

# Badger Buddy Line

## The Official Newsletter of the Badger State Dive Club

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### Next Club Meeting Tuesday, February 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, **February 26th at 7:30pm at Edwardo's Natural Pizza**, Hwy 100 & Bluemound, Milwaukee. Map and more information available on the Club website: [www.badgerstatediveclub.org](http://www.badgerstatediveclub.org).

### Club Officers for 2008

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 2/3/08 Ice Dive:

**Dan, Leslie & Alex Booton, Kevin Cokain, Jim Driver, Bob & Tammy Galanter, Lee & Jean Hintz, Dick & Mary Klug, Bob Lijewski, Aaron & Stephanie Lilly, Jim Noel, Ben Prokash, Gary, Joey & Rene Steven, Tim Sulik, Mike Stupak, and Mike Wolf and Guest s: Mike Bernard, Dave Kyles, Bill Roehrs, Phil & Mary Ulery.**

### MEETING NOTES

by Lee Hintz

- ◆ The **January 29th** meeting, was cancelled due to very poor weather conditions.
- ◆ Treasurer's Report from **Ben Prokash**:  
**Checking Account** Balance: \$80.94  
**Certificate of Deposit** Balance: \$13,581.11
- ◆ The Club meets in the private upstairs room of **Edwardo's Natural Pizza, Hwy 100 & Bluemound Road, Milwaukee**. Food available to the Club, and at a cost to members and guests 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 due.

### New Business

- ◆ There was no new business because of the cancellation of the January meeting, due to weather conditions.

### Old Business

- ◆ **Kevin Cokain** suggested asking the **Ghost Ships Festival** organizers if we could sell tickets to their festival as a Club fund-raising project. **Lee Hintz** contacted **Brad Friend** and after some discussion with their board, they agreed to let us sell tickets for \$20 (the advance sale price) and **save our members \$5** over the price at the door. In addition, the Club will receive a portion of the \$20 as a fund raising donation. Please contact **Lee Hintz** or any **Board Member** to **get your advance sale ticket** and **help the Club Treasury** at the same time. The **9<sup>th</sup> Annual Ghost Ships Festival** is being held at the **Wyndham Milwaukee Hotel** across from the Airport, (formerly Sheraton Four Points), on **March 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>**. (See story about the presentations below).
- ◆ The Club **Board of Directors** held a meeting on January 10<sup>th</sup> to plan the **2008 Budget** and activities schedule. In order to address a sinking Club Treasury, it was decided that while we keep annual Club dues at the same level for 2008, the cost of pizza at Club meetings is **increased to \$5** for those eating. Also, Club subsidies for Dive Charters and Advanced Dive training will be limited to specific charters and specific time periods. And a Fund Raising Committee will be appointed by the President and may include holiday sales of Racine Cringles, Club tee shirts, patches and other articles of clothing.

### Past Dives

- ◆ **Kevin Cokain, Matt Boswell** and **Tim Dake** did the first winter charter of 2008 with the **Len Der**, and had an enjoyable dive on the **Prinz Wilhelm**. (See pictures below)
- ◆ The first **Pool Dive** of 2008 was on Friday, **January 25<sup>th</sup>** at **Muskego High School**. Quite a few members and friends tried out their gear in the comfortable 80-degree water. We parked behind the pool and entered using door 21. Locker rooms and showers were available, and the lights stayed on the whole time. Thanks to **Steve Busalacchi** for arranging these annual winter outings!
- ◆ **Steve & Pat Busalacchi** and their **Clan** recently returned from a ten-day trip to **Hawaii**. Weather was great and everyone had a good time, except when **Steve** was driving on the edge of steep, mountain passes!

- ◆ **2008 Ice Dive and Party** was held on **February 3rd**, at the Beach House of **Menomonee Park** in **Lannon**. **Mike Wolf** coordinated this dive. Five divers participated, including first-timers **Gary and Joey Steven** and **Dave Kyles**. **Mike Bernard** of the **Underwater Connection**, brought his slide show of **Bonne Terre Mine** and other interesting trips. (He has a trip planned to Bonne Terre in early March). A total of 29 people enjoyed the roaring fireplace, good food and camaraderie! **Thanks to Mike Wolf** and everyone who brought food and refreshments.

## Future Dives

- ◆ **Steve Busalacchi** has arranged for the renting the **Muskego High School Pool** again, on **Friday** nights **February 22<sup>nd</sup>** and **March 29<sup>th</sup>**, from **7:00 to 9:00 pm**.
- ◆ **Interested in another Ice Dive this year? Contact Mike Wolf** to help organize it: **262-370-5899**.

## Past Social

- ◆ **Dan Booton** arranged a **Fish Fry** for the Club at **Armelli's** in **New Berlin** on **January 18<sup>th</sup>**. Twelve members enjoyed the food, drink and good company on a snowy night. **Thanks Dan!**

## Future Social

- ◆ **Our World Underwater – Feb. 15-17, Rosemont, IL**  
The 38<sup>th</sup> Annual show will be held at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center. Hundreds of exhibitors, seminars, workshops are there, and film festivals will be held on Fri. & Sat. nites. [www.ourworldunderwater.com](http://www.ourworldunderwater.com)
- ◆ **Ghost Ships Festival – March 7-8, Milwaukee, WI**  
The 9<sup>th</sup> annual festival will be held at the **Wyndham Hotel & Convention Center** (formerly Sheraton Four Points), across from the airport. The **Club** has **advance tickets** available for **\$20**. **Call Lee Hintz and save \$5**. The **Civil War** will take center stage on Friday night at 7:30 pm. Underwater archaeologists from **NUMA** will share their 15-year search for the **Confederate submarine H.L.Hunley**. Saturday presentations include: **Documentation and Survey Methods for Shipwreck Sites** - \$30 class fee includes one-year membership in **Wis. Underwater Archeology Assoc.** (10:00 am – noon). **Discover Rebreathers** - \$75 class fee covers trying out 7 different models in the pool, bring swimsuit, mask & fins. (1-3 pm) Workshop led by **Gregg Stanton**. **Side Scanning & Shipwreck Hunting 101** – class fee \$75 led by **Jerry Guyer**. (10:30-11:30 am & 3:30-4:30 pm) In addition, the 2-day festival will feature a variety of other experts, films, documentaries and sessions on Great Lakes history, including **Rochelle Pennington, Roger Barski, Kimm Stabelfeldt, Keith Meverden, Dave Trotter, Fred Stonehouse, Greg Such and Ken Merryman**.



Kevin, Matt & Tim Dake on the Len Der Charter

