

# Badger Buddy Line

## The Official Newsletter of the Badger State Dive Club

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### Next Club Meeting Tuesday, April 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, **Apr. 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 3/31/09 Meeting:

**Dan Beck, Steve Busalacchi, Jim Driver, Lee Hintz, Dick & Mary Klug, Rich Laiacona, Bob Lijewski, Frank Marten, Carol Morales, Les Ratlieff, and Jonathan Taylor.** Guests: **Chris Schumann.** Excused: **Tom Ash, Jim Noel and Mike Stupak.**

### MEETING NOTES

by **Carol Morales**

- ◆ The **March 31st** meeting was called to order by President **Rich Laiacona**, at exactly 7:30 pm, with 12 members and 1 guest in attendance.
- ◆ Treasurer's current month's Report from **Jonathan Taylor** was as follows:

**Checking Account** Balance: \$1,486.39

**Certificate of Deposit** Balance: \$10,150.51

- ◆ 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 now due. They remain at **\$25 per year**, covering all certified divers in the family, living in the same household. Please send your dues to the **Club P.O. Box 210046, Milwaukee, WI 53221**, or bring to the April Club meeting. **Thanks!**
- ◆ A drawing was held for a **Pinnacle** padded mask strap, donated by **Deep Blue**, and was won by **Mary Klug.**
- ◆ A video of "**Cancun Diving**", starring **Lee Hintz & Dick Klug**, was shown during the pizza break.
- ◆ A video of "**Shark Diving**" with **Stuart Cove** in **Nassau**, featuring **Jim Driver**, was shown after the meeting.
- ◆ **Jon Paul Van Harpen's** book "**Door Peninsula Shipwrecks**", is available from Amazon.com for \$15.59.
- ◆ **President Rich Laiacona** has created an internet link for our garment needs: <http://www.cafepress.com/bsdcstore>. Check it out for clothing with the **BSDC logo** on the front. We will discuss this new option at the upcoming Club meetings. **Thanks Rich!!**

### New Business

- ◆ The Club is pleased to announce the following **new member** was voted in at the March Club meeting!

**Chris Schumann**

**2344 W. Custer Ave., Glendale, WI 53209**

**414-831-0902, caschumann@att.net**

**Welcome to the Club Chris!**

- ◆ **Congratulations** to members **Kevin and Jackie Cokain**, who are expecting **their first baby** in the very near future. **Best Wishes and we hope to see you soon!**

### Past Dives

- ◆ **Dan Beck** reported on his trip to **Cabo San Lucas, Mexico**, in February; and shared his underwater photos taken with his camera outfit. He did a spectacular dive in a marine park with schools of hundreds of manta rays. He also spotted some whales swimming nearby. Another dive was near some large rocks frequented by sea lions. Temps were in the mid sixties and visibility was 35 feet.

- ◆ **Jim Driver** did some dives in **Nassau**, also in February, with **Stuart Cove**. He dove near the **Tongue-of-the-Ocean**, with a 6,000' wall drop-off, and the shark feeding dive that was shown in his video. A few sharks followed them to the feeding spot, which quickly became a school of large, hungry sharks. A remarkable site to remember, even though his camera housing flooded again.
- ◆ **Friday, March 27th** was the final Pool Dive of the year. About 15 divers were in the water, along with swimmers from the families. **Thanks again to Steve Busalacchi!**

- ◆ 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 Baillod**: [www.ship-wreck.com/shipwreck/runge/](http://www.ship-wreck.com/shipwreck/runge/)
- ◆ Local Divers Discussion Forum: <http://wiscuba.com/yabbse/>

**Good Diving!**

## Future Dives

- ◆ An inland lake dive will be held on **Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**, at **1:00 p.m.** Meet at the DNR launch in **Silver Lake**, in **Oconomowoc**, (or the DNR lot at **Lower Genesee Lake** in the **Town of Summit**, depending on conditions. Both are within 10 minutes of each other). Contact **Lee Hintz** if you plan to attend, 414-762-3175.
- ◆ **Dick & Mary Klug, Lee & Jean Hintz** and **Meg & Bob Puls** will be traveling to **Cancun** and the **Riviera Maya** coast of the **Yucatan Peninsula, Mexico**, the end of April. They will be staying at the **Sun Palace** in **Cancun** and the **Aventura Spa Palace** in **Puerto Aventuras**. Diving is scheduled for both weeks. **Join us next time!**
- ◆ **Dive Coordinator Bob Lijewski** has arranged a **Lake Michigan Charter** for **Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup>** out of **Sheboygan**. This is for **six divers**, and will be **two tanks** on the **Hattie Taylor – 105'**, and the **Selah Chamberlin – 80'**. Divers **must confirm with Bob** and **pay the special fee for Club members of only \$40**, by the next **Club meeting on April 28th!**
- ◆ **Mike Wolf** reported that his boat will be available for Club dives again in the spring. Look for some evening dives on **Okauchee Lake** or the **Island Casino** spot in **Pewaukee Lake**, or the pyramids said to be in **Rock Lake**, in **Lake Mills**. **Thanks Mike** for your **support of the Club!**

## Past Social

- ◆ **10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Ghost Ships Festival**, was held on **March 20-21st** at **Milwaukee, Wyndham Convention Center - Airport**. **Bob Lijewski** reported on his presentation on the **Milwaukee Fireboat 23**. **Carol Moralez** and **Les Ratlieff** reported on the workshop put on by the **Wisconsin Underwater Archeology Association**, on **Underwater Surveying of Shipwrecks**. Other members attending included **Mike Stupak, Lee Hintz, Kevin Cokain, Jim Driver** and **Dan Klink**.

## Dive Related Links

- ◆ For Muck Divers and Bottle Collectors: <http://mrbottles.com>



**2009 Ice Dive**

