

Badger Buddy Line

The Official Newsletter of the Badger State Dive Club

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Next Club Meeting Tuesday, February 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, **February 27th 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 1/16/07 meeting:

Tom Ash, Dan Beck, Steve Busalacchi, Kevin Cokain, Debbie Gramza, Lee Hintz, Dick & Mary Klug, Rich Laiacona, Bob Lijewski, and Jim Noel. Excused: **Mike Wolf, Ben Prokash, and Mike Tompkins.**

MEETING NOTES

by Lee Hintz

- ◆ President **Rich Laiacona** called the January 16th meeting, held at **Edwardo's Natural Pizza**, to order, at exactly **7:30 pm**.
- ◆ The minutes of the November 28th meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.
- ◆ Treasurer's Report from **Ben Prokash**:
Checking Account Balance: \$674.48.
Certificate of Deposit Balance: \$15,047.68.
- ◆ The new Club meeting place is in the private upstairs room of **Edwardo's Natural Pizza, Hwy 100 & Bluemound Road, in Milwaukee**, just North of I-94. 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 to Edwardo's, including gratuity, in excess of the \$3 per person contributed by members and guests.

Old Business

- ◆ Diver of Year **Mike Wolf**, a **Falk Corp** employee, was one of the first responders after the huge explosion last month. Mike was interviewed on TV and presented his unique perspective on this tragedy. One well-known victim of the building collapse was Mike's beloved red truck (with the flames on it). Our sympathies go to Mike.
- ◆ Treasurer **Ben Prokash** investigated the best types of investment vehicles to use at the January expiration date of Club's C.D. **Ben** presented his analysis and recommendations, and discussion followed. The outcome will be reported at the next meeting.

New Business

- ◆ The Club voted to continue its support for **Divers Alert Network** and their work for divers, by making a donation of **\$100**, as a Bronze level Dive Club supporter.
- ◆ A reminder that the annual **\$25** family membership **Dues** are due as of January 31st. Thank you!
- ◆ The Club also voted to invest **\$125** for a half-page ad in the upcoming **Ghost Ship Festival** program booklet. This ad, which supports the **Great Lakes Shipwreck Research Foundation**, will alert the many attendees of the Club's activities, meetings and contact information.

Past Dives

- ◆ The first **Pool Dive** of the year was held on Friday **2/16/07**. Many Club members, family members and friends enjoyed the warm water. Thanks to **Steve Busalacchi** for making the arrangement again this year.

Future Dives

- ◆ The 37th Annual **Our World Underwater** is **February 9th –11th in the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont, IL**. It is the biggest consumer dive and travel exposition in the Midwest. There are Film Festivals on Friday and Saturday nights. In-depth workshops for diving professionals and interested laymen are held on all three days. Get details at: www.ourworldunderwater.com.

- ◆ Upcoming **Pool Dives in 2007** –at the **Muskego High School Pool**, are **Fridays, February 16th and March 16th**. The time will be from **7:30 pm to 9:30 pm**. It is a great opportunity to get some exercise and to also try out your new gear that you got for Christmas. Bring your friends, relatives and anyone who is interested in learning more about scuba diving.

- ◆ **Annual Ice Dive and Party – Saturday, Feb. 24th, Nagawicka Lake Beach House, 9:00am – 3:30pm.** **Mike Wolf** is coordinating the dive again this year. Help cut the hole at around 8:00am. Diving begins in the morning and will end around 1:00pm. Party afterwards in the Beach House. Bring a dish to pass – desserts, salads, etc. Chili, hotdogs, beer, wine & soda will be available to enjoy. Bring your family and friends to watch the diving and/or enjoy the snow and ice (ski, skate, snow shoe)!

- ◆ The **8th Annual Ghost Ships Festival** is being held on **March 23rd and 24th at the Sheridan Four Points Conference Center**, across from the airport. The Friday night presentation features **John Chatterton and Richie Kohler**, subjects of the best selling book, **Shadow Divers**, and hosts of the TV show **Underwater Detectives** on the **History Channel**. They will be available for a short time to meet with, before their presentation. Exhibits, Silent Auctions, Door Prizes and Presentations by many other famous Shipwreck experts will take place both days. The Club has approved a half-page ad in the program booklet. Don't miss this one!

- ◆ **Memorial Day Weekend – Door County. Kevin Cokain** is organizing a weekend of diving at **Gills Rock** at the tip of **Door County**. There will be a Charter Boat (six pack-space is limited) available and also shore diving sites to enjoy. The Club will subsidize a portion of the cost of diving. Contact **Kevin** or **Bob Lijewski** if you want to go along. Details at the next meeting.

Future Social

- ◆ **Fish Fry –Friday, Mar. 2nd - 6:30 pm.** Join us at the **Shamrock** restaurant in Caledonia (formerly JD's Fieldhouse - 2 miles south of Howell Ave. & Ryan Road.) Contact **Lee Hintz** if you want to be included in the reservation.



Future Dive Site?



BSDC Ice Dive 2006

Matt and Burbot



Past Pool Dive Fun

