

# Badger Buddy Line

## The Official Newsletter of the Badger State Dive Club

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### Next Club Meeting Tuesday, April 24th

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, **April 24th 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 3/27/07 meeting:

**Tom Ash, Steve Busalacchi, Debbie Gramza, Lee Hintz, Dick & Mary Klug, Rich Laiacona, Ben Prokash, and Bill Rozga.** Excused: **Kevin Cokain, Dan Booton, Bob Lijewski, Mike Wolf and Mike Tompkins.**

### MEETING NOTES

by **Lee Hintz**

- ◆ President **Rich Laiacona** called the March 27th meeting, held at **Edwardo's Natural Pizza**, to order, at exactly **7:30 pm.**
- ◆ The minutes of the February 27th meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.
- ◆ Treasurer's Report from **Ben Prokash:**  
Checking Account Balance: \$1,701.16  
Certificate of Deposit Balance: \$13,000.00
- ◆ 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 Club received acknowledgement from **DAN** for our recent donation. We received a subscription to their magazine, a plaque and some **DAN** tank decals, which were distributed to members in attendance at the meeting.

### New Business

- ◆ The South store of **Deep Blue** in **Franklin**, has donated two prizes, to give to lucky Club members in attendance at upcoming meetings. **Bob Lijewski** received the items while he was delivering some of our Club brochures to **Deep Blue**, for display in their store. **Deep Blue's Manager Rich**, also graciously offered to exchange the items, if they aren't compatible with the member's dive gear. A drawing will be held for one of these items at both the April & May Club meetings. **Thanks Rich!**
- ◆ **Rich Laiacona** reported on some interesting programming that is available on "Dive Radio" podcasts, including [www.divester.com](http://www.divester.com).
- ◆ **Kevin Cokain** proposed a new policy regarding Club sponsored dive charters. He suggested that if a member volunteers to coordinate and set up of a dive charter, that the Club reimburses the organizer for any member's portion of the charter cost, if that member cancels without finding a replacement for his spot. After discussion, the consensus was that advance payment should be required for spots on the charter, and that members would forfeit their payment, for canceling without a replacement.
- ◆ **Lee Hintz** suggested that since it had been agreed last year to plan some joint activities with the **Waukesha County Divers Association**, that we should offer any available spaces on future Club dive charters, to **WCDA** members. This would speak to our desire to have joint activities and would also help fill up the Club's charters. **Rich Laiacona** offered to deliver this invitation to the **WCDA** at their upcoming meeting.
- ◆ **Bill Rozga** suggested that members who have a **bottle collection** bring some of their best bottles to the **April meeting** to display and discuss with those present.
- ◆ A reminder that the annual **\$25** family membership **Dues** was due on January 31st. Thank you!

## Past Dives

- ◆ The third and final **Pool Dive** of the year was held on Friday **3/16/07** at the **Muskego High School** pool. Many Club members, family members and friends enjoyed the warm water again this year. Thanks to **Steve Busalacchi** for making the arrangements!
- ◆ The **8<sup>th</sup> Annual Ghost Ships Festival** was held on Friday & Saturday, **March 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>** at the **Sheridan Four Points Conference Center**, across from the airport. The Friday night presentation featured **John Chatterton and Richie Kohler**, subjects of the best selling book, **Shadow Divers**, and hosts of the TV show **Deep Sea Detectives** on the **History Channel**. They were available before their 7:30 pm presentation to meet and greet fans and give autographs. The Club had a half-page ad in the program booklet. Hope you didn't miss this great show!

## Future Dives

- ◆ **Dick & Mary Klug** and **Lee & Jean Hintz** are going back to the **Riviera Maya** coast of **Mexico** the first two weeks in May. They will be staying at two **Palace Resorts**; the first week at **Xpu Ha Palace**, near **Tulum**, and the second week at **Aventura Spa Palace**, in **Puerto Aventuras**. Both resorts offer reef dives, cenote dives, snorkeling, and many other water activities.
- ◆ **Bill Rozga** is hoping to do a weekend trip to **Bonne Terre Mine** in the **St. Louis** area in April. If you would like to join him for this road trip, **call Bill**, 414-545-1794, as soon as possible!
- ◆ **Memorial Day Weekend – Door County.** **Kevin Cokain** is organizing 2-tank charter boat dives in **Gills Rock**, on Friday May 25<sup>th</sup> and Saturday May 26<sup>th</sup>. The **Dive Diva's Charter** is a six-pack boat and space is limited. Dives are planned on the **E.R. Williams**, a 110' schooner and the 300' long **Frank O'Conner**. There are also some good shore diving sites to enjoy. The Club will reimburse **\$20 per day** for each member's cost of the charter. Contact **Kevin** or **Bob Lijewski** as soon as possible, to reserve your spot and for details.
- ◆ An **inland lake dive** is planned for **Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>**, at **10:00 am**, in **Lower Genesee Lake**. Meet at the **DNR parking lot**. Call **Lee Hintz** if you want to get wet, **414-762-3175**.
- ◆ **Bob Lijewski** has reserved half of a charter with **Jerry Guyer**, on the **Len Der**, for **Saturday June 9<sup>th</sup>**. The destination is probably going to be the car-ferry **Milwaukee** and/or the **Prinz Wilhelm**. The Club will reimburse members **\$40** towards the cost of the two-tank charter. Please **call Bob as soon as possible** to reserve your spot on this month's Club sponsored charter.



Mike Wolf's Gar Fish



Dan Beck Tunnel Dive