

Badger Buddy Line

The Official Newsletter of the Badger State Dive Club

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Next Club Meeting Tuesday, May 26th

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 26th 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 2009

President – **Rich Laiacona**

Vice President – **Ben Prokash**

Treasurer – **Jonathan Taylor**

Dive Coordinator – **Bob Lijewski**

Secretary – **Carol Morales**

Newsletter/Web site Editor – **Lee Hintz**

Sgt.-at-Arms – **Mike Stupak**

Honorary Board – **Dick Klug**

Honorary Board – **Tom Ash**

Honorary Board – **Mike Wolf**

Members in attendance at 4/28/09 Meeting:

Jim Driver, Rich Laiacona, Bob Lijewski, Carol Morales, Les Ratlieff, Bill Roehrs, Jonathan Taylor and Mike Wolf.

Guests: Scott Reilley. Excused: Lee Hintz, Dick & Mary Klug, Jim Noel and Mike Stupak.

MEETING NOTES

by **Carol Morales**

- ◆ The **April 28th** meeting was called to order by President **Rich Laiacona**, at exactly 7:30 pm, with 8 members and 1 guest in attendance.
- ◆ Treasurer's current month's Report from **Jonathan Taylor** was as follows:

Checking Account Balance: \$1,309.90

Certificate of Deposit Balance: \$10,155.91

- ◆ 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, at a cost to members and guests who choose to eat at the Club meeting, of \$5 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.

Old Business

- ◆ **Dues** for the **2009** calendar year are past due. They remain at **\$25 per year**, covering all certified divers in the family, living in the same household. Please send your dues to the **Club P.O. Box 210046, Milwaukee, WI 53221**, or bring to the April Club meeting. **Thanks!**
- ◆ **Jon Paul Van Harpen's** book "**Door Peninsula Shipwrecks**", is available from Amazon.com for \$15.59.
- ◆ **President Rich Laiacona** has created an internet online store at Café Press for our Club logo garment needs: <http://www.cafepress.com/bscdstore>. Discussion took place regarding the logo size, etc. Rich showed some of the embroidered patches that have been used in past years. He is investigating possible stickers for tanks and fins. J.T. Taylor will send in more Club info to the company. Rich has added a \$2.00 fee per item for the Club account. Check it out. We will discuss this new option at upcoming Club meetings. **Thanks Rich!!**

New Business

- ◆ **President Rich Laiacona** also created some Club business cards from Vista Print. We will also discuss this option at the upcoming Club meetings. **Thanks Rich!!**
- ◆ **Wonderful News!** Members **Kevin and Jackie Cokain**, were blessed with **their first son, Conner Joseph** on April 10th. **We hope to see all of you soon!**
- ◆ **J.T. Taylor** reported that **Aquatic Adventures** is now an "official" **Pinnacle** dive equipment dealer.

Past Dives

- ◆ **Bob Lijewski** reported on a **Pewaukee Lake bottle dive**, in April. He found an old Waukesha Soda Bottle Company soda bottle from the turn of the century, with a Hutchinson stopper. He found it near the old amusement park site. Visibility was not very good.
- ◆ **Jim Driver** did a one tank dive on the **Molly V, in Lake Michigan**. The second dive was cancelled. The water temp was 38 degrees and the visibility was very good.

- ◆ **Dick & Mary Klug, and Lee & Jean Hintz** traveled to **Cancun** and the **Riviera Maya** coast of the **Yucatan Peninsula, Mexico**, for two weeks in April and May. They stayed at the **Sun Palace** in **Cancun** and the **Aventura Spa Palace** in **Puerto Aventuras**. Diving was very good with many turtles, barracuda, lobster, crab, squid and colorful reefs. On one dive at **Canyonlands**, a sunken boat was spotted in 110 feet, as we drifted back to board our boat. Diving was provided by **Dive Aventuras**. **Join us next time! Contact Lee or Dick if interested.**

Future Dives

- ◆ An inland lake dive will be held on **Sunday, May 17th**, at **1:00 p.m.** Meet at the DNR launch in **Silver Lake**, in **Oconomowoc**. This is a re-scheduled dive from April, which was cancelled due to weather.
- ◆ **Dive Coordinator Bob Lijewski** has arranged a **Lake Michigan Charter** for **Saturday June 6th** out of **Sheboygan**, with **Down Under Charters**. This is for **six divers**, and will be **two tanks** on the **Hattie Taylor – 105'**, and the **Selah Chamberlin – 80'**. Divers **must confirm with Bob and pay the special fee for Club members of only \$40!**
- ◆ Possible future dives were discussed: **Red Granite Quarry**; **Green Lake** picnic; **Big Cedar Lake**; **Lake Beulah**; **Okauchee Lake**; **Door County** weekend, with shore dives in **Gills Rock** and charter dives with the **Dive Diva**. Watch for details in the coming weeks!
- ◆ **Mike Wolf** reported that his boat will be available for Club dives again in the spring. Look for some evening dives on **Okauchee Lake** or the **Island Casino** spot in **Pewaukee Lake**, or the pyramids said to be in **Rock Lake**, in **Lake Mills**. **Thanks Mike for your support of the Club!**

Dive Related Links

- ◆ For Muck Divers and Bottle Collectors: <http://mrbottles.com>
- ◆ Wisconsin Underwater Archeology Association: <http://wuaa.org>
- ◆ Search Online Milwaukee Public Library's Great Lake Marine Collection, formerly known as Herman Runge Collection Online (10,00 ship file), set up by **Brendon Baillod**: www.ship-wreck.com/shipwreck/runge/
- ◆ Local Divers Discussion Forum: <http://wiscuba.com/yabbse/>

Good Diving!

