

# Badger Buddy Line

## The Official Newsletter of the Badger State Dive Club

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### Next Club Meeting Tuesday, October 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, **October 27th 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 9/29/09 Meeting:

**Tom Ash, Jim Driver, Lee Hintz, Dan Klink, Dick & Mary Klug, Rich Laiacona, Bob Lijewski, Dan and Jane Limback, Frank Martin, Carol Morales, Ben Prokash, Les Ratlieff, Bill Roehrs, Mike Stupak, Jonathan Taylor and Mike Wolf. Guests: Betsy McBride & Peter Murphy**

### MEETING NOTES

by **Carol Morales**

- ◆ The **September 29th** meeting was called to order by President **Rich Laiacona**, at exactly 7:30 pm, with 18 members and 2 guests in attendance.
- ◆ Treasurer's current month's Report from **Jonathan Taylor** was as follows:

**Checking Account** Balance: \$644.74

**Certificate of Deposit** Balance: \$10,175.92

- ◆ 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.

**Did You Know?** (Scuba divers have in-depth discussions.)

### 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/bsdcestore>. Click the link on the Club's Web site to go to the online store.
- ◆ **President Rich Laiacona** also created some Club business cards from Vista Print. Please ask for some at an upcoming Club meeting. **Rich** also has set up an account for the Club on **Facebook**. Check it out and **become a Fan! Thanks Rich!!**
- ◆ A motion was made and approved at the August meeting, that as an incentive and a reminder to Club members, the Club will pay for t-shirts with the Club emblem on the front, for all current officers. A fashion show is planned for the Oct. meeting.
- ◆ **Bill Rozga's** check for dues finally made it to our P.O. Box, after being returned to him three times by the downtown Milwaukee Post office. Bill enclosed a letter saying that he has been very busy with his business and that he missed the Club members, and hoped to see us again soon. **We miss you too Bill and Gail!!**

### New Business

- ◆ **Bob Lijewski** has declined being nominated as the Club **Dive Coordinator**, after serving in that capacity for 5 years. **Thanks for a great 5 years Bob!**
- ◆ Nominations will be accepted at the October meeting for all **Club offices for 2010**. 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**. The nomination was submitted at the September meeting of **Jim Driver** for **Dive Coordinator**. Nominations were also 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 this historic organization. **We need you, and we call for your input about the future direction of the Club. Please volunteer and do your part!**

## Past Dives

- ◆ **Bob Lijewski** reported on the **WUAA** summer fieldwork on the **Fireboat 23 Project**. The project is nearing completion after three years. There have been 15 dive trips to date, with 4 trips cancelled due to bad weather. Contact **Bob Lijewski** or **Carol Moralez** for information.
- ◆ **Jim Driver** and **Dan Klink** dove **Red Granite** quarry on Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>. They also dove **Fortune Pond** with **Mike Bernard** and reported that the 75' visibility was fantastic. They saw other divers at 54' and it was beautiful diving.
- ◆ **Bob Lijewski** reported on the **WUAA** project in **Baileys Harbor** on **August 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>**. There was some rain on Saturday morning, and it was a bit choppy for the afternoon dive. Sunday was sunny and mild. There were five divers and 2 boats. This concluded the two-year survey of this wreck. Many more future projects lie unidentified from the 1800's, in **Bailey's Harbor** and the **Clay Banks** area.
- ◆ **J.T. Taylor** and his girlfriend **Amber** also dove **Red Granite** quarry on Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>, where the visibility was bad. They didn't see the freshwater jelly fish, but they did have great fun jumping off the cliffs!
- ◆ **Dick & Mary Klug** reported on their recent trip to the **Palace Resort** in **Puerto Vallarta, Mexico**. They took a day-trip on a 2-level catamaran, which featured diving and snorkeling tours. **Dick** did two 80' dives in the 92 degree water, and reported seeing many beautiful fish, exploring the under-hanging ledges & caves of the islands. **Mary** took the snorkeling tours and saw many starfish, and swam to the islands. The temps in the 90's all week, and the town & hotel were very beautiful.
- ◆ The much publicized **Door County weekend trip** turned out to be a smaller scale due to illness. Six of the people signed up became ill the week of the trip and had to cancel. **Jim & Vicky Driver** and **Dan & Paula Klink** represented the Club, staying at the **Shoreline Resort** in **Gills Rock**, and did a number of shore dives. The charter boat was down for repairs, but they reported on having good weather, good food, and camaraderie.

## Future Dives

- ◆ **Weds. Night Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>** - dive on the **Willie** with the **Len Der**, leaving the dock at **5:30 pm**. **Jim Driver** is planning on diving if anyone wants to join him.
- ◆ **Sunday Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>** – dive on the **Milwaukee** and the **Willie** with the **Len Der**, leaving the dock at 8:00 am. **Bob Lijewski** is coordinating the dive and has two spots available. The cost for **Club members** is only **\$40!**
- ◆ **Mike Wolf** offered to host a night dive on his boat at **Okauchee Lake** on **Friday, October 9th**.
- ◆ The **Klugs & Hintz's** are off to **Mexico** on the 27th.

## Future Social

- ◆ The **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Wisconsin Underwater Archeology Association's** Fall Conference will be held at 9:00 am **Sat. October 24<sup>th</sup>**, at the **Discovery World Museum in Milwaukee**. This year's event will feature presenters from around the region and will highlight new shipwreck discoveries, archeological fieldwork and historical research. A **special guided tour** of the **Discovery World Museum** will be given for those in attendance; at 1:00 pm. Advance registration is available online for **\$15** at <http://www.wuaa.org>, or **\$20** at the door. Parking will be available in the Museum for **\$5**. After the conference, there will be an evening, social get-together at the **Rock Bottom Brewery downtown**. A complete schedule of presenters and other information is also available online.



- ◆ The **Annual BSDC Christmas Party** will be held at the **Golden Mast Restaurant** on **Okauchee Lake**, on **Saturday, December 5<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!**

## 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/>

