

# Badger Buddy Line

## The Official Newsletter of the Badger State Dive Club

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### Next Club Meeting Tuesday, November 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, **November 27th at 7:30pm at Edwardo's Natural Pizza, Hwy 100 & Bluemound, Milwaukee.** Directions and more information available on the Club website: [www.badgerstatediveclub.org](http://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 10/30/07 meeting:

**Tom Ash, Steve Busalacchi, Kevin Cokain, Debbie Gramza, Lee & Jean Hintz, Dick & Mary Klug, Rich Laiacona, Bob Lijewski, Sam Lukowicz, Jim Noel, Ben Prokash, and Guests Tim Dake, Jim Driver, Aaron and Stephanie Lilly, Frank Martin, Ian Rosaaen, Tom Silman, Mike Stupak and Tim Sulik. Excused: Dan Beck, Dan Booton and Mike Wolf.**

### MEETING NOTES

by Lee Hintz

- ◆ President **Rich Laiacona** called the **October 30th** meeting, to order, at exactly **7:30 pm**, with 12 members and 10 guests in attendance.
- ◆ The minutes of the **September 25th** meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.
- ◆ Treasurer's Report from **Ben Prokash**:  
**Checking Account** Balance: \$487.03  
**Certificate of Deposit** Balance: \$13,418.56
- ◆ The Club meets in the private upstairs room of **Edwardo's Natural Pizza, Hwy 100 & Bluemound Road, Milwaukee.** 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.

### Old Business

- ◆ **Deep Blue Dive Stores of Milwaukee and Franklin** are under the new ownership of **Rich Henry and Larry Gamble.** They are celebrating completing a successful and award winning year. Many new events and services are planned for the coming year. They have been very supportive of our Club by offering our Club brochures at both stores, and including the brochures in each new student's class packet! In addition, they have a video playing in their stores, showing pictures of our Club and our past activities, and suggesting the importance of joining a dive club. **Thanks Rich & Larry!**

### New Business

- ◆ The Club is pleased to announce the following **ten new members** were voted in at the October Club meeting!
  1. **Tim Dake, 3206 W. Plaza Drive, Franklin, WI 53132, 262-308-0553, [tjdake@wi.rr.com](mailto:tjdake@wi.rr.com)**
  2. **Jim Driver, 121 Parkway Drive, Slinger, WI 53086, 262-644-2895, [jimdriver@charter.net](mailto:jimdriver@charter.net)**
  3. **Aaron Lilly, 10502 W Cortez Circle, Apt. 12, Franklin, WI 53132, 414-630-2976, [aaronlilly@leftfootphotography.com](mailto:aaronlilly@leftfootphotography.com)**
  4. **Stephanie Lilly, 10502 W Cortez Circle, Apt. 12, Franklin, WI 53132, 414-630-2976, [Stephanie.pokel@mv.brooks.edu](mailto:Stephanie.pokel@mv.brooks.edu)**
  5. **Frank Martin, 16235 W. Marietta Dr., New Berlin, WI 53151, 262-789-1372, [femartin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:femartin@sbcglobal.net)**
  6. **Ian Rosaaen, 1544 N. Humboldt Ave., #8, Milwaukee, WI 53202, 408-687-8473, [irosaaen@yahoo.com](mailto:irosaaen@yahoo.com)**
  7. **Tom Silman, 16315 Burleigh Blvd., Brokkfeild, WI 53005, 262-786-7898, [tsilman@wi.rr.com](mailto:tsilman@wi.rr.com)**
  8. **Stephanie Silman, 16315 Burleigh Blvd., Brokkfeild, WI 53005, 262-786-7898**
  9. **Mike Stupak, 11016 N. Hedgewood La, Mequon, WI 53092, 262-242-4157, [stupakm@matc.edu](mailto:stupakm@matc.edu)**
  10. **Tim Sulik, 11731 W. Homewood Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53226, 414-350-4971, [moresnow@wi.rr.com](mailto:moresnow@wi.rr.com) **WELCOME GUYS/GALS****

- ◆ **ATTENTION: members interested in doing Ice Dive Training**, sponsored by the Club, through **Deep Blue**. **Kevin Cokain** wants a rough idea of how many people we would have and start to get the group organized. Call **Kev** at **414-481-4362** as soon as possible!

- Divers must be **18 years old**
- Have **Advanced Open Water** training.
- All training would take place the week of the ice dive.
- There would be a classroom session, followed by two days of diving.

Here are some of the **highlights**:

- **Ice Dive end of Jan. or early Feb.**
- **Price will be based on number of divers**
- **Club will rent beach house on Sunday for annual Ice Dive & Party**
- **Deep Blue will rent beach house on Saturday for training. Diving can be done on both days by certified Ice Divers.**
- **Club will supply ropes & picks both days**

A few **things to discuss at the November meeting**:

- Location – Lannon or Nagawicka
  - Club reimbursement to members
  - Supplying good chain saw, etc.
  - Will Mike be available to coordinate?
- ◆ **Vote For 2007 Diver of the Year and all Club Officers for 2008!** Please submit the enclosed ballot to the Club P.O. Box, or bring it to the **November 27<sup>th</sup>** meeting. Please consider serving the Club as an Officer and Board Member. If it is your turn, please step up! Ballots will be collected in November, and the Diver of the Year and 2008 Officers will be recognized at the annual **Christmas Party on Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**.

### Past Dives

- ◆ **Bob Lijewski** reported that the **two-tank Lake Michigan** charter for **Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>** with the **Len Der** was **cancelled** due to high winds. The dive sites were to be the **Car Ferry Milwaukee** and the **Prinz Wilhelm**. We had 8 spots reserved for the Club.
- ◆ **Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 1:00 pm, Silver Lake, Oconomowoc.** **Lee Hintz** organized this dive for the ten new members to demonstrate their skills, prior to being accepted into the Club. It was a beautiful, warm day with gusty winds keeping the boaters off the lake. **Thanks to Ben Prokash, Rich Laiacona and Jim Noel** for assisting in checking out the new members! Visibility was 10 to 15' and lots of fish; golf balls and a 12' sunken

rowboat were found. Everything went well, and we look forward to more dives with the new guys & gals of the Club!

- ◆ **Kevin Cokain** reported on a trip to **Sturgeon Bay** to dive the **Lakeland**. Waves were over the bow and the dive was cancelled. He also did dives on two occasions on the **Emba in Milwaukee**, a 165' schooner with a tower. On the first trip there was no thermocline and a constant temp of 43 degrees. The next week, the thermocline was down to 60'. He dove with 18/45% mixed gases, and was entertained on the return trip by a "bridge jumper".
- ◆ New members **Tim Dake** and **Tom Silman** reported on a two-tank charter to the **Milwaukee** and the **Willie** with the **Nordic Diver**. They also went out with **Enterprise Marine** to dive the **Wisconsin** and the **Lady Elgin**. **Tim** also did a dive on the **Willie** with the **Mia Tai**. **Tim** also announced that he was **looking for a buddy** to dive with on the next Sunday, proving the **value** of being a **Club member** and have a list of divers to call on.
- ◆ New member **Jim Driver** reported on a weekend trip to **Lake Wazee in Wisconsin Rapids** for his advanced Open Water dives. He reported on 15' visibility and on a 80" dive seeing a cabin cruiser.

### Future Dives

- ◆ **Steve Busalacchi** is checking out renting the **Muskego High School Pool** again on **Friday nights in January – March**. Watch for dates & times. **Thanks Steve!**
- ◆ **Ice Dive and Party**, held in late January or early February at the **Nagawicka** or **Lannon Quarry Beach House**. Watch for future details.

### Future Social

- ◆ **Christmas Party, Golden Mast on Okauchee Lake, Saturday, December 1st, 6:00 pm, cocktails, 7:00 pm dinner.** Join us for the great food and fun, with the **Diver of the Year Award** winner presentation. We will order from the special menu choices, and hope to have separate checks again this year. **Call Mary Klug** to be included, **414-327-9042**.
- ◆ **Our World Underwater – Feb. 15-17, Rosemont, IL** The 38<sup>th</sup> Annual show will be held at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center. Hundreds of exhibitors, seminars, workshops are there, and film festivals will be held on Fri. & Sat. nites. [www.ourworldunderwater.com](http://www.ourworldunderwater.com)
- ◆ **Ghost Ships Festival – March 7-8, Milwaukee, WI** The 9<sup>th</sup> annual festival will be held at the Wyndham Hotel & Convention Center (formerly Sheraton Four Points), across from the airport. The 2-day event features exhibits, workshops and presentations on Great Lakes Diving

