

Badger Buddy Line

The Official Newsletter of the Badger State Dive Club

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Next Club Meeting Tuesday, October 28th

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, **Oct. 28th 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 9/30/08 Meeting:

Tom Ash, Dan Beck, Mike Bernard, Lee Hintz, Rich Laiacona, Bob Lijewski, Frank Martin, Bill Roehrs, Mike Stupak, Jeff Weiss, and Mike Wolf, and Guests Jim Buss, Dan & Jane Limback, Carol Morales, Jennifer Payne, Les Ratcliff, Steve Simon, Jonathan Taylor, and Diane Wakeland. Excused: Steve Busalacchi, Dick & Mary Klug.

MEETING NOTES

by Lee Hintz

- ◆ The **September 30th** meeting was called to order by President **Rich Laiacona**, at exactly 7:30 pm, with 11 members and 9 guests in attendance. A dive flag belt buckle was given away at the meeting and the winner was guest **Jim Buss**.
- ◆ Treasurer's current month's Report from **Ben Prokash** was not available:

Checking Account Balance: \$740.83

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

- ◆ **Kevin Cokain** has an extensive list of dive accessories for sale. All items are negotiable: Call **414-481-4362**.
- ◆ **Bob Lijewski** has a pair of near-new, dry suit gloves, liners & rings & a tank for sale. Call **414-422-9452**.
- ◆ **Rich Laiacona** will distribute the new **Club business cards** at the October Club meeting. **Bob Lijewski** displayed (modeled) 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 Rich & Bob** for your efforts!
- ◆ **Jon Paul Van Harpen**, noted author of "**Door Peninsula Shipwrecks**" and a columnist in **Door County** newspapers' "**Jon Paul's Maritime Diaries**", and who lives in **Sturgeon Bay**, was invited to speak at a future Club meeting. He also worked for **Mel Fisher's Key West** operation for five years, during the salvaging of the **Nuestra Senora de Atocha**' treasures. **Jon Paul** is recovering from an injury, and will call when he is available. The presentation date will be sent via email and posted on the Club Web site as soon as possible.

New Business

- ◆ The Club is pleased to announce the following **new member** was voted in at the September Club meeting!
 1. **Jonathan Taylor, 1436 S. 96th St., West Allis, WI 53214, 414-248-3214**
jonathan@taylor-consulting.com

Welcome to the Club J.T.!

Past Dives

- ◆ **Wednesday, October 22nd, Mike Wolf** reported on a dive in **Lake Buelah** on his boat, in the area called the **Mill Pond**. He used his scooter to pull two other divers around. **Mike** was certified in August at **Lake Wazee**, through **Aquatic Adventures** in a **Dive Propulsion Vehicle** course, going down to an 80' platform.
- ◆ **Mike Stupak** and **new member J.T. Taylor** took their **Advanced Open Water** classes together, through **Deep Blue**, at **Pearl Lake** in **South Beloit**. **Mike** also did another dive with his daughter there on the airplane and the school bus.
- ◆ **Bob Lijewski** reported on **Lake Michigan** dives that he did on the **Milwaukee** and the barge **Transfer**, and with **WUAA** on the **Fireboat 23** project. He also reported on the annual **Treasure Dive** put on by the **Underwater Connection** dive shops.
- ◆ **Jeff Weiss** reported on his dive trip to the **Tortuga Club** on **Grand Cayman**, where he did six dives, including the **North Wall**. Good to see you **Jeff!**
- ◆ **Guest Carol Moralez** reported on dives on the **Prinz Wilhelm** and the **Fireboat 23**, and also on a cleanup dive in **Lake Michigan** at **Grant Park**

Future Dives

- ◆ **Mike Wolf** has scheduled some inland lake boat dives in **October** as follows:
 - **Friday, October 10th, 6:00pm**, and
 - **Wednesday, October 22nd, 6:00pm**.Meet at the **Park & Ride** lot at **Hwy 16 & Hwy C**. Dive sites will be decided by those in attendance.
Thanks Mike! Call to confirm: 262-370-5899.
- ◆ **Mike Bernard** of the **Underwater Connection**, in **Hales Corners**, reported on upcoming trips to **Fortune Pond** in **Iron River, MI**, on **October 10-12th**. He also reported on an upcoming trip to **Bonne Terre Mine** near **St. Louis**. Contact **Mike** for details.
- ◆ **Bob Lijewski** has set up a **Lake Michigan Charter** dive for **Sunday, October 12th on the Molly V**. This is a six-pack boat and the two dives will probably be on the **Milwaukee**, **Willie** or the barge. The Club will be subsidizing part of the cost to members. Please call **Bob** to reserve your spot: **414-422-9452**.

Future Social

- ◆ **Saturday, October 25th, 10:00am–8:00pm**, **Wisconsin Underwater Archeology & Maritime History Conference**, **Wyndham Hotel – Milwaukee Airport**
A full day of seminars & workshops related to Great lakes maritime history & underwater archeology. \$15 admission

- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Saturday, January 10th**, the **Club** visits the **Titanic Exhibition** at the **Milwaukee Public Museum, IMAX & Planetarium**. Email **Bob** if you want to get advance tickets: **scubadad50@yahoo.com**.
Good Divng!

