

Badger Buddy Line

The Official Newsletter of the Badger State Dive Club

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Next Club Meeting Tuesday, September 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, **September 29th 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 Moralez**

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 8/25/09 Meeting:

Dan Booton, Steve Busalacchi, Lee Hintz, Rich Laiacona, Bob Lijewski, Dan and Jane Limback, Ben Prokash, Les Ratlieff, Bill Roehrs, Mike Stupak, and Jonathan Taylor. Excused: Tom Ash, Jim Driver, Dan Klink, Dick & Mary Klug, and Carol Moralez.

MEETING NOTES

by [Lee Hintz](#)

- ◆ The **August 25th** meeting was called to order by President **Rich Laiacona**, at exactly 7:30 pm, with 12 members and no guests in attendance.
- ◆ Treasurer's current month's Report from **Jonathan Taylor**, and witnessed on a phone call from **Dick & Mary Klug**, who called at the beginning of the meeting from **Puerto Vallarta**, was as follows:

Checking Account Balance: \$981.74

Certificate of Deposit Balance: \$10,169.88

- ◆ 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

- ◆ **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/bsdcstore>. **J.T. Taylor** will send in Lee's tax I.D. # to the company. Click the link on the Club's Web site to go to the online store.
- ◆ **President Rich Laiacona** also created some Club business cards from Vista Print. We will discuss this option at upcoming Club meetings. **Thanks Rich!!**

New Business

- ◆ A motion was made and approved, that as an incentive and a reminder to Club members, the Club will pay for t-shirts with the Club emblem on the front, for all current officers. A fashion show is planned for the Sept. meeting.
- ◆ Nominations will be accepted at the September meeting for all Club offices for 2010. Voting will take place at the November meeting and the winners will be announced at the Christmas Party, and at the December 29th meeting. All offices are available and we encourage all members, especially new ones, to step up and help to steer the future course of this historic organization. We need you!!

Past Dives

- ◆ **Bob Lijewski** reported on the **WUAA** summer fieldwork on the **Fireboat 23 Project**. The seas were pretty calm in August and visibility was good. Work continues on Thursdays, from the **Len Der's** dock at 5:00 pm. It is hoped that this three-year project will be completed this year. Contact **Bob** or **Carol Moralez** for details.
- ◆ **Jim Driver** volunteered to coordinate a **Lake Michigan** Charter with the **Len Der**, on **Sunday, August 16th**. This was a **morning** 2-tank dive on the **Prince Wilhelm** and the **Dredge 902**. Both were fairly shallow dives, but the waves were high and rocky. **Divers paid the special fee for Club members of only \$40!** They included **Jim Driver, Carol Moralez, Les Ratlieff, Dan Klink, Chris Slaats, J.T. Taylor, Kevin Cokain, Matt Boswell**, and guest **Scott Reilly**. **Thanks to Jim Driver** for coordinating this dive.
- ◆ **WUAA** had one of their shallow projects in **Baileys Harbor** on **August 29th & 30th**. **Bob Lijewski** reports

that there was some rain on Saturday morning, and it was a bit choppy for the afternoon dive. Sunday was sunny and mild. There were five divers and this concluded the two-year survey of this wreck. Many more future projects lie unidentified from the 1800's, in **Bailey's Harbor**.

- ◆ **Bill Roehrs** reported on a quick, impromptu trip to California, where he and his friends did some shore dives in the **San Diego** area. The fish and kelp were very unusual to see.

Future Dives

- ◆ **Jim Driver** and **Dan Klink** are planning a dive at **Red Granite Quarry** on **Sunday, August 30th**, if anyone wants to join them.
- ◆ **J.T. Taylor** and his girl friend **Amber** are also planning a dive at **Red Granite** on **Saturday, September 5th**.
- ◆ **September 11-13th, Door County weekend trip!** After a number of years absence, BSDC is returning to the Door! We have ten people that have signed up: **Lee Hintz, Peter Murphy, Jim & Vicky Driver and Les & Betty Ratlieff, Steve & Jan Simon, and Dan & Paula Klink**. Most will be staying at the **Shoreline Resort** in **Gills Rock**, and diving will be a number of good shore dives, including the **Fleetwing** and the **Stone Quarry** wrecks. While the charter boat is down for repairs, air fills will be available from Kathy. **Mike Wolf** has extra tanks available for rent for \$8, if anyone needs some. **Call Jim Driver** if you want to join us: **262-644-0895!**
- ◆ **Dive Coordinator, Bob Lijewski** reported on a **Lake Michigan** Charter with the **Len Deer**, on **Sunday, October 4th**. This is a 2-tank dive on the **Prince Wilhelm** and the **Car Ferry Milwaukee**, or both dives on the **Milwaukee**. Divers will pay **\$50**.

Future Social

- ◆ The **Wisconsin Underwater Archeology Association's** Fall Conference will be held **Saturday, October 24th** at the **Discovery World Museum in Milwaukee**. This year's event will feature presenters from around the region and will highlight new shipwreck discoveries, archeological fieldwork and historical research. Registration will be \$15 and may be made in advance at <http://www.wuaa.org>. A schedule of presenters and other information will be added at www.wuaa.org as it becomes available. Please check back often.



- ◆ **Discovery World Get-Together. J.T. Taylor** is a volunteer diver and will check out the details of a guided group outing at this great attraction on the Lake. Watch for details coming in the fall.

Dive Related Links

- ◆ For Muck Divers and Bottle Collectors: <http://mrbottles.com>
- ◆ Wisconsin Underwater Archeology Association: <http://wuaa.org>
- ◆ Local Divers Discussion Forum: <http://wiscuba.com/yabbse/>

