

# Badger Buddy Line

## The Official Newsletter of the Badger State Dive Club

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### Next Club Meeting Tuesday, January 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, **January 26th 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 2010

President – **Rich Laiacona**

Vice President – **Ben Prokash**

Treasurer – **Jonathan Taylor**

Dive Coordinator – **Jim Driver**

Secretary – **Carol Moralez**

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 12/29/09 Meeting:

**Jim Driver, Lee Hintz, Dan Klink, Rich Laiacona, Bob Lijewski, Carol Moralez, Ben Prokash, Les Ratlieff, Bill Roehrs, Mike Stupak, Jonathan Taylor and Mike Wolf.**

**Guests: Dan & Jan Dickinson and Al Gainey.**

## MEETING NOTES

by **Carol Moralez**

- ◆ The **December 29th** meeting was called to order by President **Rich Laiacona**, at exactly 7:30 pm, with 12 members and 3 guests in attendance.

- ◆ Treasurer's current month's Report from **Jonathan Taylor** was as follows:

**Checking Account** Balance: \$1,149.31

**Certificate of Deposit** Balance: \$9,154.40

- ◆ 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

- ◆ **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. Look for some recently added items.
- ◆ Thanks to **Rich Laiacona**, the Club has an account on **Facebook**. Check it out and **become a Fan!**
- ◆ The election of **2010 Club Officers**, and the **2009 Diver of the Year Award**, was announced at the Christmas Party on December 12th. The **2009 Diver of the Year** plaque was presented to **Jim Driver**. (**Carol Moralez** was a close second.) Thanks to all who voted and **congratulations to the winners**.

### New Business

- ◆ There will be **2 Club Pool Dives** in 2010, on **January 29<sup>th</sup>**, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm, and on **March 12<sup>th</sup>**, from 7:30 to 9:30 pm, at the **Muskego High School Pool**. Enter from the rear of the school at Door 21, as in the past. **Steve Busalacchi**, who is recovering from his second knee replacement surgery, has again made the arrangements with the Swim Club for renting the pool. **Thanks to Steve and get well soon!**
- ◆ **Mike Wolf** discussed the upcoming ice diving season and reviewed the condition of the Club's equipment. A motion was made and approved to have Mike replace the safety diver line, etc., with the proper fabric that floats, at a cost of approximately \$300.
- ◆ **Lee Hintz** has contacted the website and email host regarding the email not working, and it has been corrected. Also, the "old" contact phone number is no longer available, and is being changed on the Club's brochure and website to Lee's number: **414-762-3175**.
- ◆ We will have an excellent DVD showing of **Wisconsin's Historic Shipwrecks**, acquired from the **State Historical Society**, at the **January 26<sup>th</sup>** meeting. The DVD contains very unique photos, drawings and maps of the shipwrecks in each section of the state! **Lee Hintz** is providing the DVD and **Rich Laiacona** the projector & screen. **You don't want to miss this one!**

## Past Dives

- ◆ **Jim Driver** recently visited **Cozumel** island in **Mexico** for some warm water drift diving. He enjoyed the swift current and the beautiful coral and tropical fish life on San Francisco Reef. (Where are you off to this month Jim?)

## Future Dives

- ◆ The **Annual Ice Dive and Party** will again be held at **Lake Nagawicka** on **Saturday, February 27th**. **Mike Wolf** will be coordinating the Dive and the Beach house is rented from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm. Watch for details in the coming weeks, and check out your gear for the dive!
- ◆ **Pool Dives** at the **Muskego High School** on **January 29<sup>th</sup>** from **7:00 to 9:00 pm** and **March 12<sup>th</sup>** from **7:30 to 9:30 pm**. Enter from **Door 21** in back of the building. Bring your friends and family members for a swim and scuba experience!
- ◆ New **Dive Coordinator Jim Driver** distributed an outline of proposed dive events for 2010. This list includes weekend trips to **Bonne Terre Mine**, **Munising**, and **Lake Wazee**. It also includes a proposed **Annual Club Picnic Dive**, on the same date every year. **Lake Michigan Charters** will be scheduled for **each month** during the dive season. **Please** take a few minutes to **send Jim your feedback** on his **Dive Plan** for the Club. Email: [jimdriver@charter.net](mailto:jimdriver@charter.net) Tell him what you like or don't like, and what may be missing. Thanks!

## Past Social

- ◆ The **Annual BSDC Christmas Party** was held at the **Golden Mast Restaurant** on **Okauchee Lake**, on **Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**. A good time and delicious dinner was had by all. **Jim Driver** was awarded the **2009 Diver of the Year** plaque by **President Rich Laiacona**. **Mary Klug** again coordinated this event. **Thanks Mary!**

## Future Social

- ◆ **Our World Underwater, February 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>**, **Rosemont, IL**. **Bob Lijewski** has reserved a hotel room for the event and is looking for someone to share the room and cost with him. **Call Bob at: 414-422-9452**.
- ◆ **Ghost Ships Festival, March 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>**, **Windham Airport Hotel & Conference Center, Milwaukee**. Advance sale Premium ticket is \$20, including front-row seats to first 20 tickets sold, shirt, mug and \$10 in raffle tickets. (It was previously announced that this event would be held at Discovery World, but while talks to move it were underway, it fell apart.)

## 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/>

**Did you know?** Most people don't know that back in 1912, Hellmann's mayonnaise was manufactured in England. In fact, the Titanic was carrying 12,000 jars of the condiment scheduled for delivery in Vera Cruz, Mexico, which was to be the next port of call for the great ship after its stop in New York. This would have been the largest single shipment of mayonnaise ever delivered to Mexico. But as we know... the great ship did not make it to New York. The ship hit an iceberg and sank. The cargo was forever lost. The people of Mexico, who were crazy about mayonnaise, and were eagerly awaiting its delivery, were disconsolate at the loss. Their anguish was so great, that they declared a National Day of Mourning which they still observe to this day. The National Day of Mourning occurs each year on May 5th and is known of course as... Sinko de Mayo.

