

Badger Buddy Line

The Official Newsletter of the Badger State Dive Club

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Next Club Meeting Tuesday, February 23rd

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 23rd 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 2010

President – **Rich Laiacona**

Vice President – **Ben Prokash**

Treasurer – **Jonathan Taylor**

Dive Coordinator – **Jim Driver**

Secretary – **Carol Morales**

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 1/26/10 Meeting:

Tom Ash, Dan Beck, Jim Driver, Ken Goebel, Lee Hintz, Dan Klink, Dick & Mary Klug, Rich Laiacona, Bob Lijewski, Frank Martin, Carol Morales, Jim Noel, Les Ratlieff, Bill Roehrs, Bill Rozga, Gary Steven, Dan Szpot, Jonathan Taylor and Mike Wolf. Guest: Catheryn Brue. Excused: Mike Stupak

MEETING NOTES

by [Carol Morales](#)

- ◆ The **January 26th** meeting was called to order by President **Rich Laiacona**, at exactly 7:30 pm, with 20 members and 1 guest in attendance.

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

Checking Account Balance: \$504.13

Certificate of Deposit Balance: \$9,154.79

- ◆ 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

- ◆ **Dues for 2010 are now due!** Dues are currently **\$25 per family membership** (covers all members living in the same household). You may send your dues to the Club P.O. Box 210046, Milwaukee, WI 53221, or bring them to the next meeting. Thanks for your support!
- ◆ **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!** We are also planning to update the Club's website using a Content Management System, in 2010. Send any photos that you would like on the site to: info@badgerstatediveclub.org.

New Business

- ◆ There will be **2 Club Pool Dives** in 2010, the second being on **March 12th**, 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. He displayed the new safety diver line, etc., with the proper fabric that floats, which he obtained at a cost of approximately \$220. Much assistance is needed for the **Ice Dive on Saturday, February 27th at Lake Nagawicka's Beach House**. Help is needed to cut the hole, tend the lines, haul gear to and from the hole and with the food and beverage preparation. We have rented the Beach house from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm, and we will cut the hole at 9:00 am, with diving shortly afterwards. **Please contact Mike if you can help!**
- ◆ It was great to welcome back three old members who have been absent for a while (**Dan Szpot, Ken Goebel and Bill Rozga!**) No, they weren't in prison, just busy. Please guys, come around more often. **We miss you!**

Did you know? Dive instructors are always getting immersed in their work.

Past Dives

- ◆ **Bill Rozga** discussed doing some **Cenote dives** in **Mexico's Riviera Maya**, as well as the many dives that he has done for his plumbing contracting business, in deep reservoirs, tanks and other holes, with zero visibility!
- ◆ **Gary Steven** discussed a recent trip to **Morehead City, NC**, where he did a number of great wreck dives, including a famous WW2 submarine. He also reported on seeing an abundance of the dreaded Lion fish on the reefs.
- ◆ The first **Pool Dive of 2010** was held on **Friday, January 29th**, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm, at the Muskego High School Pool. There were approximately 25 in attendance, with about 18 divers in the water. Temperature was 80 degrees and visibility was 100 feet!

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**. **Much help** with the cutting of the hole, tending lines, hauling gear and preparing food and beverages **is needed!** **You will be reimbursed for major food item bills. Please contact Mike if you can help! 262-370-5899.**
- ◆ **Pool Dive** at the **Muskego High School** on **Friday, March 12th** 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!
- ◆ **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 Tell him what you like or don't like, and what may be missing. Thanks!
- ◆ The **Klug's and Hintz's** are off to the **Riviera Maya coast of Mexico**, on the **23rd to the 2nd**. The original plan was to go to **Punta Cana**, but was changed by the earthquake on the **Island of Hispaniola**.

Future Social

- ◆ **Our World Underwater, February 19th – 21st, 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 5th – 6th, Windham Airport Hotel & Conference Center**, across from Milwaukee Airport. Advance sale Advance is \$20,

with the cost of \$25 at the door. See details of all of the presentations & events at: www.ghostships.org.

- ◆ The **Wisconsin Underwater Archeology Association (WUAA)** is holding a **workshop** on underwater site surveying, mapping and interpreting shipwrecks, using manual methods. The workshop takes place **during the Ghost Ships Festival**, at the **Windham Hotel & Conference Center** across from the **Milwaukee Airport**, from **9:30 am to noon**, and the cost is **\$35**. You can pre-register online at: www.wuaa.org.

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/>

