

Badger Buddy Line

The Official Newsletter of the Badger State Dive Club

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Next Club Meeting Tuesday, March 31st

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, **Mar. 31st 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 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 2/24/09 Meeting:

Tom Ash, Steve Busalacchi, Dan Booton, Debbie Gramza, Lee Hintz, Dan Klink, Rich Laiacona, Bob Lijewski, Sam Lukowicz, Frank Marten, Carol Morales, Jim Noel, Ben Prokash, Les Ratlieff, Bill Roehrs, Gary Steven, Mike Stupak, Jonathan Taylor, and Mike Wolf. Guests: **Dan Bloom, Jim Buss, Lori Davies, Dan and Jane Limback, Eva Neferawicz and friend, John Paul Van Harpen, and Diane Wakeland.** Excused: **Dan Beck, Jim Driver and Dick & Mary Klug.**

MEETING NOTES

by **Carol Morales**

- ◆ The **February 24th** meeting was called to order by President **Rich Laiacona**, at exactly 7:30 pm, with 19 members and 9 guests in attendance.
- ◆ Treasurer's current month's Report from **Jonathan Taylor** was as follows:

Checking Account Balance: \$279.46

Certificate of Deposit Balance: \$11,744.99

- ◆ 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

- ◆ **Mike Wolf** volunteered to pursue a t-shirt printing service which has been advertising. **Mike** will try to get prices on a couple of styles of shirt and cap. **Watch for details coming soon. Thanks Mike.**
- ◆ Vice President **Ben Prokash** is contacting **Brad Friend** to obtain advance tickets to the **Ghost Ships Festival** for **\$25**, for the Club to sell as a fund raiser. The topic of fund raisers will be further discussed in conjunction with the 2009 Budget, at an upcoming **Board of Directors Meeting** in March.
- ◆ **Lee Hintz** said that the Club ad to be placed in the **Ghost Ships Festival** program booklet, at a cost of \$125, was in progress. **Rich Laiacona** has a new ad made up and will submit it to **Brad Friend**.
- ◆ **Dues** for the **2009** calendar year are now due. They remain at **\$25 per year**, covering all certified divers in the family, living in the same household. Please send your dues to the **Club P.O. Box 210046, Milwaukee, WI 53221**, or bring to the March Club meeting. **Thanks!**
- ◆ **Jon Paul Van Harpen**, author of "**Door Peninsula Shipwrecks**", columnist in **Door County** newspapers' "**Jon Paul's Maritime Diaries**", and who lives in **Sturgeon Bay**, was our **guest speaker** at the meeting. He detailed his work done with **Mel Fisher's Key West** operation, during the salvaging of the **Nuestra Senora de Atocha'** treasures. **Jon Paul's** presentation on the "**Silver Bars of the Atocha**" was followed by slides of some of the assessable **wrecks** in **Door County**. We thoroughly enjoyed his presentation and thank him and fellow diver **Dan Bloom**, who assisted him. **Thanks Jon!**

New Business

- ◆ **Congratulations** to members **Kevin and Jackie Cokain**, who are expecting **their first baby** in the very near future. **Best Wishes and we hope to see you soon!**
- ◆ "**Documentation & Survey Methods for Shipwreck Sites**" - **Wisconsin Underwater Archeology Association** is offering a workshop at the **Ghost Ships Festival**, from 9:30am to 12:00pm, on Saturday, March 21st, in the **Lafayette Room**, at the **Wyndham Airport Hotel** - \$35, which includes the cost of a one year membership in **WUAA**. Pre-registration from 8:00 am.

- ◆ Member **Sam Lukowicz** has a complete set of dive gear for sale, including tanks, wet suit, regulators and BC. All are in very good shape: **262-835-9322**
- ◆ The **March Pool Dive** has been changed to the **27th**, as to not conflict with the **2009 Ghost Ships Festival**.

- ◆ Anyone interested in helping the **Ghost Ships Festival 2009** can contact: ghostshipsvolunteer@yahoo.com.

Past Dives

- ◆ **Mike Wolf** set up the **Annual Ice Dive and Party on Saturday, January 31st, at Lake Nagawicka**. The hole was cut near the public boat launch, next to the beach house. The Food Committee came through with lots of goodies: (salads, chilies, chips, barbeque, hot dogs, and a lot more, for the after-dive-party in the beach house. There were seven divers this year, including **Carol Moralez**, and wet suit diver **J.T. Taylor**. Volunteers were very helpful with cutting the hole, tending lines and hauling gear. **Thanks Mike!**
- ◆ **Carol Moralez** also did ice dives on Feb. 14th & 15th through **Pirates Cove**. **Good Job Carol!**
- ◆ **Gary Steven** was in **Playa Del Carmen** on the **Riviera Maya**, and did some nice drift dives with **Bull Sharks!**
- ◆ **J.T. Taylor** did a dive in the **Caribbean** tank at **Discovery World** and also piloted the R.O.V. on display.
- ◆ The second **Pool Dive** of the year was held on **February 13th** at the **Muskego High School** pool. About 15 people attended with about 10 divers in the water.

Future Dives

- ◆ **Dan Beck** is going to **Cabo San Lucas** for some diving on Feb. 24-28th; **Jim Driver** is planning on diving in **Nassau** also in February.
- ◆ **Friday, March 27th** is the final Pool Dive, **from 7:15 to 9:15 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**. **Thanks again to Steve Busalacchi!**
- ◆ **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

- ◆ **Saturday, January 10th**, the **Club** visited the **Titanic Exhibition** at the **Milwaukee Public Museum, IMAX & Planetarium**. **Thanks to Bob Lijewski!**

Future Social

- ◆ **10th Anniversary, Ghost Ships Festival, March 20-21, 2009** at **Milwaukee, Wyndham Convention Center - Airport**. Films, Seminars, and Presentations about Great lakes Shipwrecks. Tickets \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. (**Bob Lijewski & Peter Kastella** will be doing a presentation on the **Milwaukee Fireboat 23, from 12:30 pm to 1:15 pm**). Check web site: www.ghost-ships.org.

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

Good Diving!



Past Ice Dive



Kevin, Matt and Tim