

Badger Buddy Line

The Official Newsletter of the Badger State Dive Club

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Next Club Meeting Tuesday, December 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, **December 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 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 11/24/09 Meeting:

Tom Ash, Jim Driver, Lee Hintz, Dick & Mary Klug, Bob Lijewski, Dan Klink, Les Ratlieff, Mike Stupak and Jonathan Taylor. Excused: Dan Beck, Rich Laiacona, Carol Morales, and Mike Wolf.

MEETING NOTES

by [Lee Hintz](#)

- ◆ The **November 24th** meeting was called to order by Past President **Lee Hintz**, at exactly 7:30 pm, with 10 members and no guests in attendance.

- ◆ Treasurer's current month's Report from **Jonathan Taylor** was as follows:

Checking Account Balance: \$1,227.32

Certificate of Deposit Balance: \$9,153.27

- ◆ 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.

Did you know? The scuba diving student was in over his head.

Old Business

- ◆ **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>. Click the link on the Club's Web site to go to the online store.
- ◆ **President Rich Laiacona** has set up an account for the Club on **Facebook**. Check it out and **become a Fan!**
- ◆ The annual **Club Christmas Party** date has been changed from December 5th to **Saturday December 12th**. It will be held at the beautiful **Golden Mast Restaurant** on **Okauchee Lake**. Cocktails at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m. Call **Mary Klug** with your reservation at: 414-327-9042. **Thanks!**

New Business

- ◆ **Ballots** were collected at the meeting and from the P.O. Box. Tabulation of the votes took place after the meeting. The winners will be announced at the **Christmas Party on December 12th**, and at the **December 29th meeting**. The **2009 Diver of the Year** plaque will be presented to the winner from among this year's slate of nominees: **Jim Driver, Carol Morales, Bob Lijewski, Rich Laiacona and Mike Wolf**. Thanks to all who voted and **congratulations to the winners**.
- ◆ A discussion of having the **Pool Dives** again in **2010** took place, and a motion was made and approved to have two Pool Dives in 2010, in **January** and in **March**, at the **Muskego High School Pool**. **Steve Busalacchi**, who is recovering from his second knee replacement surgery, has again volunteered to contact the Swim Club about renting the pool. **Thanks to Steve and get well soon!**
- ◆ **Jim Driver** brought in a LCD dive light that he made himself, containing 14 C-Cell nickel batteries. He got guidance from the internet and found some of the parts there. **Good job Jim! Now let's go night diving!**
- ◆ **Lee Hintz** has an excellent DVD presentation on **Wisconsin's Historic Shipwrecks**, from the **State Historical Society**. It contains very unique photos, drawings and maps of the shipwrecks in each section of the state! Watch for details on the date for this presentation, at an upcoming meeting!

Past Dives

- ◆ **Sat. November 14th** - dive **Lake Geneva**. **Bob Lijewski** made a dive near the Public Landing and found an old Sheraton Spring soda bottle and a 100+ year old Finke Brewery beer bottle! **Good work Bob! Let's have a bottle show at the December Club meeting O.K.?**
- ◆ **Jim Driver** did a dive after work recently, from the beach at **Lake Nagawicka** in about 20-25' of water. Too bad guest, **Peter Murphy** didn't know to join you.
- ◆ **Dick & Mary Klug & Jean & Lee Hintz**, were in **Cancun** and the **Riviera Maya, Mexico**, from the **2^{7th} of October** to **November 11th**. All four of them did the motor boats/snorkeling tour through the jungle mangroves, and out into the ocean again. It was a blast! **Dick and Lee** reported on some very nice dives that they did with the guys at **Dive Aventuras, in Puerto Aventuras, Mexico**. On one dive the Dive Master **Martin**, placed the boat right over a wreck that they had seen from afar, back in May, and they dropped easily down to 110', right on top of it! Ask us about the **great diving** in the **Riviera Maya**, and **"join us next time"**!

Future Dives

- ◆ **Jim Driver** is diving in **Cozumel** on November 28th to December 5th.
- ◆ Watch for information on the **annual Ice Dive and Party** in January or early February.
- ◆ Watch for details on **Pool Dives** at the **Muskego High School** in January and March of 2010.

Past Social

- ◆ The **5th Annual Wisconsin Underwater Archeology Association's** Fall Conference was held on **Sat. October 24th**, at the **Discovery World Museum in Milwaukee**. This year's event was the highest attended ever, and featured presenters from around the region and highlighted new shipwreck discoveries, archeological fieldwork and historical research.

Future Social

- ◆ The **Annual BSDC Christmas Party** will be held at the **Golden Mast Restaurant** on **Okauchee Lake**, on **Saturday, December 12th**. **Cash Bar - 6:00 pm, Dinner - 7:00 pm**. **Mary Klug** is again coordinating this event. Please email at: **RKlug90611@aol.com**. **Thanks Mary!**
- ◆ **Our World Underwater, February 19th – 21st**, Chicago
- ◆ **Ghost Ships Festival, March 5th – 6th**, **Discovery World Museum, Milwaukee**. Advance sale Premium ticket is \$20, including front-row seats to first 20 tickets sold, shirt, mug and \$10 in raffle tickets.

- ◆ The beautiful sailing ship **Dennis Sullivan** is in need of volunteers to work on cleaning the hull, etc. Call the **Discovery World** 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/>

