

# Badger Buddy Line

## The Official Newsletter of the Badger State Dive Club

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### Next Club Meeting Tuesday, January 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, **Jan. 27th at 7:30pm at Edwardo's Natural Pizza**, Hwy 100 & Bluemound, Milwaukee. More information available on the Club website: [www.badgerstatediveclub.org](http://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 12/30/08 Meeting:

**Tom Ash, Steve Busalacchi, Jim Driver, Rich Laiacona, Bob Lijewski, Carol Morales, Jim Noel, Ben Prokash, Mike Stupak, and Mike Wolf.** Guest **Chris Schumann.**  
Excused: **Lee Hintz, Dick & Mary Klug, and Dan Booton.**

## MEETING NOTES

by **Carol Morales**

- ◆ The **December 30th** meeting was called to order by President **Rich Laiacona**, at exactly 7:30 pm, with 10 members and 1 guest in attendance.
- ◆ Treasurer's current month's Report from **Ben Prokash** was as follows:  
  
    **Checking Account** Balance: \$342.58  
    **Certificate of Deposit** Balance: \$11,733.23
- ◆ 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.

### 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 Bailod**: [www.ship-wreck.com/shipwreck/runge/](http://www.ship-wreck.com/shipwreck/runge/)

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

### Old Business

- ◆ **Bob Lijewski** has returned the deposit money taken for the first order of the **Club clothing** to those in attendance at the December meeting. We will be actively seeking a new source for this merchandise. **Thanks Bob** for your efforts! **Watch for details coming soon.**

### New Business

- ◆ **Club Officers for 2009.** New members **Mike Stupak, Carol Morales** and **Jon (J.T.) Taylor** have been elected to the positions of **Sgt. at Arms, Secretary** and **Treasurer** respectively. **Ben Prokash** will move to the **Vice President** position and **Tom Ash** will move to the **Honorary Board Member** position. Many thanks to **Steve Busalacchi** and **Dan Booton** for serving in their positions for the last two years. **Rich Laiacona** will continue as **President**, **Bob Lijewski** as **Dive Coordinator**, and **Lee Hintz** will continue being **Editor** of the **Newsletter** and **Web site**. Thanks to all who have volunteered to help the Club. We look **for more of the new members** to step up and serve their Club in the future. You too can **help determine the activities and direction** of this dive club. **Thanks again!**
- ◆ **Dues for 2009** calendar year are due by the end of the month. Currently, they remain at **\$25 per year** for all certified divers in a family, living in the household. Please send your renewal money to the **Club P.O. Box 210046, Milwaukee, WI 53221.**
- ◆ The group discussed the fact that 80 million gallons of untreated sewage was dumped into **Lake Michigan** last week during the rain and thaw!

## Past Dives

- ◆ **Bob Lijewski** reported on a dive on **Lake Geneva** on **November 1**. He found a Cline Brothers soda bottle and a ladies' high heel shoe.

## Future Dives

- ◆ **Steve Busalacchi** has set up the **pool dives** for this year, at **Muskego High School**. They are **this Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, from 7:15 to 9:15 pm; Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup> and Friday March 20<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm**. From I43, exit **Racine Avenue** and go south to **Woods Rd**. Turn Right and enter where the cafeteria is. Go the rear of the building (NW) and enter with your gear through **Door #21**. Friends and family are very welcome. There are locker rooms and showers. **Thanks again to Steve** for setting this up again!!
- ◆ **Mike Wolf** has set up the **Annual Ice Dive and Party** for **Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, at 10:00 am, at Lake Nagawicka**. Enter the water near the public boat launch, next to the beach house. A Food Committee is set up. Bring a dish (salad, chili, beans, etc., to pass for the after-dive-party in the beach house. There are heated showers in the beach house. Volunteers are needed to help with cutting the hole, tending lines and hauling gear. **Call Mike at 262-370-3899, or maddiver99@yahoo.com, to sign up to dive or help**. Currently, there are six divers signed up to dive. Don't miss the fun! **Thanks Mike!**
- ◆ **Len Der** Winter Lake Michigan charters – contact **Capt. Jerry Guyer at Pirates Cove – 414-482-1430**.
- ◆ **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**. Discussion occurred regarding the pyramids said to be in **Rock Lake, in Lake Mills**. **Thanks Mike** for your support of the Club!

## Past Social

- ◆ **BSDC Christmas Party** was held on Saturday **December 13<sup>th</sup>, at Weisgerber's Golden Mast, Okauchee Lake**. Twenty one Badgers and guests enjoyed a wonderful meal and camaraderie, overlooking the water. **Mike Stupak** was presented his plaque for being voted **Diver of the Year for 2008**. **Thanks to Diane Wakeland and Mary Klug** for making the arrangements again this year!

## Future Social

- ◆ **Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>**, the **Club** visits the **Titanic Exhibition** at the **Milwaukee Public Museum, IMAX & Planetarium**. We will meet at the coffee shop at **2:00 pm**.
- ◆ **39<sup>th</sup> Annual Our World Underwater Show, Feb. 20-22, 2009. Rosemount, IL**. Early bird tickets and info available online: [www.ourworldunderwater.com](http://www.ourworldunderwater.com).

**Bob Lijewski** is looking for someone to share a room at the hotel with him. If you are interested, let **Bob** know.

- ◆ **Ghost Ships Festival, March 20-21, 2009 Milwaukee, Wyndham Convention Center - Airport**. Films, Seminars, and Presentations about Great lakes Shipwrecks. Tickets \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. (**Bob Lijewski** will do a presentation on the **Milwaukee Fireboat 23**). Check web site: [www.ghost-ships.org](http://www.ghost-ships.org). **Good Diving!**



**Previous Annual Club Ice Dive**



**Stand-By Diver and ready to go.**



**Good Friends after-dive party**