

Badger Buddy Line

The Official Newsletter of the Badger State Dive Club

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Next Club Meeting Tuesday, July 31st

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, **July 31st at 7:30pm at Edwardo's Natural Pizza, Hwy 100 & Bluemound, Milwaukee**. Directions and more information available on the Club website: 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 6/26/07 meeting:

Steve Busalacchi, Kevin Cokain, Deb Gramza, Lee Hintz, Dick Klug, Rich Laiacona, Jim Noel, Ben Prokash, Mike Wolf and Guest Bryce Ripp. Excused: Tom Ash, Bob Lijewski, Bill Rozga and Mike Tompkins.

MEETING NOTES

by Lee Hintz

- ◆ President **Rich Laiacona** called the June 26th meeting, held at **Edwardo's Natural Pizza**, to order, at exactly **7:30 pm**.
- ◆ The minutes of the May 29th meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.
- ◆ Treasurer's Report from **Ben Prokash**:
Checking Account Balance: \$976.69
Certificate of Deposit Balance: \$13,205.89
- ◆ The new Club meeting place is in the private upstairs room of **Edwardo's Natural Pizza, Hwy 100 & Bluemound Road, in Milwaukee**, just North of I-94. 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 to Edwardo's, including gratuity, in excess of the \$3 per person contributed by members and guests.

Old Business

- ◆ The South store of **Deep Blue** in **Franklin**, donated two prizes, to give to lucky Club members in attendance at upcoming meetings. The drawing for the second of these items was held at the **June** meeting. The winner of the **silicone regulator mouthpiece** was **Ben Prokash**. **Thanks again to Rich Henry at Deep Blue!**
- ◆ **Kevin Cokain** had mentioned this online forum of local divers at the May meeting: www.wiscuba.com/yabbse/. He said that there are 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 including **Mike Wolf** and **Lee Hintz** have registered on the forum .

New Business

- ◆ A motion was made and approved to reimburse club members who participated in charter dives on May 25th & 26th and on June 2nd.
- ◆ After discussion, it was also moved and approved that all members that sign up for future charters will be held responsible for their share of the fees, if they fail to show up for, or find a replacement for, their spot on the charter. The honor system will be used, but members who violate this rule, will not be allowed to participate in future charters, until past charges are paid.
- ◆ **Kevin Cokain** distributed some brochures from the **Dive Diva Charters** in **Gills Rock**, for anyone interested in chartering dives in **Door County**. He recommended **Capt. Kathy Engebose** and her fast and very comfortable boat for diving and evening cruises.

Past Dives

- ◆ An **inland lake dive** was held on **Saturday, June 2nd**, at **Lower Genesee Lake**. **Dan Beck** and his **son-in-law, Rich Laiacona** and **Lee Hintz** did a hour+ long dive in 60+ degree water (40+ below the thermocline), with 10' visibility. The previous night's rain storm held down the visibility and the fish life was less active than normal.
- ◆ **Bob Lijewski** reserved a charter with **Jerry Guyer**, and the **Len Der**, on **Saturday June 9th**. The destination was the car-ferry **Milwaukee** and the **Prinz Wilhelm**. The Club subsidized cost to members was \$40 for the two-tank charter. **Bob, Ben Prokash, Rich Laiacona, Kevin Cokain and Matt Boswell** participated. **Ben** and **Rich**, both in wet suits, found the 40degree water at 95' to be

invigorating! **Ben's regulator began free flowing** and fortunately his buddy **Kevin** was nearby to supply him his back-up first stage. **Kevin**, who had recently practiced many "out-of-air" emergencies at **Lake Wazee** training dives, said "**Ben did a really great job**" remaining calm and having a safe return to the boat. The second dive was very enjoyable, without any further regulator problems, as **Rich** and **Matt** and **Ben** and **Kevin** swam through the wheelhouse of the **Willie**.

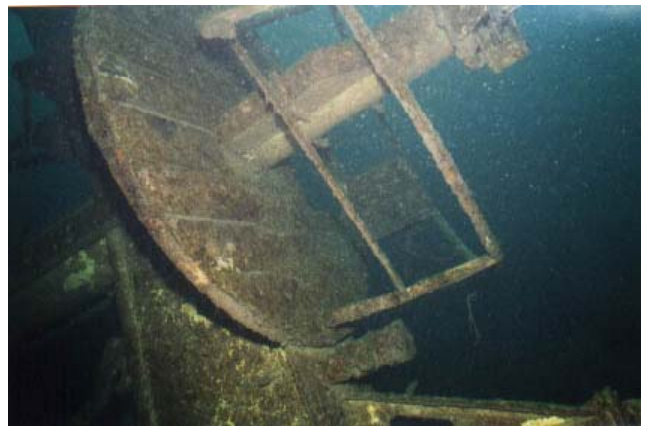
- ◆ **Kevin Cokain** also did a dive on the **St. Albans** and he had a glove seal leak at 160'.
- ◆ **Steve Busalacchi** and wife **Pat** did an 11-day cruise in the **Baltics**. He said they particularly enjoyed **St. Petersburg, Russia** and its art museums.

Future Dives

- ◆ An inland lake dive is planned for **Sunday, July 15th**, at **Nagawicka Lake** in conjunction with the **Waukesha County Divers Assoc.** Call **Lee Hintz** if you want to get wet, **414-762-3175**.
- ◆ **Bob Lijewski** has not set up a charter for **July**. If anyone else would like to coordinate a charter dive for July, please go ahead and do so, and contact **Bob** and **Lee** for assistance and circulating the details to the Club. **Reimbursement funds will be provided as in the past.**
- ◆ **Mike Wolf** is offering his boat for a **Thursday evening night dive on July 19th**, at **6:00pm**. Meet at the **Park & Ride lot at Hwy 16 & Hwy C in Delafield**. The destination lake will be decided at that time. Call **Mike 262-370-5899**, if you want to go along.
- ◆ **Friday Night, July 27th** **Pearl Lake, So. Beloit, IL.** Meet at the **McDonald's at Hwy 164 & I-43 in Waukesha at 6:00pm**. Park admission is **\$20** and a "**C-card**" is required. Call **Lee Hintz 414-762-3175** if you are coming.
- ◆ **Saturday August 25th – 1:00 pm** **Lake Michigan** charter with **Enterprise Marine, Waukegan, IL.** **Bob Lijewski, Lee Hintz** and **Rich Laiacona** have signed up so far. The cost to Club members will be **\$40** for the two-tank charter Please **call Bob as soon as possible** to reserve your spot on the August Club sponsored charter. **414-422-9452.**
- ◆ **Bob** is setting up a charter in **Sept.** out of **West Bend**.
- ◆ **Rich Laiacona** is in contact with **Blake** of the **WCDA**. They will coordinate efforts to have some joint Club dives this summer, and fill all charters.

Future Social

- ◆ Discussion took place regarding a **Fish Fry in August** followed by a boat ride on **Mike Wolf's boat**. Spouses are welcome. Watch for date and location.



Crow's Nest



St Albans Pump



Dive Puerto Aventuras – Nils, Irene and Gringos



Palace Life