

# Badger Buddy Line

## The Official Newsletter of the Badger State Dive Club

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### Next Club Meeting Tuesday, November 24th

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 24th at 7:30pm at Edwardo's Natural Pizza**, Hwy 100 & Bluemound, Milwaukee. More information available on the Club website: [www.badgerstatediveclub.org](http://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 10/27/09 Meeting:

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

### MEETING NOTES

by **Carol Morales**

- ◆ The **October 27th** meeting was called to order by President **Rich Laiacona**, at exactly 7:30 pm, with 9 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: \$9,152.11

- ◆ 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

- ◆ **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!** **Thanks Rich!!**
- ◆ The annual **Club Christmas Party** date has been changed from December 5<sup>th</sup> to **Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup>**. 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. The final count is needed by the November 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. Call **Mary Klug** with your reservation at: 414-327-9042. **Thanks!**

### New Business

- ◆ **Congratulations to Dan and Jane Limback** on the birth of their new baby girl, **Jamianne!** Photos are to be found on Facebook!
- ◆ The Pro's and Con's of Buddy Diving were discussed in great detail.
- ◆ A **ballot** is enclosed with the newsletter. Bring it to the meeting or send to the P.O. Box. Tabulation of the votes will take place at the **November** meeting. The winners will be announced at the **Christmas Party on December 5th**, and at the **December 29<sup>th</sup> meeting**. Nominations have been submitted for **2009 Diver of the Year: Jim Driver, Carol Morales, Bob Lijewski, Rich Laiacona and Mike Wolf**. All Club offices are available and we encourage all members, especially new ones, to step up and help to steer the future course of the organization.

### Past Dives

- ◆ **Sunday Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> – dive on the Milwaukee and the Willie with the Len Der.** **Bob Lijewski** coordinated the dive and seven divers attended. Members diving were **Tim Dake, Jim Driver, Rich Laiacona, Bob Lijewski, Carol Morales and Bill Roehrs**. The dives were on the car ferry **Milwaukee** and the **Willie**. **Rich** shared his experience of accidentally dropping his weight belt, and having an uncontrolled ascent (it may still be there).

- ◆ **Jim Driver** and **Dan Klink** dove **Lake Wazee** on Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>. They reported on diving the **Sherwood Forest** area with good visibility. 20-25', 50 degree air and 40's water temperature.
- ◆ **Bob Lijewski** and **Carol Moralez** dove on the **Transfer** and the tug boat **Gillen** on **October 10<sup>th</sup>**. They reported that the **Transfer** had significant deck deterioration but the visibility was very good on both wrecks. The **Gillen** is beautiful and relatively shallow and close by. **Carol** saw a lot of small fish and **Bob** saw a burbot.



## Future Dives

- ◆ **Sat. November 14<sup>th</sup>** - dive **Lake Geneva**. **Bob Lijewski** is planning on diving if anyone wants to join him.
- ◆ **Jim Driver** is diving in **Cozumel** on November 28<sup>th</sup> to December 5<sup>th</sup>.
- ◆ The **Klug's & Hintz's** are diving in **Cancun** and the **Riviera Maya, Mexico** from the 27<sup>th</sup> of October to November 11<sup>th</sup>.

## Past Social

- ◆ The **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Wisconsin Underwater Archeology Association's** Fall Conference was held on **Sat. October 24<sup>th</sup>**, 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. Club members **Bob Lijewski, Carol Moralez and Lee Hintz** were in attendance. A **special guided tour of the Discovery World Museum** was given for those in attendance. After the conference, there was an evening, social get-together at the **Milwaukee Ale House**.

## Future Social

- ◆ The **Annual BSDC Christmas Party** will be held at the **Golden Mast Restaurant on Okauchee Lake**, on **Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**. **Cash Bar - 6:00 pm, Dinner - 7:00 pm**. **Mary Klug** is again coordinating this event, and needs the final head count by **Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>**. Please email her at: **RKlug90611@aol.com**. **Thanks Mary!**
- ◆ **Our World Underwater, February 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, Chicago**
- ◆ **Ghost Ships Festival, March 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, 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. (See picture above)

## 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/>

