

Badger Buddy Line

The Official Newsletter of the Badger State Dive Club

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Next Club Meeting Tuesday, April 27th

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 27th 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 2010

President – **Rich Laiacona**

Vice President – **Ben Prokash**

Treasurer – **Jonathan Taylor**

Dive Coordinator – **Jim Driver**

Secretary – **Carol Morales**

Newsletter/Website Editor – **Lee Hintz**

Sgt.-at-Arms – **Mike Stupak**

Honorary Board – **Dick Klug**

Honorary Board – **Tom Ash**

Honorary Board – **Mike Wolf**

Members in attendance at 3/30/10 Meeting:

Tom Ash, Dan Beck, Jim Driver, Lee Hintz, Dan Klink, Dick & Mary Klug, Rich Laiacona, Bob Lijewski, Carol Morales, Les Ratlieff, Bill Roehrs, Chris Schumann, Steve Simon, Jonathan Taylor and Mike Wolf. Excused: Mike Stupak. Guests: Jerry Broitzman, Paul Hoesly.

MEETING NOTES

by **Carol Morales**

- ◆ The **March 30th** meeting was called to order by President **Rich Laiacona**, at exactly 7:30 pm, with 16 members and 2 guests in attendance.
- ◆ Treasurer's current month's Report from **Jonathan Taylor** was as follows:

Checking Account Balance: \$1,880.87

Certificate of Deposit Balance: \$7,530.64

- ◆ 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 2010 are now Over Due!** Dues are currently **\$25 per family membership** (covers all members living in the same household). You may send your dues to the Club P.O. Box 210046, Milwaukee, WI 53221, or bring them to the next meeting.
- ◆ **President Rich Laiacona** has created an internet online store at Café Press for our Club logo garment needs: <http://www.cafepress.com/bsdcstore>. You can also click the link on the Club's website to go to the online store.
- ◆ Thanks to **Rich Laiacona**, the Club has an account on **Facebook**. Check it out and **become a Fan!** We are also planning to update the Club's website using a Content Management System. **Email photos** that you would like on the site to: info@badgerstatediveclub.org. **(Or bring in a CD of your photos.)**

New Business

- ◆ There was a discussion of possible printing jobs to meet the future needs of the Club. Dive Club stickers, logo design, waterproof tank decals, Club brochures and colored vinyl banners. It was discussed as to who had done the Club's printing in the past.
- ◆ Two door prizes donated by **Mike Bernard**, of **Mobile Divers in Minocqua**, were given away to those in attendance. **Thanks Mike!**

Past Dives

- ◆ The **Annual Ice Dive and Party** was held at **Lake Nagawicka**, on **Saturday, February 27th**. **Mike Wolf** coordinated the Dive and the Beach house was rented from **8:00 am to 3:30 pm**. **Help** with the cutting of the hole, tending lines, hauling gear and preparing food and beverages was provided by **Dan Szpot, Bill Roehrs, Les Ratlieff, J.T. Taylor, Ben Prokash and Leo Quartullo!** Divers included **Rich Laiacona, Jim Driver, Bob Lijewski, Carol Morales, Chris Schumann, Mike Wolf, Leo Quartullo**, and some fire dept. divers. **Thanks to Mike for stepping up big time!**
- ◆ The final **Pool Dive** of 2010 was held at the **Muskego High School** on Friday, **March 12th** from **7:30 to 9:30 pm**. Attendance at the two Pool Dives was very good again this year. **Thanks to Steve Busalacchi** for setting them up for all of us again!

- ◆ **Jim Driver** led a weekend trip to **Bonne Terre Mine** near **St. Louis**, on **March 20th & 21st**. **Divers included Jim Driver, Dan Klink, Dan Beck, Gary, Joe & Mara Steven, Mike Loomis, Leo Quartullo and friend Jane.** They managed to do five dives in the three-level, historic mine and described the thrills in great detail!
- ◆ **Lee & Jean Hintz** and **Dick & Mary Klug** did a week in **Cancun, Mexico**, February 24th to March 3rd at the **Grand Moon Palace**. **Lee & Dick** dove with **Aqua World's** legendary **Carla**, ...and did kiss & tell!

Future Dives

Dive Coordinator Jim Driver is leading most of the following **dive events for 2010**:

- ◆ **Pearl Lake, South Beloit, IL – Saturday, April 24th** opening day. **Contact Jim Driver for details.**
- ◆ **Sturgeon Bay, May 1st & 2nd, Dive & Party at Beach Harbor and Waterfront Mary's.** “Help find the Mooring Blocks at the Beach”. Prizes, Barbeque, Social after dives, and Boathouse Sale. Bring along old boathouse stuff you want to sell. 1:00 pm register at **Waterfront Mary's Bar & Grill** at Beach Harbor, 3662 N. Duluth Ave. Dives start at 2:00 pm, Barbeque at 4:00 pm, Band at the Beach. Room rates at Beach Harbor are \$49 a night. Also, Open House at the Shipyards. Sunday: Shipwreck dive in the Bay. Make a weekend of it! Call **Jon Paul Van Harpen**, 920-743-4647 with questions.
- ◆ **Green Lake – Saturday, May 8th** – Dive Wisconsin's deepest inland lake. Both morning and afternoon dives will be available from **Mike Wolf's** boat. Bring lunch. **Contact Mike for details. A \$10 fee will be collected.**
- ◆ **Lake Michigan Charter, Wednesday evening, May 26th,** one tank on the **Prinz Wilhelm**, with **Jerry Guyer**. **Contact Jim Driver for details.**
- ◆ **Fortune Pond – Saturday, May 29th** – Experience clear water and fish life. **Contact Jim Driver for details.**
- ◆ **Dive for Dan – 26th anniversary – Sat. June 5th, 10:00 am,** Mendota County Park – Shelter 1, Middleton, WI. For info: www.fourlakesscubaclub.org
- ◆ **Lake Wazee – Sat. June 5th & 6th** – Dive the day and dive the weekend. Other Dive Clubs have been invited to join us for the weekend. **Contact Jim Driver for details.**
- ◆ **Lake Michigan Charter – Saturday June 12th – Sheboygan** Two tank dive on the **Hetty Tailor** and the **Sella Chamberlain** with **Jitka** - \$85. **Contact Jim Driver to see if any spots are left. Bring your C-card!**
- ◆ **Lake Michigan Charter, Wednesday evening, June 16th,** one tank on the **Dredge**, with **Jerry Guyer**. **Contact Jim Driver for details.**
- ◆ **Munising Bay, U.P. of Michigan – July 4th weekend.** **Contact Jim Driver if you want to sign up.**

- ◆ **Lake Michigan Charter – Sunday July 18th – Port Washington** Two tank dive on the **Northerner** and the **Niagara**. **Contact Jim Driver to see if any spots are left. Bring your C-card!**
- ◆ **Lake Michigan Charter, Wednesday evening, July 28th,** one tank on the **Norland**, with **Jerry Guyer**. **Contact Jim Driver for details.**
- ◆ **Loreville Treasure Dive, Sat. August 14th,** Loreville Quarry Park, sponsored by **Mountain Bay Scuba**.
- ◆ **Pearl Lake, So. Beloit, IL – Sun. August 15th,** Club Picnic and Swap Meet. Dive, picnic and sell your old gear. **Contact Jim Driver for details.**
- ◆ **Lake Michigan Charter, Saturday, August 21st,** two tanks on the **Prinz Wilhelm** and the **Milwaukee**, with **Jerry Guyer**. **Contact Jim Driver for details.**

Past Social

Ghost Ships Festival, March 5th – 6th, Windham Airport Hotel & Conference Center, A great time was had by all. Attendance was high this year. Members included: **Lee Hintz, Bob Lijewski, Jim Driver, Carol Moralez, Ben Prokash, Mike Stupak, Kevin Cokain, Dan Kilink, Steve Simon** and probably more. Details at: www.ghostships.org.

Dive Related Items

- ◆ Jon Paul Van Harpen's book “Door Peninsula Shipwrecks” is available from Amazon.com for \$15.59.
- ◆ For Muck Divers and Bottle Collectors: <http://mrbottles.com>
- ◆ Wisconsin Underwater Archeology Association: <http://wuaa.org>
- ◆ Local Divers Discussion Forum: <http://wiscuba.com/yabbse/>

