

Badger Buddy Line

The Official Newsletter of the Badger State Dive Club

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Next Club Meeting Tuesday, May 25th

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 25th 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 2010

President – **Rich Laiacona**

Vice President – **Ben Prokash**

Treasurer – **Jonathan Taylor**

Dive Coordinator – **Jim Driver**

Secretary – **Carol Morales**

Newsletter/Website Editor – **Lee Hintz**

Sgt.-at-Arms – **Mike Stupak**

Honorary Board – **Dick Klug**

Honorary Board – **Tom Ash**

Honorary Board – **Mike Wolf**

Members in attendance at 4/27/10 Meeting:

Tom Ash, Jim Driver, Lee Hintz, Rich Laiacona, Dan and Jane Limback, Bob Lijewski, Carol Morales, Ben Prokash, Les Ratlieff, Bill Roehrs, Gary and Joe Steven, Jonathan Taylor and Mike Wolf. Excused: Mike Stupak. Guests: Brent Esch, Paul Hoesly and Noel Scheitinger.

MEETING NOTES

by [Carol Morales](#)

- ◆ The **April 27th** meeting was called to order by President **Rich Laiacona**, at exactly 7:30 pm, with 15 members and 3 guests in attendance.
- ◆ Treasurer's current month's Report from **Jonathan Taylor** was as follows:

Checking Account Balance: \$1,895.87
Certificate of Deposit Balance: \$7,530.87
- ◆ 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 2010 are now Past Due!** Dues are currently **\$25 per family membership** (covers all members living in the same household). You may send your dues to the Club P.O. Box 210046, Milwaukee, WI 53221, or bring them to the next meeting.
- ◆ **President Rich Laiacona** has created an internet online store at Café Press for our Club logo garment needs: <http://www.cafepress.com/bsdcstore>. You can also click the link on the Club's website to go to the online store.
- ◆ Thanks to **Rich Laiacona**, the Club has an account on **Facebook**. Check it out and **become a Fan!**
- ◆ We are also planning to update the Club's website using a Content Management System. **Email photos** that you would like on the site to Rich, **Or bring in a CD of your photos.**

New Business

- ◆ There was a discussion of the Club store at Cafe Press not being active. Rich said he would look into the problem and hopefully fix it.
- ◆ The Club has a large banner and a framed poster that can be displayed at Club dive and social events, to promote the Club. It was discussed as to who should take charge of these items.
- ◆ A motion was made and approved to subsidize the cost of a large sub sandwich for the Lake Wazee, multi-club dive and get-together.

Past Dives

- ◆ **Big Cedar Lake - Jim Driver** did 3 dives with another Club, 1 shore and 2 boat dives. He got down to 97', with 12-15' visibility and 41 degrees temp. It was windy, and when they surfaced, the boat was gone. **Surprise!**
- ◆ **Pearl Lake, South Beloit, IL – Sunday, April 25th** opening weekend. **Jim Driver** reported on doing 2 dives with 15' visibility.
- ◆ **Guest Nicole Scheitinger** was busy doing dives in **Crandon, Lake Metonga, Sparkling Lake, and Fortune Pond** in March. She dove on the **Appomattox** on Apr. 22nd, 2 dives at **Pearl Lake** on the 25th and **Lake Wazee** on the 28th. **Whew!!**

- ◆ **Guest Paul Hosely** reported on dives that he made in **Portofino, Italy** in April, in **Nice** in May, and in **La Jolla, Calif.**, with the **Humboldt** squids, while traveling for **Scuba Pro. Nice Life!**
- ◆ **J.T. Taylor** did some diving for the **Discovery World Aquarium** exhibit.
- ◆ **Gary and Joe Steven** reported on their dives at **Bonne Terre Mine** with the Club in April. They did 4 dives with 50-60' visibility, and were impressed by the ore carts and equipment, and the oxidized metal clouds!

Future Dives

Dive Coordinator Jim Driver is leading most of the following **dive events for 2010**:

- ◆ **Sturgeon Bay, May 1st & 2nd, Dive & Party at Beach Harbor and Waterfront Mary's.** "Help find the Mooring Blocks at the Beach". Prizes, Barbeque, Social after dives, and Boathouse Sale. Bring along old boathouse stuff you want to sell. 1:00 pm register at **Waterfront Mary's Bar & Grill** at Beach Harbor, 3662 N. Duluth Ave. Dives start at 2:00 pm, Barbeque at 4:00 pm, Band at the Beach. Room rates at Beach Harbor are \$49 a night. Also, Open House at the Shipyards. Sunday: Shipwreck dive in the Bay. Make a weekend of it! Call **Jon Paul Van Harpen**, 920-743-4647 with questions.
- ◆ **Green Lake – Saturday, May 8th** – Dive Wisconsin's deepest inland lake. Both morning and afternoon dives will be available from **Mike Wolf's** boat. Bring lunch. Contact **Mike** for details. **A \$10 fee will be collected.**
- ◆ **Fortune Pond – Saturday, May 29th** – Experience clear water and fish life. Contact **Jim Driver** for details.
- ◆ **Dive for Dan – 26th anniversary – Sat. June 5th, 10:00 am, Mendota County Park – Shelter 1, Middleton, WI.** For info: www.fourlakesscubaclub.org
- ◆ **Lake Wazee – Sat. June 5th & 6th** – Dive the day and dive the weekend. Other Dive Clubs have been invited to join us for the weekend. Contact **Jim Driver** for details.
- ◆ **Lake Michigan Charter – Saturday June 12th – Sheboygan** Two tank dive on the **Hetty Tailor** and the **Sella Chamberlain** with **Jitka** - \$85. Contact **Jim Driver** to see if any spots are left. **Bring your C-card!**
- ◆ **Munising Bay, U.P. of Michigan – July 4th weekend.** Contact **Jim Driver** if you want to sign up.
- ◆ **Lake Michigan Charter – Sunday July 18th – Port Washington** Two tank dive on the **Northerner** and the **Niagara**. Contact **Jim Driver** to see if any spots are left. **Bring your C-card!**
- ◆ **Loreville Treasure Dive, Sat. August 14th, Loreville Quarry Park, sponsored by Mountain Bay Scuba.**

- ◆ **Pearl Lake, So. Beloit, IL – Sun. August 15th, Club Picnic and Swap Meet.** Dive, picnic and sell your old gear. Contact **Jim Driver** for details.
- ◆ **Lake Michigan Charter, Saturday, August 21st,** two tanks on the **Prinz Wilhelm** and the **Milwaukee**, with **Jerry Guyer**. Contact **Jim Driver** for details.

Past Social

Ghost Ships Festival, March 5th – 6th, Windham Airport Hotel & Conference Center, A great time was had by all. Attendance was high this year. Members included: **Lee Hintz, Bob Lijewski, Jim Driver, Carol Moralez, Ben Prokash, Mike Stupak, Kevin Cokain, Dan Kilink, Steve Simon** and probably more. Details at: www.ghostships.org.

Future Social

Summer concerts on Wednesday nights at the beach on **Pewaukee Lake!** **Mike Wolf** will bring his boat if you want to listen to the bands, have some food and refreshments, and go for a boat ride on the Lake. **Call Mike** if you want to go.

Dive Related Items

- ◆ Jon Paul Van Harpen's book "Door Peninsula Shipwrecks" is available from Amazon.com for \$15.59.
- ◆ For Muck Divers and Bottle Collectors: <http://mrbottles.com>
- ◆ Wisconsin Underwater Archeology Association: <http://wuaa.org>
- ◆ Local Divers Discussion Forum: <http://wiscuba.com/yabbse/>

