstatediveclub.org.

Club Officers for 2008

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 4/29/08 Meeting:

Tom Ash, Steve Busalacchi, Kevin Cokain, Tim Dake, Jim Driver, Dave Kyles, Rich Laiacona, Jim Noel, Ben Prokash, and Guest: Chris Sztukowski. Excused: Dan Beck, Lee Hintz, Dick Klug, Bob Lijewski and Bill Rozga.

MEETING NOTES

by Lee Hintz

- ◆ The **April 29th** meeting was called to order by President Rich Laiacona, at exactly 7:30 pm, with 9 members and 1 guest in attendance.
- ◆ Treasurer's Report from **Ben Prokash**:
Checking Account Balance: \$1,330.26
Certificate of Deposit Balance: \$12,206.26
- ◆ The Club meets in the private upstairs meeting room of **Edwardo's Natural Pizza, Hwy 100 & Bluemound Road, Milwaukee**. Food and beverage options are available to the Club, and at a cost to members and guests who choose to eat food at the Club meeting, of \$5 per person. Those who choose not to eat will receive beer, ice tea and soda as in the past, at no cost. The Club pays the balance due.
- For Muck Divers and Bottle Collectors:
<http://mrbottles.com>
- Wisconsin Underwater Archeology Association:
<http://wuua.org>

- Local Divers Discussion Forum:
<http://wiscuba.com/yabbse/>

New Business

- ◆ The month's dive related prize, donated by **Jim Driver**, was given away at the April Club meeting. The lucky winner of a waterproof case was **Rich Laiacona**. A drawing for another prize will be held at the May meeting.
- ◆ It was discovered that **Jim Driver's** phone number in the **2008 Club Roster** is incorrect. The correct number is:
Jim Driver 262-644-0895
- ◆ **Dave Kyles**, the newest member of the Club, has signed up for the **Rescue Diver** course at **Deep Blue**.
- ◆ There was discussion regarding the ways the ad in the **Ghost Ships Festival** booklet benefits the Club.
- ◆ **Kevin Cokain** has an extensive list of dive accessories for sale. All items are negotiable: Call **414-481-4362**
- ◆ It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of dive charter **Capt. Bill Prince**. He died recently at **Lake Wazee**. Details are not immediately available. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends.

Past Dives

- ◆ **Dick & Mary Klug, Lee & Jean Hintz & Carol & Buck Bauer** returned from a trip down the **Riviera Maya** coast of **Mexico** tanned and rested. **Dick** and **Lee** dove in **Cancun** with **Aqua World** on their big, beautiful boats. The reefs between the mainland and **Isla Mujeres** were healthy, with abundant schools of fish. They saw shark, very large turtle, a huge orange File fish, Spotted Eel, and large Puffer fish. **Carol & Jean** found **Mary's** Baracuda friend, snorkling in **Puerta Aventuras**. At the new **Palace Resort** on **Isla Mujeres**, **Carol** also was the star in water aerobics, with her personal trainer, **Julio!** She also got some great dolphin pictures to take home.
- ◆ **Kevin** and **Jackie Cokain** attended a friend's wedding at a **Sandals Resort** in **Jamaica** for ten days. They did a charter dive with a 5 Star PADI resort, but were not impressed by the way the crew conducted the dive.

- ◆ **Rich and Lee Laiacona** also reported on the fabulous trip to the **British Virgin Islands** aboard a live aboard catamaran for ten days! **Rich** dove on the famous wreck of the **RMS Rhone** and said it was like Disneyland, there was so much to see on the two dives. A trip of a lifetime!

Future Dives

- ◆ Dive Coordinator **Bob Lijewski** has a **Lake Michigan** charter on the **Len Der** on **Sat. June 7th**, at **8:00 am**. Cost to members is **\$40**. There room for 6 divers and 4 are signed up. **Call Bob:414-422-9452** to hold your spot!
- ◆ **Mike Wolf** will be doing evening dives in many Waukesha County lakes; such as **Pine, Okauchee, Oconomowoc, Nemahbin** and **Big Cedar**. A **bottle dive** in **Pewaukee** is also on the agenda. Divers will meet at the **Hwy 16 and Hwy C, Park & Ride** lot. Watch the Web site & emails for details.
- ◆ **Kevin and Jackie Cokain** are going to **Mackinaw City, MI** for wreck diving, **June 7-14th**.
- ◆ **Jim Driver** has set up a weekend dive trip to **Lake Wazee** in **Black River Falls** for the Club. The dates are **June 13-15th**. Dives would be done both days, and on Saturday night. **Jim** has a room at the **Best Western** starting on Friday night. **Jim would like to know right away, who is planning to go, and who will be diving on which days**. Please call or email him: **262-644-0895**, or jimdriver@charter.net. See this web site for details on the diving and accommodations: www.wazeesports.com.
- ◆ **Lee Hintz** is setting up a picnic dive at **Firemen's Park** at **Elkhart Lake** on **Saturday July 12th**. Meet at the **Mc Donald's** at **Brown Deer Road and I-43** at 9:00 am, and we will caravan to the Park and parking lot. Call **414-762-3175** if you need directions. There is a small park fee.
- ◆ **Aaron and Stephanie Lilly** are planning a trip to dive and camp in **Lake Superior, July 13 – 15th**. Anyone interested in joining them should contact them.
- ◆ **Bob Lijewski** has reserved 6 spots on the **Lake Michigan** charter on the catamaran **Mai-Tai**, on **July 26th**, at **8:00 am**, cost to members is **\$35**, and 3 are signed up. **Call Bob: 414-422-9452** to hold your spot!
- ◆ **Bob Lijewski** is looking at a dive out of **Waukegan**, on **August 3rd** in the afternoon, or on the **10th** all-day. Please let him know which you would prefer: **414-422-9452**.

Future Social

- ◆ The **Milwaukee Public Museum** is having a **Titanic** artifact exhibit opening **October 10th**. **Bob Lijewski** is taking advance ticket orders for **Sunday, December 14th**. Cost is \$21, Seniors \$18. Call **Bob: 414-422-9452**.

Good Divng!



Steve's dog - too much time on his hands?



Carol and Julio - Can I take him home?



Cayman Tunnel Swim Thru