

# Badger Buddy Line

## The Official Newsletter of the Badger State Dive Club

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### Next Club Meeting Tuesday, July 29th

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 29th 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 2008

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 6/24/08 Meeting:

**Tom Ash, Dan Beck, Steve Busalacchi, Tim Dake, Debbie Gramza, Lee Hintz, Dick Klug, Rich Laiacona, Bob Lijewski, Ben Prokash and Guests Diane Wakeland, Chris Slaats, Bill Roehrs and Jim Buss. Excused: Dan Booton, Jim Driver and Mike Wolf.**

### MEETING NOTES

by Lee Hintz

- ◆ The **June 24th** meeting was called to order by President **Rich Laiacona**, at exactly 7:30 pm, with 10 members and 4 guests in attendance.
- ◆ Treasurer's Report from **Ben Prokash** was emailed:  
**Checking Account** Balance: \$741.42  
**Certificate of Deposit** Balance: \$12,240.93
- ◆ 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, and at a cost to members and guests who choose to eat food at the Club meeting, of \$5 per person. Those who choose not to eat will receive beer, ice tea and soda as in the past, at no cost. The Club pays the balance due.
- 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/>

### New Business

- ◆ The month's dive related prize, donated by **Deep Blue**, was given away at the June Club meeting. The lucky winner of a ten air fill card was **Tom Ash**. **Thanks to our friends at Deep Blue!**
- ◆ **Bill Roehrs**, soon to be voted in as a member, has a pair of fins for sale: **ScubaPro** Twinmax size-L, yellow.  
**Email:billroehrs@yahoo.com**
- ◆ **Kevin Cokain** has an extensive list of dive accessories for sale. All items are negotiable: Call **414-481-4362**
- ◆ **The newest member of the Club**, voted in at the May Club meeting is:

#### **Bryce Ripp**

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**Bryce** has worked on completing his application requirements for quite some time now. **Welcome to the Club Bryce!**

- ◆ Special recognition is in order for **Debbie Gramza**, who becomes an **Honorary Member** on July 28, 2008.  
**Congratulations Deb!** You are a great Club member!
- ◆ There was discussion regarding Club T-shirts and also Club business cards. **Rich Laiacona** volunteered to design and order the Club business cards. **Rich** will also investigate the cost and availability of the T-shirts.
- ◆ **Lee Hintz** made a motion for a donation of \$100 to the **Wisconsin Underwater Archeology Association**, to help defray the expenses of the surveying projects in **Bailey's Harbor & Milwaukee**. Motion was approved.

- ◆ **Lee Hintz** reported on meeting a possible speaker for a future Club meeting. **Jon Paul Van Harpen** is a noted author of “**Door Peninsula Shipwrecks**” and a columnist in **Door County** newspapers, “**Jon Paul’s Maritime Diaries**”. He also worked for **Mel Fisher’s Key West** operation, during the salvaging of the **Nuestra Senora de Atocha** treasures. A motion was made and approved to contact **Jon Paul**, who lives in **Sturgeon Bay**, and invite him to speak at a meeting in the fall. The Club would pay for a hotel room for his appearance.

## Past Dives

- ◆ **Lee Hintz** reported on his weekend trip to **Door County** with seven other divers, doing three dives on a wreck in **Bailey’s Harbor**, for the **Wisconsin Underwater Archeology Association**. The surveying project will continue later in the summer, along with the **Fireboat 23** project in **Milwaukee**. Volunteers are needed.
- ◆ Dive Coordinator **Bob Lijewski** reported on the **Lake Michigan** charter with the **Len Der** on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Visibility was good - 40’ on the **Milwaukee** and the **Willie**. Divers included **Bob Lijewski, Rich Laiacona, Tim Dake, Tom Silman, Aaron & Stephanie Lilly, Gary & Joey Steven**. There were two cancellations. It was **Rich’s** first time using his new drysuit, since his class. **Thanks Bob!**
- ◆ **Kevin and Jackie Cokain** went to **Mackinaw City, MI** for wreck diving, **June 7-14<sup>th</sup>**. They had five good dives, but got blown off the last day by weather. Reports in July.

## Future Dives

- ◆ **Mike Wolf** reports that many Waukesha County lakes; had closed their boat launches due to high water. When conditions return to normal, divers will meet at the **Hwy 83 & I-94, Park & Ride** for evening dives on **Mike’s** boat. **Mike and Debra** are in **Florida** at this time, but he would like to do a dive on **July 3<sup>rd</sup>**, when he returns.
- ◆ **Lee Hintz** is setting up a picnic dive at **Firemen’s Park** at **Elkhart Lake**, on **Saturday July 12<sup>th</sup>**. Meet at the **Mc Donald’s** at **Brown Deer Road and I-43** at 9:00 am, and we will caravan to the Park and parking lot. Call **414-762-3175** if you plan to come. There is a small Park fee.
- ◆ **Aaron and Stephanie Lilly** are planning a trip to dive and camp in **Lake Superior, July 13 – 15<sup>th</sup>**. Anyone interested in joining them should contact them.
- ◆ **Bob Lijewski** has reserved 6 spots on the **Lake Michigan** charter on the catamaran **Mai-Tai**, on **July 26<sup>th</sup>**, at **8:00 am**, cost to members is **\$35**, and all places are taken. **Call Bob: 414-422-9452** for more info.
- ◆ **Bob Lijewski** is setting up a dive out of **Waukegan**, on **August 3<sup>rd</sup>** in the afternoon, or on the **10<sup>th</sup>** all-day. Please let him know which you would prefer: **414-422-9452**.

## Future Social

- ◆ **Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, Titanic Exhibition at Milwaukee Public Museum.**  
**Good Divng!**



WUAA Bailey’s Harbor Project - Boat 2



WUAA Bailey’s Harbor Project – Boat 1



“I was gummed by Goldie in Okauchee Lake”