

Badger Buddy Line

The Official Newsletter of the Badger State Dive Club

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Next Club Meeting Tuesday, June 26th

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, **June 26th at 7:30pm at Edwardo's Natural Pizza, Hwy 100 & Bluemound, Milwaukee**. Directions and more information available on the Club website: 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 5/29/07 meeting:

Tom Ash, Dan Beck, Dan Booton, Steve Busalacchi, Kevin Cokain, Lee Hintz, Dick & Mary Klug, Rich Laiacona, Jim Noel, and Kevin Cokain. Excused: Bob Lijewski, Ben Prokash, Mike Wolf and Mike Tompkins.

MEETING NOTES

by Lee Hintz

- ◆ President **Rich Laiacona** called the May 29th meeting, held at **Edwardo's Natural Pizza**, to order, at exactly **7:30 pm**.
- ◆ The minutes of the April 24th meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.
- ◆ Treasurer's Report from **Ben Prokash**:
Checking Account Balance: \$1,603.30
Certificate of Deposit Balance: \$13,152.39
- ◆ 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 South store of **Deep Blue** in **Franklin**, donated two prizes, to give to lucky Club members in attendance at upcoming meetings. The drawing for the first of these items was held at the **May** meeting. The winner of a **Pelican Mini-Dry Box** was **Kevin Cokain**. **Thanks again to Rich Henry at Deep Blue!**
- ◆ **Bill Rozga** was featured in an article in the **Journal/Sentinel** recently. It highlighted a number of people active in the community and discussed their accomplishments and goals for the future. **Bill** mentioned among other things, that he was "an advanced certified diver working toward my master level – some day". It was a very nice article about a very nice guy!
- ◆ **Kevin Cokain** mentioned this online forum of local divers: www.wiscuba.com/yabbse/. He said that there are posts by divers looking for divers to go on specific dives. We will add the link to the Club Web site and check out the posts for prospective members and dive sites.
- ◆ The Club sent a card of sympathy to **Gary and Barb Emrich** in memory of **Gary's mother**.
- ◆ The Club also sends its sincere sympathies to **Mike and Debra Wolf** on hearing of the passing of **Mike's father**.

New Business

- ◆ The Club's newest members that were voted in at the April meeting are:
Gary, Joey and Mara Steven
4930 S. De Soto Lane
New Berlin, WI 53151
Phone: 414-427-0082
gsteven@aasc-drsteven.com
- Welcome to the Club guys!
- ◆ Also, **Bryce Ripp** filled out an Application for membership, and has signed up for some upcoming Club Charters. Hopefully **Bryce** will be voted in at the June meeting.
 - ◆ **Discovery World** is having a program called "Eyes in the Deep" demonstration and broadcasts of a **ROV** on **July 7th, 1:00 – 4:00**, with a live dive from the **Prinz Wilhelm**. Call **414-765-8622** for reservations.

Past Dives

- ◆ **Kevin Cokain and Matt Boswell** completed their **Tri-Mix Training in Wazee Lake, Black River Falls**. **Kevin** also completed his **Blender Certification Class**. They did 17 dives, with 7 dives at 200' or more. One mix was with 18% Oxygen, 45% Helium and the rest Nitrogen. **Congrats Kevin and Matt!** (They also received reimbursement from the Club of \$40 each for their advanced training.)
- ◆ **Dick & Mary Klug** and **Lee & Jean Hintz** are back from **Riviera Maya**, having spent two weeks diving, snorkeling, having spa treatments and other fun activities. They did their reef dives with **Dive Puerto Aventuras, www.diveaventuras.com**, and highly recommend this very professional, yet friendly operation! The main shop is in the quaint port town of **Puerto Aventuras**, with satellite shops at nearby **Palace Resorts**. Manager **Nils** and his staff of dive masters will pick you up at your hotel, and make sure that you get to do the type of dives that you want. They will match you up with other divers and dive masters like you. **Dick and Lee** did drift dives to 100'+, as well as leisurely dives to see the reefs through a magnifying glass, or to take those macro photo shots. The **Badgers** also took a day trip to **Isla Mujeres** where **Dick and Lee** did a dive, while **Jean and Mary** took an island tour by boat. A day trip to **Cenote Azul**, and a float-trip down a mile long underground river at **Xcaret** were other highlights of the trip. **Join us** on our next trip to the **Cozumel Palace**, the first week of **November 2007!**
- ◆ **Memorial Day Weekend – Door County**. **Kevin Cokain** organized the charter boat dives in **Gills Rock**, on Friday and Saturday. The 31' **Dive Diva's Charter** was a very nice boat and great for a sunset cruise. Dives on the **E.R. Williams** did not occur due to conditions, but on Friday, the 300' long **Frank O'Conner** provided two dives with good visibility in cold water. A shallow dive near **Poverty Island** was substituted for the **E.R. Williams** on Saturday. The Club reimbursed **\$20 per day** for members **Kevin and Bill Rozga**.

Future Dives

- ◆ An inland lake dive is planned for **Saturday, June 2nd**, 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 9th**. 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. **Bob, Ben Prokash, Rich Laiacona, Bill Rozga, Kevin Cokain, Matt Boswell** and **Bryce Ripp** have signed up so far.

- ◆ **Saturday August 25th – 1:00 pm Lake Michigan** charter with **Enterprise Marine, Waukegan, IL**. **Bob Lijewski, Lee Hintz** and **Rich Laiacona** have signed up so far.
- ◆ **Bob** is setting up a charter for **July** and one for **September 22/23** out of **West Bend**. **Rich Laiacona** is in contact with **Blake** of the **WCDA**. They will coordinate efforts to have some joint Club dives this summer, and fill all charters.

Future Social

- ◆ Discussion took place regarding the **Maritime Museum** in **Manitowoc**, the **County Zoo**, shipyards in **Sturgeon Bay** and the **Lighthouse Tour** in **Door County**. The **Humphrey IMAX** theatre is showing **"Deep Sea"** directed by **Howard Hall**, now through **September 6th**.

