

Badger Buddy Line

The Official Newsletter of the Badger State Dive Club

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Next Club Meeting Tuesday, August 25th

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 25th 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 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 7/28/09 Meeting:

Dan Beck, Jim Driver, Lee Hintz, Dan Klink, Dick and Mary Klug, Bob Lijewski, Carol Morales, Jim Noel, Les Ratlieff, Bill Roehrs, Steve Simon, Chris Slaats, Chris Schumann, Mike Stupak, Jonathan Taylor and Mike Wolf. Guests: **Dan and Jane Limback, Michael Loomis, Scott and Judy Reilley.** Excused: **Tom Ash, Rich Laiacona, Ben Prokash.**

MEETING NOTES

by **Carol Morales**

- ◆ The **July 28th** meeting was called to order by Board Member **Dick Klug**, at exactly 7:30 pm, with 17 members and 5 guests in attendance.
- ◆ Treasurer's current month's Report from **Jonathan Taylor** was as follows:

Checking Account Balance: \$981.74

Certificate of Deposit Balance: \$10,169.88

- ◆ 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 the **2009** calendar year are past due. They remain at **\$25 per year**, covering all certified divers in the family, living in the same household. As of June 30th. Eight members have not renewed their dues and have been dropped from the Club roster and newsletter mailing list. Please send your dues to the **Club P.O. Box 210046, Milwaukee, WI 53221**, or bring to the August Club meeting to be reinstated. **Thanks!**
- ◆ **Jon Paul Van Harpen's** book "**Door Peninsula Shipwrecks**", is available from Amazon.com for \$15.59.
- ◆ **President Rich Laiacona** has created an internet online store at Café Press for our Club logo garment needs: <http://www.cafepress.com/bsdcstore>. **J.T. Taylor** will send in Lee's tax I.D. # to the company. Click the link on the Club's Web site to go to the online store.
- ◆ **President Rich Laiacona** also created some Club business cards from Vista Print. We will discuss this option at upcoming Club meetings. **Thanks Rich!!**

New Business

- ◆ **Lee Hintz** distributed the latest BSDC Membership Roster. Please let him know of any errors or changes.
- ◆ **Mike Wolf** reported on an Open House being sponsored by the **Port Washington Historical Society** and being held at the **Holiday Inn Harborview in Port Washington**, on Thursday, July 30th, from 6:30 to 9:00 pm. A team of ten underwater archeologists will share the finding during a week-long exploration of a historic shipwreck, the **Northerner**, which sunk in 1868.
- ◆ **Bob Lijewski** is back in the job market, and is looking to find a position in **Customer Service**, after 19 years in a fast-paced, high-volume manufacturing environment. If you know or hear of any openings, please **contact Bob** at: **414-422-9452**, or email relijewski@yahoo.com.
- ◆ The Club is pleased to announce the following **new members** were voted in at the July Club meeting!

Dan and Jane Limback

375 S. Lennox St., Milwaukee, WI 53207

414-688-6170, mfdan@yahoo.com, and

jel1969_2001@yahoo.com

Finally, Welcome to the Club Dan and Jane!!

Past Dives

- ◆ **Jim Driver** recently returned from a trip to **Key West**, to dive on the newest artificial reef shipwreck for divers, the **U.S.S. Vandenberg**. He reported on strong winds and currents but spectacular dives! Happy 60th birthday **Jim!**
- ◆ **Night Dive, Friday July 10th, Upper Nemahbin Lake** Six divers met at the launch overflow lot about 7:00 PM for a **shore dive**. **Mike Wolf, Carol Moralez, Dan Beck, Les Ratlieff, Lee Hintz and Peter Murphy**. It was a beautiful night and a good time was had by all.
- ◆ The dive charter that **Bob Lijewski** had arranged a **Lake Michigan** for **Saturday August 1st** out of **Sheboygan**, with **Down Under Charters**, was cancelled due to not enough divers. **This dive had been rescheduled from Saturday June 6th.**
- ◆ **Lijewski** did a dive in **Pewaukee Lake**. It was very clean with 20 foot visibility, due to the abundance of zebra mussels.
- ◆ **Saturday July 25th, Rock Lake, Lake Mills, boat dive with Mike Wolf**. This was a **2-tank dive** to try to find the missing **pyramids**. There were 5 divers with **Dan Limback's** first Club dive. Ask **Mike** if he found them?
- ◆ **Bob Lijewski** reported on the **WUAA** summer fieldwork on the **Fireboat 23 Project**. The waves were calm this month and visibility was good. Work continues on Thursdays, from the **Len Der's** dock at 5:00 pm. It is hoped that this three year project will be completed this year. Contact **Bob** or **Carol Moralez** for details.
- ◆ **Chris Slaats** dove on the **Prinz Wilhelm** on **July 26th**.
- ◆ **Mike Stupak** and **Jim Noel** used a kayak to dive on the wreck in **North Bay**, in **Door County** and they found an anchor. This gets the award for most creative dive in July.
- ◆ **J.T. Taylor** and his newly-certified girlfriend **Amber Vanouwerkirk**, dove in **Pearl Lake** on July 20th and reported seeing lots of fish.

Future Dives

- ◆ **Picnic Dive, Sunday, August 2nd, Elkhart Lake** - at **Fireman's Park**, 11:00 AM. There was a \$3 admission charge. This was a shore dive and turned out to be cool and windy. **Thanks to Jim Driver** for coordinating it.
- ◆ **Jim Driver** volunteered to coordinate a **Lake Michigan** Charter with the **Len Der**, on **Sunday, August 16th**. This was a **morning 2-tank** dive on the **Prince Wilhelm** and the **Dredge 902**. Both were fairly shallow dives, but the waves were high and rocky. **Divers paid the special fee for Club members of only \$40!** They included **Jim Driver, Carol Moralez, Les Ratlieff, Dan Klink, Chris Slaats, J.T. Taylor, Kevin Cokain, Matt Boswell**, and

guest **Scott Reilly**. **Thanks to Jim Driver** for coordinating this dive.

- ◆ **WUAA** is having some shallow projects in **Baileys Harbor** on **August 29th & 30th**, and the **Clay Banks Project** surveying sunken piers, later this summer. Contact **Bob** or **Lee Hintz** if you are interested.
- ◆ **September 11-13th, Door County weekend trip!** After a number of years absence, **BSDC** is returning to the Door! We have five couples that have signed up: **Lee & Jean Hintz, Jim & Vicky Driver and Les & Betty Ratlieff, Steve & Jan Simon, and Dan & Paula Klink**. Most will stay at the **Shoreline Resort** in **Gills Rock**, and diving will be available with the **Dive Diva's** boat, (she now has air fills too), and a number of good shore dives. We need six divers for the charter with the **Dive Diva** and we only have four at this time. **Singles can share a room. Call Jim Driver** to join us: **262-644-0895!**

Future Social

- ◆ **Discovery World Get-Together. J.T. Taylor** is a volunteer diver and will check out the details of a guided group outing at this great attraction on the Lake. Watch for details coming in the fall.



Dive Related Links

- ◆ For Muck Divers and Bottle Collectors: <http://mrbottles.com>
- ◆ Wisconsin Underwater Archeology Association: <http://wuaa.org>
- ◆ Local Divers Discussion Forum: <http://wiscuba.com/yabbse/>



Rock Lake Dive with Mike Wolf