

Badger Buddy Line

The Official Newsletter of the Badger State Dive Club

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Next Club Meeting Tuesday, November 25th

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, **Nov. 25th 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 2008

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 10/28/08 Meeting:

Dan Beck, Debbie Gramza, Lee Hintz, Dick & Mary Klug, Rich Laiacona, Bob Lijewski, Frank Martin, Ben Prokash, Bill Roehrs, Mike Stupak and Jonathan Taylor, and Guests Jim Buss, Dan & Jane Limback, Carol Moralez, Peter Murphy and Diane Wakeland. Excused: Tom Ash, Steve Busalacchi, and Mike Wolf.

MEETING NOTES

by Lee Hintz

- ◆ The **October 28th** meeting was called to order by President **Rich Laiacona**, at exactly 7:30 pm, with 12 members and 6 guests in attendance.
- ◆ Treasurer's current month's Report from **Ben Prokash** was as follows:

Checking Account Balance: \$426.29

Certificate of Deposit Balance: \$11,672.19

- ◆ 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.

Related Links

- For Muck Divers and Bottle Collectors: <http://mrbottles.com>
- Wisconsin Underwater Archeology Association: <http://wuaa.org>
- Search Online Milwaukee Public Library's Great Lake Marine Collection, formerly known as Herman Runge Collection Online (10,00 ship file), set up by **Brendon Bailod**: www.ship-wreck.com/shipwreck/runge/
- Local Divers Discussion Forum: <http://wiscuba.com/yabbse/>

Old Business

- ◆ **Rich Laiacona** distributed the new **Club business cards** at the November Club meeting to all members present. They are to be given to any prospective divers/members and any other area dive clubs. **Thanks to Rich** for his work on behalf of the Club!
- ◆ **Bob Lijewski** took the first order for a selection of the **Club clothing** available through **Deep Blue**. A list of items and prices were distributed to the members with the last newsletter. Submit your orders to the P.O. Box, or bring to a meeting. **Thanks Bob** for your efforts!
- ◆ A friend of the Club, **Rob** from **Kegel's Inn** on 59th and National Ave. in West Allis, was kind enough to loan a DVD of his dive trip to **Costa Rica** to **Diane Wakeland**, to show to the Club. **Rich Laiacona** provided a projector to use, and we were treated to the beauty of the **CoCo's Islands** and luxury live-aboard diving in **Costa Rica**. Schools of hammerheads and whale sharks were amazing!

New Business

- ◆ **Call for Nominations** – Enclosed is a ballot for election of **Club Officers for 2009**. Ballots will be collected and counted at the **November** meeting. Winners will be announced at the Club Christmas Party on December 13th. We are looking for **volunteers** from the **new members** who have joined the Club in 2008, to step up and run for a Club Officer position. The existing officers have been in place for two years, and it is now your turn. Please contact any Officer or Board member if you want to volunteer. New members **Mike Stupak, Carol Moralez** and **Jon J.T. Taylor** have already agreed to run. Please do your part. **We need you! Thanks!!**

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

1. **Carol Moralez, 6124 W 7 Mile Rd., Caledonia, WI 53108, 262-835-4339**

Welcome to the Club Carol!

Past Dives

- ◆ **Mike Wolf** reported that his boat has been put away for the winter and will be available for Club dives again in the spring. Mike also had some recent surgery which curtailed his diving activities in recent months. **Thanks Mike for your support of the Club in 2008!**
- ◆ **Dan and Jane Limback** took their **Advanced Open Water** classes together, through **Deep Blue**, at **Pearl Lake** in **South Beloit**. **Dan and Jane** also did a second day of diving on the following weekend, on the submarine, airplane and the school bus.
- ◆ **Bob Lijewski** reported on the Club's charter with the **Molly V**, on **Lake Michigan**, on **October 12th**, with two dives on the **car ferry Milwaukee**. Members on the charter were **J.T. Taylor, Bill Roehrs** and **Carol Moralez**. Both **Carol** and **Bill** had some free-flow problems, but all enjoyed the dives very much! **Thanks to Dive Coordinator Bob Lijewski for setting up the dives!**
- ◆ **Bob Lijewski** also reported on the activity on the **Fireboat 23 Project** with **WUAA**, and the **Len Der**.

Future Dives

- ◆ **Dan and Jane Limback** reported on their upcoming trip to the **Gulf Coast of Florida**. Good Diving!
- ◆ **Lee & Jean Hintz, Mary & Dick Klug** and **Mary & Phil Ulery** will be leaving for a trip to **Riviera Maya, Mexico** on November 11th. They will be staying at the **Aventura Spa Palace** in **Puerta Aventuras**, and diving with the good folks at **Dive Aventuras**.
- ◆ **Mike Wolf** has volunteered to set up the **Annual Ice Dive and Party** in early February. Watch for details in the upcoming meetings and newsletters. **Thanks Mike!**

Past Social

- ◆ **Saturday, October 25th, Wisconsin Underwater Archeology & Maritime History Conference, Wyndham Hotel – Milwaukee Airport**
A full day of seminars & workshops related to Great lakes maritime history & underwater archeology were enjoyed by members **Bob Lijewski, Lee Hintz** and **Carol Moralez**. **Bob** was presented with a certificate in recognition for his participation in the **Fireboat 23 Project**, by project leader **Kim Stabelfeld**.

Future Social

- ◆ **BSDC Christmas Party – Saturday December 13th, 7:30pm, Weisgerber's Golden Mast, Okauchee Lake**
Call **Diane Wakeland, 414-453-3304** to hold your reservation. We need to get a head count a.s.a.p. New Club Officers for 2009 will be announced as well as the **2008 Diver of the year Award**. Nominees are **Mike Wolf** for his support of the Club with his boat and time setting up Inland Lake dives; **Bob Lijewski** for his efforts setting and coordinating Lake Michigan Charters; and new member **Mike Stupak** for participating in all Club activities and coordinating a dive at Elkhart Lake, with prospective members attending. See the **ballot attached** to this newsletter and **VOTE! Thanks!**
- ◆ **Saturday, January 10th**, the Club visits the **Titanic Exhibition** at the **Milwaukee Public Museum, IMAX & Planetarium**. Email **Bob Lijewski** if you want to get advance tickets: **scubadad50@yahoo.com**.
Good Diving!

