

# Badger Buddy Line

## The Official Newsletter of the Badger State Dive Club

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### Next Club Meeting Tuesday, July 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, **July 28th 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 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 6/30/09 Meeting:

**Steve Busalacchi, Jim Driver, Lee Hintz, Rich Laiacona, Carol Morales, Jim Noel, Ben Prokash, Bill Roehrs, Jonathan Taylor and Mike Wolf. Guests: Amber Vanouwerkirk. Excused: Tom Ash, Mike Stupak.**

### MEETING NOTES

by **Carol Morales**

- ◆ The **June 30th** meeting was called to order by President **Rich Laiacona**, at exactly 7:30 pm, with 11 members and 1 guest in attendance.

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

**Checking Account** Balance: \$1,257.90

**Certificate of Deposit** Balance: \$10,166.95

- ◆ 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 30<sup>th</sup>. Eight members have not renewed their dues and will be 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 July Club meeting. **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/bsdstore>. Discussion took place regarding the logo size, etc. **Rich** showed some of the embroidered patches that have been used in past years. He is investigating possible stickers for tanks and fins. **J.T. Taylor** will send in Lee's tax I.D. # to the company. **Rich** has added a \$2.00 fee per item for the Club account. Check it out. **Lee Hintz** has placed a link on the Club Web site to the 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 newsletter of the **Wisconsin Underwater Archeology Association**. See **Lee, Bob, Carol or Les** if you want to find out more information about upcoming survey dives on the **Fireboat 23** in **Milwaukee**, or **Bailey's Harbor** and **Clay Banks**.
- ◆ **Lee Hintz** reported on upcoming dive classes being held by **Pirates Cove Diving**.
- ◆ **Mike Bernard** has moved to **Minocqua** and is offering dive training, air fills, and local lake tours and info to any interested divers. **Mobile Divers LLC, 717-482-8919**.

### Past Dives

- ◆ **Carol Morales** reported on the **WUAA** summer fieldwork on the **Fireboat 23 Project**, in June. The waves were pretty calm this month and visibility was good. Work will continue on Thursdays, from the **Len Der's** dock at 5:00 pm. It is hoped that this three year

surveying project will be completed this summer. Contact **Carol, Bob** or **Kim Stabelfeldt** if you want to join the team.

- ◆ **WUAA** will also have some shallow projects in **Baileys Harbor** on **August 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>**, and the **Clay Banks Project** surveying sunken piers, later this summer. Contact **Bob** or **Lee Hintz** if you are interested.
- ◆ **Dive Coordinator Bob Lijewski** had arranged a **Lake Michigan Charter** for **Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup>** out of **Sheboygan**, with **Down Under Charters**, but it had to be cancelled due to weather. Instead, **Mike, Bob** and **Carol** went up to the **Manitowoc Maritime Museum** and toured the Museum and the Submarine, so it turned out to be an enjoyable day! **This dive has been rescheduled for Saturday August 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:30 am.**
- ◆ **Mike Wolf** did a dive on June 15<sup>th</sup> in **Pewaukee Lake**. It was very clean with 20 foot visibility. He found an old **Weber Brewery** bottle, an **1890 Graf** bottle still capped, and a medicine bottle. He also found a 12LB river anchor at 35 feet depth.
- ◆ **Mike** also did a dive in **Rock Lake** on July 17<sup>th</sup>. He had six feet visibility and 57 degree water. After finding another anchor, he noticed that his compass was spinning around unexpectedly.

## Future Dives

- ◆ **Jim Driver** is making a trip to **Key West** to dive the newest and largest ship to be sunk as a dive site, the **U.S.S. Vandenberg**. He will be there for three days.
- ◆ **Night Dive, Friday July 10<sup>th</sup>, Upper Nemahbin Lake**  
Meet at the launch overflow lot about 7:00 PM.  
Directions as follows: Take I-94 west to exit # 283 Cty. P (Sawyer Rd.), right hand turn on P, then right hand turn on Cty. DR (Delafield Rd.), head east to the landing on your right. If you need to park, you'll have to pay, so it's suggested to car pool. **This will be a shore dive.** Please, call **Lee Hintz @ 414-762-3175.**
- ◆ **Saturday July 25<sup>th</sup>, Rock Lake, Lake Mills, boat dive with Mike Wolf.** This will be a **2-tank dive** to try to find the **pyramids**. You **must confirm** your spot with Mike by **July 22<sup>nd</sup>!** 6 divers max. Please, call **Mike @ 262-370-5899**. Diver cost to use the boat is (\$10.00).
- ◆ **Saturday August 1<sup>st</sup>, Dive Coordinator Bob Lijewski** has arranged a **Lake Michigan Charter** out of **Sheboygan at 8:30 am**, with **Down Under Charters**. Bring your C-cards. This will be **two tanks** on the **Hattie Taylor – 105'**, and the **Selah Chamberlin – 80'**. Divers will pay the **special fee for Club members of only \$40!**
- ◆ **Jim Driver** volunteered to coordinate a **Lake Michigan Charter** with the **Len Der**, on **Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>**. This is a **morning 2-tank dive** on the **Prince Wilhelm** and the **Dredge 902**. Both are fairly shallow dives, (80-90 feet). **Divers will pay the special fee for Club members of only \$40!** Those signed up are: **Jim**

**Driver, Bill Roehrs, Les Ratlieff, Dan Klink, Chris Slaats, J.T. Taylor, Kevin Cokain, Matt Boswell, and guest Scott Reilly. You need to pay your money at the July meeting or send to the Club P.O. Box a.s.a.p. Contact Jim** if you want to be added.

- ◆ **September 11-13<sup>th</sup>, Door County weekend trip!** After a number of years absence, BSDC is returning to the Door! Details will be coming in the future, but **block out these dates**. So far, we have three couples that have signed up: **Lee & Jean Hintz, Jim & Vicky Driver and Les & Betty Ratlieff**. We 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), as well as a number of **good shore dives**. **Don't miss this trip!**

## 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.



- ◆ **Waterfront Wednesdays at Lakefront Park, Pewaukee Lake, July–August.** **Mike Wolf** has offered to take people out on his boat for a lake cruise and to stay and hear the music. Watch for dates in upcoming email blasts.
- ◆ **August 1-2, 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Door County Maritime Museum Classic & Wooden Boat Show Raffle**, 120 N. Madison St., **Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235**, 920-743-5958, [www.dmmm.org](http://www.dmmm.org).
- ◆ **Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, Pearl Lake – AAI 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Dive Picnic.** \$25 per diver, \$15 for non-divers, \$5 for kids under 10. **Treasure Dive** at 10:00 am, Lunch at Noon. Call or sign up at their store: 262-938-6827.

## 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/>