

# Badger Buddy Line

## The Official Newsletter of the Badger State Dive Club

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### Next Club Meeting Tuesday, February 24th

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, **Feb. 24th 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 1/27/09 Meeting:

**Tom Ash, Dan Beck, Tim Dake, Jim Driver, Lee Hintz, Dick & Mary Klug, Rich Laiacona, Bob Lijewski, Frank Marten, Carol Morales, Ben Prokash, Bill Roehrs, Mike Stupak, Jonathan Taylor, and Mike Wolf.** Guests **Peter Murphy, Les Ratcliff, and Chris Schumann.** Excused: **Steve Busalacchi and Dan Booton.**

## MEETING NOTES

by [Carol Morales](#)

- ◆ The **January 27th** meeting was called to order by President **Rich Laiacona**, at exactly 7:30 pm, with 16 members and 3 guests in attendance.

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

**Checking Account** Balance: \$335.58

**Certificate of Deposit** Balance: \$11,739.11

- ◆ 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**. We will be actively seeking a new source for this merchandise. **Tom Ash** mentioned that he knew someone that owned a print shop. **Watch for details coming soon.**
- ◆ There was a brief discussion regarding past fund raising projects, including pier installations and removals, sales of Entertainment books and cream cheesecakes. Last year the Club sold advance tickets to the **Ghost Ships Festival** for \$25, and made a profit of over \$170. This topic will be further discussed in conjunction with the 2009 Budget, at an upcoming **Board of Directors Meeting** in February.

- ◆ It was erroneously reported in the last newsletter that "the group discussed the fact that 80 million gallons of untreated sewage was dumped into **Lake Michigan** last week during the rain and thaw!" This was not discussed and was included in the newsletter in error. Sorry Jim.

### New Business

- ◆ The Club is pleased to announce the following **new member** was voted in at the January Club meeting!

**Lester Ratlieff**

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### **Welcome to the Club Les!**

- ◆ **Dues** for 2009 calendar year were due by the end of January. 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.**

- ◆ A motion was made by **Lee Hintz** and approved, that the Club again place an ad in the **Ghost Ships Festival** program booklet, at a cost of \$125. **Rich Laiacona** has a new ad made up and will submit it to **Brad Friend**.
- ◆ **Jon Paul Van Harpen**, author of “**Door Peninsula Shipwrecks**” and a columnist in **Door County** newspapers’ “**Jon Paul’s Maritime Diaries**”, and who lives in **Sturgeon Bay**, will be our **guest speaker** at the **next Club meeting on February 24th**. He also worked for **Mel Fisher’s Key West** operation for five years, during the salvaging of the **Nuestra Senora de Atocha’s** treasures. **Jon Paul’s** presentation will be on the “**Silver Bars of the Atocha**” and on some of the assessable **wrecks in Door County**. Area Dive Clubs are also being invited. The presentation will begin at “7:30 p.m. sharp”, and will be followed by our Club business meeting.

## Past Dives

- ◆ **Bill Roehrs** reported on his dive trip to **Cozumel** on **January 12-18**. He made a **Cenote** dive when the weather was bad, and reef dives when it was not.
- ◆ The first **Pool Dive** of the year was held on January 9<sup>th</sup> at the **Muskego High School** pool. About 25 people attended with about 15 divers in the water.

## Future Dives

- ◆ **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 262-370-5899, or maddiver\_99@yahoo.com, to sign up to dive or help. Thanks Mike!**
- ◆ **Dan Beck** is going to **Cabo San Lucas** for some diving on Feb. 24-28<sup>th</sup>, **Jim Driver** is planning on diving in **Nassau** on Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- ◆ **Friday, February 13th** is the next **Pool Dive, 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 Busalacchi** for setting this up again!!
- ◆ **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 10<sup>th</sup>**, the **Club** visited the **Titanic Exhibition** at the **Milwaukee Public Museum, IMAX & Planetarium**. We had about 15 people, including some from the **Waukesha County Divers Association**, and all were impressed by the exhibits. **Thanks to Bob Lijewski** for setting this event up for us!

## Future Social

- ◆ **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!**

