

Badger Buddy Line

The Official Newsletter of the Badger State Dive Club

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Next Club Meeting Tuesday, April 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, **April 29th 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 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 3/25/08 Meeting:

Tom Ash, Steve Busalacchi, Jim Driver, Debbie Gramza, Lee Hintz, Dick Klug, Aaron Lilly, Sam Lukowicz, Frank Martin, Jim Noel, Ben Prokash, Mike Wolf and Guest s: Jim Bartkowski, Dave Kyles, Bryce Ripp and Bill Roehrs. Excused: Dan Beck, Rich Laiacona, Bob Lijewski and Bill Rozga.

MEETING NOTES

by Lee Hintz

- ◆ The **March 25th** meeting was called to order by Vice President Tom Ash, at exactly 7:30 pm, with 13 members and 4 guests in attendance.
- ◆ Treasurer's Report from **Ben Prokash**:
Checking Account Balance: \$1,632.81
Certificate of Deposit Balance: \$12,187.94
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ **New 2008 Club Roster is available to members.**

Web sites of Interest to Divers

- For Muck Divers and Bottle Collectors: <http://mrbottles.com>
- Wisconsin Underwater Archeology Association: <http://wuaa.org>
- Waukesha County Divers Association: <http://divewisconsin.com>
- Local Divers Discussion Forum: <http://wiscuba.com/yabbse/>
- Ghost Ships Festival: <http://ghostships.org>

New Business

- ◆ The month's dive related prize, donated by **Debbie Gramza**, was given away at the March Club meeting. The lucky winner of a dive flag was **Ben Prokash**. A drawing for another prize will be held at the April Club meeting.
- ◆ **The newest member of the Club**, voted in at the March Club meeting is:

David Kyles

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Dave is originally from Ireland and did the Ice Dive with us.
Welcome to the Club Dave!

Past Dives

- ◆ **Bill Roehrs** reported on his trip to **Belize in Central America**. **Bill** stated that the weather was very windy and dive conditions could have been better, but it still was an exiting trip. The highlite was the trip to dive the famous **Blue Hole**. The trip to the Blue Hole was a three hour boat trip but was followed by a three-tank dive. **Bill** had depth on his computer of 141' for 24 minutes. He said they saw 6-7' sharks and parts of the dive had stalagmites hanging from the walls. Other dives during the week were around **Ambergis Key and Turneffe Island**.



- ◆ The final **Pool Dive** of the year was on Friday, March 28th, at the **Muskego High School Pool**. A good turn-out concluded the season, with about 15 divers in the water and a dozen or so others enjoying the pool and company. Thanks again to **Steve Busalacchi** for setting it up again!

Future Dives

- ◆ **Dick & Mary Klug, Lee & Jean Hintz & Carol & Buck Bauer** are headed down the Riviera Maya coast of **Mexico** for two weeks of sun and diving with **Dive Aventuras** in **Puerto Aventuras**. They will be staying a week at the **Aventuras Spa Palace** and a week at The **Sun Palace** in **Cancun**. Their petition to be excused from the April Club meetig was begrudgingly approved.
- ◆ **Mike Wolf** is anxious to put his boat in the water and invites Club members to join him. He will be doing evening dives in many Waukesha County lakes; such as **Pine, Okauchee, Oconomowoc, Nemahbin** and **Big Cedar**. A **bottle dive** in **Pewaukee** is also on the agenda. Divers will meet at the **Hwy 16 and Hwy C, Park & Ride** lot. Watch the Web site & emails for details.
- ◆ **Aaron** and **Stephanie Lilly** are planning a trip to dive and camp in **Lake Superior, July 13 – 15th**. Anyone interested in joining them should contact them.
- ◆ **Jim Driver** is setting up a weekend trip to **Lake Wazee** in **Black River Falls** for the Club. The dates selected are **June 14-15th**. Dives would be done both days and on Saturday night. **Jim** is checking with the motels for group rates. Please let him know if you are interested and feel free to give him your comments and suggestions. See this web site for details on the diving and accommodations: www.wazeesports.com.
- ◆ **Lee Hintz** will be setting up a picnic dive at Firemen's Park at **Elkhart Lake** on **Saturday July 12th**.
- ◆ New member **Dave Kyles**, guest **Bryce Ripp** and **Aaron & Stephanie Lilly** are contemplating a trip to dive the **Mall of America**. No really, there is a dive operation that wa saw at the **Ghost Ships Festival - Underwater Adventures Aquarium**. They operate a 3 hour program including a dive in their Freshwater Minnesota/Mississippi River tank and Shark Cove. They do have the world's largest collection of sharks, so diving in it is something to brag about. Depth is 14 ft with 1.2 million gallons of water. General admission takes you through 300 feet of underwater tunnel and through 4 distinct habitats. If you would like to join this crazy group, let **Dave** or the **Lilly's** know. Also go to: <http://www.sharky.tv/>

Past Social

- ◆ **Ghost Ships Festival – Ben Prokash, Aaron and Stephanie Lilly** (and the **Deep Blue** swimsuit model?) joined others in the bar after the show. There was music and song, and a good time was had by all!

Good Divng!

