

Badger Buddy Line

The Official Newsletter of the Badger State Dive Club

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Next Club Meeting Tuesday, June 30th

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 30th 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 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 5/26/09 Meeting:

Tom Ash, Jim Driver, Lee Hintz, Dan Klink, Rich Laiacona, Bob Lijewski, Carol Morales, Jim Noel, Ben Prokash, Les Ratlieff, Bill Roehrs, Chris Schumann, Gary Steven, Jonathan Taylor and Mike Wolf. Guests: Kim Horneck, Jane and Dan Limback, Tom Matt, Peter Murphy, Steve Simon. Excused: Mike Stupak.

MEETING NOTES

by [Carol Morales](#)

- ◆ The **May 26th** meeting was called to order by President **Rich Laiacona**, at exactly 7:30 pm, with 15 members and 6 guests in attendance.
- ◆ Treasurer's current month's Report from **Jonathan Taylor** was as follows:

Checking Account Balance: \$1,304.90
Certificate of Deposit Balance: \$10,161.35
- ◆ 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 past 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 June Club meeting. **Thanks!**
- ◆ **Jon Paul Van Harpen's** book "**Door Peninsula Shipwrecks**", is available from Amazon.com for \$15.59.
- ◆ **President Rich Laiacona** has created an internet online store at Café Press for our Club logo garment needs: <http://www.cafepress.com/bsdcstore>. Discussion took place regarding the logo size, etc. **Rich** showed some of the embroidered patches that have been used in past years. He is investigating possible stickers for tanks and fins. **J.T. Taylor** will send in more Club info to the company. **Rich** has added a \$2.00 fee per item for the Club account. Check it out. **Lee Hintz** will place a link on the Club Web site to the store. **Thanks Rich!**
- ◆ **President Rich Laiacona** also created some Club business cards from Vista Print. We will discuss this option at upcoming Club meetings. **Thanks Rich!!**

New Business

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

Steve Simon
4821 Hwy 144, Slinger, WI 53086
414-282-5676, stevesimon@ameritech.net

Welcome to the Club Steve!

- ◆ A drawing was held for a padded **Pinnacle** mask strap, donated by Deep Blue, and was won by **Jim Driver**.
- ◆ **Lee Hintz** distributed some writing material, suitable for use underwater with a dive console slate, which was donated by **Steve Wagner** of the **Wisconsin Underwater Archeology Association**. See **Lee** if you want to try some.
- ◆ **Mike Wolf** reported that his boat is now available for Club dives again. See the **Future Dives** section for an evening dive on **Upper Nemahbin Lake**. Other dives include the pyramids of **Rock Lake**, in **Lake Mills**. **Thanks Mike** for your **support of the Club!**

- ◆ **Mike Wolf** also reported that **Aquatic Adventures** is offering **air fills at a special ½ price** on Wednesdays.
- ◆ Club member **Dr. Gary Steven** reported that he has written some papers on **Diving and Asthma**. **Gary** is an Allergist and may be able to help those of you who have asthma and also dive. He also answered a question about doctors in family practice, who are divers themselves, and he mentioned **Dr. Jeff Aldred** on 92nd and Loomis Road.

Past Dives

- ◆ **Bob Lijewski** reported on the **WUAA** summer fieldwork on the **Fireboat 23 Project**, on May 21st. The waves were about 1 foot when the dive started but grew nasty at the end. Work will continue on Thursdays, from the **Len Der's** dock at 5:00 pm. It is hoped that this three year surveying project will be completed this summer. Contact **Bob** or **Kim Stabelfeldt** if you want to join the team.
- ◆ **WUAA** will also have some shallow projects in **Baileys Harbor** on **August 29th & 30th**, and the **Clay Banks Project** surveying sunken piers, later this summer. Contact **Bob** or **Lee Hintz** if you are interested.
- ◆ **Sunday, May 17th, Silver Lake, Oconomowoc** – a number of members met at the DNR launch and had a good dive. Water temperature was 54 degrees and finds included a sunken boat and an ice shanty.
- ◆ **Devil's Lake, Baraboo** – **Jim Driver** and **Dan Klink** were buddies for a couple of enjoyable dives to 35 feet, near the large rocks and railroad tracks. Water temp was 46 degrees, with fair visibility. **Three Little Devils** provided air and counsel.
- ◆ **Les Ratlieff** did a solo dive from the beach at **Lake Nagawicka** to test some equipment. He reported 59 degree water with some **Blue Gills** joining him.
- ◆ **Dick & Mary Klug**, and **Lee & Jean Hintz** traveled to **Cancun** and the **Riviera Maya** coast of the **Yucatan Peninsula, Mexico**, for two weeks in April and May. They stayed at the **Sun Palace** in **Cancun** and the **Aventura Spa Palace** in **Puerto Aventuras**. Diving was very good, with many turtles, barracuda, lobster, crab, squid and colorful reefs. On one dive at **Canyonlands**, a sunken boat was spotted in 110 feet, as they drifted back to board the boat. Diving was provided by **Dive Aventuras**. **Join us next time! Contact Lee or Dick.**
- ◆ Guest **Kim Horneck** reported on diving with her two daughters in **St. Lucia**. She loved a dive called **Superman's Flight**, near the **Pitons**, volcanoes, colorful reefs, spectacular walls and fantastic colors.
- ◆ **Sunday May 31st, Pine Lake boat dive with Mike Wolf**. **Rich, Les & Tom** joined **Mike** on this enjoyable dive. Water temp was 57 degrees and they saw nice smallmouth bass and **Mike** found some old bottles!

Future Dives

- ◆ **Dive Coordinator Bob Lijewski** has arranged a **Lake Michigan Charter for Saturday June 6th** out of **Sheboygan at 8:30 am**, with **Down Under Charters**. Bring your C-cards. This will be **two tanks** on the **Hattie Taylor** – 105', and the **Selah Chamberlin** – 80'. Divers will pay the **special fee for Club members of only \$40!**
- ◆ **Night Dive, Friday June 19th, Upper Nemahbin Lake boat dive with Mike Wolf**. Meet at the launch about 6:00 PM. Directions as follows: Take I-94 west to exit # 283 Cty. P (Sawyer Rd.), right hand turn on P, then right hand turn on Cty. DR (Delafield Rd.), head east to the landing on your right. If you need to park, you'll have to pay, so it's suggested to car pool. You can meet **Mike** at the Park & Ride on Hwy C, (exit # 285), south-east of the Hwy 16, and he'll be happy to pick up three people there. Please, **call Mike @ 262-370-5899**. Diver cost to use the boat is (\$10.00) & anyone not diving is free.
- ◆ **Saturday July 25th, Rock Lake, Lake Mills, boat dive with Mike Wolf**. Feeling lucky? Try to find the pyramids! Please, call **Mike @ 262-370-5899**. Diver cost to use the boat is (\$10.00).
- ◆ **September 11-13th, Door County weekend trip!** After a number of years absence, BSDC is returning to the Door! Details will be coming in the future, but **block out these dates**. We will stay at the **Shoreline Resort in Gills Rock**, and diving will be available with the **Dive Diva's** boat, (she now has air fills too), as well as a number of good shore dives. **This will be a memorable trip!**

Future Social

Discovery World Get-Together. **J.T. Taylor** is a volunteer diver and will check out the details of a guided group outing at this great attraction on the Lake. Watch for details.



Dive Related Links

- ◆ For Muck Divers and Bottle Collectors: <http://mrbottles.com>
- ◆ Wisconsin Underwater Archeology Association: <http://wuaa.org>
- ◆ Local Divers Discussion Forum: <http://wiscuba.com/yabbse/>