

# Badger Buddy Line

## The Official Newsletter of the Badger State Dive Club

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### Next Club Meeting Tuesday, August 28th

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, **August 28th at 7:30pm at Edwardo's Natural Pizza, Hwy 100 & Bluemound, Milwaukee.** Directions and more information available on the Club website: [www.badgerstatediveclub.org](http://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 7/31/07 meeting:

**Tom Ash, Dan Beck, Steve Busalacchi, Kevin Cokain, Lee Hintz, Dick & Mary Klug, Jim Noel, Ben Prokash, Mike Wolf and Guests Bryce Ripp and Diane Wakeland.**

**Excused: Rich Laiacona, and Bob Lijewski.**

### MEETING NOTES

by Lee Hintz

- ◆ Vice President **Tom Ash** called the July 31st meeting, held at **Edwardo's Natural Pizza**, to order, at exactly **7:30 pm.**
- ◆ The minutes of the June 26th meeting were approved as published in the newsletter, with one correction. **Dan Beck's** Cousin **Jay** was his dive buddy on the Lower Genesee Lake dive.
- ◆ Treasurer's Report from **Ben Prokash**:  
Checking Account Balance: \$919.69  
Certificate of Deposit Balance: \$13,257.87
- ◆ The Club meets in the private upstairs room of **Edwardo's Natural Pizza, Hwy 100 & Bluemound Road, Milwaukee.** 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.

### Old Business

- ◆ The Club again discussed the benefits of visiting a local discussion forum, brought to our attention by **Kevin Cokain** at the May meeting: [www.wiscuba.com/yabbse/](http://www.wiscuba.com/yabbse/). There are many posts by divers looking for other divers to go on specific dives. We have added the link to the Club Web site. A number of members frequent the forum

### New Business

- ◆ It was noted that **President Rich Laiacona** attended the July meeting of the **WCDA**, and suggested that the two organizations exchange email addresses, in an attempt to get encourage participation in each others' dives and activities. We will invite the members of **WCDA** to join us on our upcoming **Lake Michigan Dive Charters** on **Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup>** and **Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>.**
- ◆ **Kevin Cokain** reported that the **Dive Diva Charters** in **Gills Rock, Door County** is now **providing air fills** for **\$10.** **Capt. Kathy Engebose** purchased her own compressor and is now serving divers who need fills.

### Past Dives

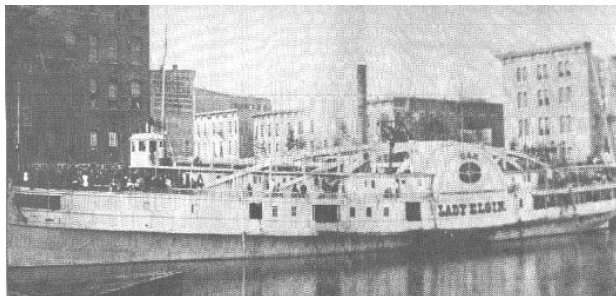
- ◆ An **inland lake dive and picnic** was held on **Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>,** at **Nagawicka Lake** in conjunction with the **Waukesha County Divers Assoc.** **Mike Wolf** lead a beach dive to the West, with poor visibility.
- ◆ **Bob Lijewski** is participating in the **WUAA** survey being done on this summer-long project at the wreckage of the **Milwaukee Fireboat #23.** Five- foot waves, cold water and poor visibility hindered the initial exploration dive.
- ◆ **Mike Wolf** used his boat for a **Thursday evening night dive** on **July 19<sup>th</sup>,** at **Pine Lake.** **Ben Prokash** and a new diver from the Fire Dept. in Delafield, joined **Mike** for the dive. Visibility was good and **Ben** found a watch (but it wasn't still ticking. Thanks **Mike!**
- ◆ **Friday Night, July 27<sup>th</sup>** **Pearl Lake, So. Beloit, IL.** Four divers, **Lee Hintz, Kevin Cokain, Ben Prokash and Jim Noel** had a good dive, exploring the submarine and various motor crafts. Many fish were observed.
- ◆ **Mike Wolf** also did a **WCDA** night dive in **Golden Lake** in Waukesha. A long swim to the deeper water was reported. Visibility and weeds were above average.

- ◆ **Kevin Cokain** dove five times in July including an attempt on the **St. Albans**, but the mooring buoys were not available. **Kevin** also tried the numbers for another wreck, but after a 25-minute search at 130 ft, the dive was scrubbed.

## Future Dives

- ◆ **Wednesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 7pm** – WCDA night dive **Silver Lake, Oconomowoc**. Contact **Mike Wolf**.
- ◆ **Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7pm** – WCDA night dive **North Lake, Waukesha County**. Contact **Mike Wolf**.
- ◆ **Kevin Cokain** is looking for divers to join him for a dive on the **Hattie Taylor** in **Sheboygan**. He would like to do a one-tank dive at 6:00 pm on a **Friday in August**. The wreck lies in 90 to 105' of water. The cost of the charter would be \$75, but **the Club will reimburse members \$20**. Call **Kevin** to set up the date, **414-481-4362**.
- ◆ **Kevin** would also like to set up a 2-tank dive with **Greg Such**, who will have his dive boat in **Two Rivers** on the weekend of **August 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>**. The dive site will be the **crane and bucket truck wreckage**, lying in 85 to 120' of water. **Kevin** has done this dive before and says it is awesome. Call **Greg Such** at **815-378-8152** to reserve your spot, or call **Kevin**, **414-481-4362** for more info. **The Club will reimburse members \$40** for this charter.
- ◆ **Saturday August 25<sup>th</sup> – 1:00 pm** Lake Michigan charter with **Enterprise Marine, Waukegan, IL**. The cost to Club members will be only **\$40**, for the **two-tank** charter on the **Lady Elgin**, in 55' of water and the **Seabird**, in 30'. **Bob Lijewski, Lee Hintz and Rich Laiacona** have signed up so far. We need 3 more divers! Please call **Bob Lijewski a.s.a.p.** - **414-422-9452**.

(**Lady Elgin** – “The Titanic” of the Great Lakes. On Sept. 8, 1860, the 252 ft wooden, side-wheel passenger steamer with 393 on board was rammed by a lumber laden schooner. Only 98 passengers survived this terrifying disaster. Remains of the ship are in 3 areas.)



(**Seabird** - 190 ft side-wheel steamer caught fire and sank April 9, 1868. Huge paddle wheel, 26 ft in diameter with cast iron axle is reasonably intact.)

- ◆ **Bob** has set up a **two-tank Lake Michigan** charter for **Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>** with the **Len Der**. The dive sites will probably be the **Car Ferry Milwaukee** and the **Prins Wilhelm**. We have 8 spots reserved at a cost to Club divers of only **\$40**. Please call or email **Bob Lijewski** to secure your spot, **414-422-9452**.

## Future Social

- ◆ **Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm**, join other Club members for a **Fish Fry on Pewaukee Lake**, followed by an **evening cruise on Mike Wolf's boat**. Spouses/significant others are welcome. Call **Mike** for details and meeting place, **262-370-5899**.



**Gary Emrich and Glen Goebel – on the line**



**Steve Busalacchi and Diane Wakeland – Elkhart Lake**



**You know who**