

Badger Buddy Line

The Official Newsletter of the Badger State Dive Club

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Next Club Meeting Tuesday, October 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, **October 30th at 7:30pm at Edwardo's Natural Pizza, Hwy 100 & Bluemound, Milwaukee.** Directions and more information available on the Club website: 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 9/25/07 meeting:

Tom Ash, Dan Beck, Steve Busalacchi, Lee Hintz, Dick & Mary Klug, Bob Lijewski, Jim Noel, Ben Prokash, Gary Steven, Mike Wolf and Guests Dawn Dembowski, Mike Stupak, Aaron and Stephanie Lilly, Tim Dake, Tim Sulik and Diane Wakeland. Excused: Dan Booton and Rich Laiacona.

MEETING NOTES

by Lee Hintz

- ◆ Vice President **Tom Ash** called the September 25th meeting, held at **Edwardo's Natural Pizza**, to order, at exactly **7:30 pm**.
- ◆ The minutes of the August 28th meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.
- ◆ Treasurer's Report from **Ben Prokash**:
Checking Account Balance: \$654.48
Certificate of Deposit Balance: \$13,365.80
- ◆ 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! **Thanks Rich & Larry!**

New Business

- ◆ At their recent **Treasure Dive 2007**, **Deep Blue** gave our Club a tremendous amount of free publicity and recommendations, to the hundreds of people in attendance. Our Club was mentioned during the awarding of the over **\$26,000 in prizes**, at least a dozen times. **Rich Henry** used our Club brochure in asking the crowd questions about the **Badger State Dive Club**, with the first person with the correct answer being awarded a great prize. The first question was "What year was the BSDC established?" (**1964**) Next, "When does the BSDC hold it's club meetings?" (**Last Tuesday of the month**) Third, Name two dive destinations that the BSDC has traveled to?" (**The winner said Belize and Cozumel.**) We were also asked to address the gathering, telling about the benefits of joining our Club, and inviting them all to our upcoming meeting, on the following Tuesday. We also had a table that displayed our Club banner, photo album, brochures, patches, newsletters and poster.
- ◆ The Club sponsored two prizes for the **Treasure Dive 2007**. The following two winners received a one year free club membership for 2008, and a free 2-tank dive charter, during our 2008 dive season: **Mike Stupak** of Mequon, and **Tim Sulik** of Wauwatosa. Both **Mike** and **Tim** completed their application forms, attended the September Club meeting, and are planning October dives with us, to complete their membership requirements. **Welcome to the Club guys!**

In addition, **Tim Dake** of Franklin, made application to join the Club, attended the September meeting, and did a dive with us on the **Lady Elgin** charter in August. Hopefully, guests in attendance at the September meeting: **Dawn Dembowski**, and **Aaron and Stephanie Lilly**, will also dive with us in October, to become eligible to be voted in at the October 30th meeting.

- ◆ **Call For Nominations – 2007 Diver of the Year and all Club Officers for 2008!** Please submit your nominations to the Club P.O. Box, or bring them to the October 30th meeting. Please consider serving the Club as an Officer and Board Member. If it is your turn, please step up! Voting will occur in November, and the Diver of the Year and 2008 Officers will be recognized at the annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 1st.

Past Dives

- ◆ **Gary and Joey Steven** did dives on the **Prinz Wilhelm** and the **Dredge 506** and reported warm 55 degree water with good visibility. Earlier in the month, they did dives on the **Niagara** and **Mahoney** out of **Port Washington** and on the schooner **Hattie Taylor** out of **Sheboygan**.
- ◆ **Bob Lijewski** reported on the WUAA survey being done on the summer-long project at the wreckage of the **Milwaukee Fireboat #23**, in 72' of water. **Bob** has participated in 4 dives with 42-44 degree water temps. Other dives were shortened or cancelled due to five-foot waves, cold water and poor visibility. **Bob** also has participated in surveying some shallow wrecks in **Bailey's Harbor, Door County** with the **Underwater Archeological Society**.
- ◆ **Mike Wolf** took his boat down the river for an **evening night dive on Oconomowoc Lake**. There were eight divers and lots of fish (Perch, Crappie, Walleye and Tiger Muskie) were encountered in the twilight conditions.
- ◆ **Guests Aaron and Stephanie Lilly** reported on six dives that they did in **St. Lucia**. Lots of eels, wall dives and local island cuisine were enjoyed.
- ◆ **Guest Tim Dake** reported on his dive with the Club on the **Lady Elgin**. Formitable waves and poor visibility made the dives somewhat forgettable.

Future Dives

- ◆ **Bob Lijewski** has set up a **two-tank Lake Michigan** charter for **Sunday, September 30th** with the **Len Der**. The dive sites will probably be the **Car Ferry Milwaukee** and the **Prinz Wilhelm**. We have 8 spots reserved at a cost to Club divers of only **\$40**.
- ◆ **Sunday, October 21st, 1:00 pm (no Packer game), Silver Lake, Oconomowoc**, one mile West of Hwy 67, on Hwy B, (first stop light North of I-94 and Hwy 67 exit). Meet at the DNR parking lot across from the lake and boat launch. Easy entry from the boat launch, and nice gradual drop off to about 35'. Join us for your Club "check-out" dive! Call **Lee Hintz** at **414-762-3175** or **411-617-0714 Cell**, if you are planning to go.
- ◆ **Steve Busalacchi** has agreed to check out renting the **Muskego High School Pool** again on **Friday nights in January – March**. Watch for dates and times. **Thanks Steve!**

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**.



Cenote Diving Riviera Maya



Wreck of the Rhone, BVI's



Lammer Law catamaran, BVI's