

Badger Buddy Line

The Official Newsletter of the Badger State Dive Club

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Next Club Meeting Tuesday, September 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, **September 25th 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 7/31/07 meeting:

Tom Ash, Steve Busalacchi, Kevin Cokain, Lee Hintz, Dick & Mary Klug, Ben Prokash, Bill and Gail Rozga, Joey, Mara and Rene Steven, and Guests Frank Martin and Diane Wakeland. Excused: Dan Beck, Bob Lijewski and Mike Wolf.

MEETING NOTES

by Lee Hintz

- ◆ President **Rich Laiacona** called the August 28th meeting, held at **Edwardo's Natural Pizza**, to order, at exactly **7:30 pm**.
- ◆ The minutes of the July 31st meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.
- ◆ Treasurer's Report from **Ben Prokash**:
Checking Account Balance: \$851.48
Certificate of Deposit Balance: \$13,311.80
- ◆ The Club meets in the private upstairs 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 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.

Old Business

- ◆ The Club discussed the possible future benefits of posting our dive activities and charter vacancies on the local discussion forum, brought to our attention by **Kevin Cokain**, www.wiscuba.com/yabbse/. We posted our August charter on the **Lady Elgin** on the forum and received three inquiries from divers wanting to join us on the charter. We have currently posted the **September 30th** charter on the **Len Der** on the forum in an attempt to fill our eight spots on the charter. This could be a very good source of prospective members for the Club. We have added the link to the forum on the Club Web site.
- ◆ **Kevin Cokain** reported that the **Dive Diva Charters in Gills Rock, Door County** is now **providing air fills for \$10**. **Capt. Kathy Engebose** purchased her own compressor and is now serving divers who need fills

New Business

- ◆ **Deep Blue Dive Stores** in **Milwaukee** and **Franklin** are currently distributing our Club brochures to all new dive students in their class packets! This will also provide the Club with some new prospective divers, as they complete their training classes. A guest at this meeting, **Frank Martin** was referred to us by **Deep Blue**. The ownership at **Deep Blue** has recently changed. **Larry Gamble** and **Rich Henry** are the proud new owners. Our old friends **Scott** and **Gert** have passed the torch and are pursuing their original dreams, to make them a reality. **Good Luck** to **Scott** and **Gert** and to **Larry** and **Rich!**

Past Dives

- ◆ **Kevin Cokain, Bill Rozga, Gary and Joey Steven** did a Friday Night dive on the **Hattie Taylor** in **Sheboygan**. The wreck lies in 90 to 105' of water. It is a schooner about 100' long with one side intact. **Bill** did a 24 minute dive on air and swam through the cargo hold. **Kevin** organized this dive on the spur of the moment and the Club voted to **reimburse members \$20**. Thanks **Kevin**.
- ◆ **Bob Lijewski** and **Bill Rozga** are participating in the WUAA survey being done until September 1st, at the wreckage of the **Milwaukee Fireboat #23**. A large two-page spread appeared recently in the **Journal/Sentinel**, with **Bob** being quoted liberally. He is offering autographs for \$5 each. Any takers yet **Bob?**

- ◆ New members, **Gary and Joey Steven**, did a two-tank charter with the **Len Der** out of **Port Washington** on **August 26th**. They did dives on the **Niagara** and the **Mahoney**. **Joe** reported that the windlass and bowsprit were intact. Way to go guys!
- ◆ **Saturday August 25th** – **Lake Michigan** charter with **Enterprise Marine, Waukegan, IL**. **Bob Lijewski, Ben Prokash, Jim Noel** and **Rich Laiacona** were joined by three prospective members obtained from the **wiscuba.com** forum. The **two-tank** charter was on the **Lady Elgin**, in 55' of water. Rough seas and poor visibility made the trip long and the dives short. Thanks to **Bob** for setting up this new charter for us!
- ◆ **Kevin Cokain** did a two tank charter with **Greg Such** on the **Wisconsin** and on a 95' long sailing yacht, sunk in 1928, ten miles out, in 180', in **Kenosha**, on **August 26th**. It was the first private diesel ship on the Great Lakes. **Kevin** used mixed gases and reported not as many zebra muscles at that depth.
- ◆ **Kevin Cokain** and **Matt Boswell** also did a dive on **August 1st**, on the **Walter B. Allen**, out of **Sheboygan**.

Future Dives

- ◆ **Dive/Camp Weekend – Sept. 14-16th** - **WCDA West Point Dive Park, Lohrville, Wi**. Contact **Mike Wolf, 262-370-5899**.
- ◆ **Saturday, September 22nd, Treasure Dive 2007, Lake Nagawicka, Deep Blue Dive Stores**.
 “Join us for our annual Treasure Dive on September 22nd on beautiful Lake Nagawicka Beach. If you are not familiar with our Treasure Dive it is on of the largest events of its kind in the area. We start out with music and diving then continue with food and prizes. You do not need to be a diver to participate as both divers and non divers have the opportunity to win! Deep Blue rents the entire Beach area including the Beach House making this one of the most exclusive diving events around! Last year we gave away over \$10,000 in prizes including Regulators, BCs, Wetsuits, and many, many more prizes. This year looks to even be Bigger and Better
 Onsite Registration: 9:00 am - 10:00 am, Dive Briefing: 10:00 am - 10:30 am, Treasure Dive: 11:00 am, Lunch and Entertainment: noon, Prizes and Awards: 1:00 pm”
- ◆ **Wednesday, September 26th, 7pm – WCDA night dive Pine Lake, Waukesha County**. Contact **Mike Wolf, 262-370-5899**.
- ◆ **Bob Lijewski** has set up a **two-tank Lake Michigan** charter for **Sunday, September 30th** with the **Len Der**. The dive sites will probably be the **Car Ferry Milwaukee** and the **Prinz Wilhelm**. We have 8 spots reserved at a cost to Club divers of only **\$40**. Please call or email **Bob** to secure your spot, **414-422-9452**.

Future Social – Watch for Christmas Party details

Treasure Dive 2007



Saturday September 22nd



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