

Badger Buddy Line

The Official Newsletter of the Badger State Dive Club

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Next Club Meeting Tuesday, February 22nd

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, **February 22nd, at 8:00 p.m. at the Tess Corners Firehouse**, in Muskego. Directions and more information are found on the Club's website at: www.badgerstatediveclub.org.

Club Officers for 2005

President – **Steve Busalacchi**
Vice President – **Dick Klug**
Treasurer – **Mike Tompkins**
Dive Coordinator – **Glen Goebel/Lee Hintz**
Secretary – **Lee Hintz**
Sgt.-at-Arms – **Sam Lukowicz**
Honorary Board – **Tom Ash**
Honorary Board – **Dan Booton**
Honorary Board – **Jim Sturino**

Ghost Ship Festival Feb. 18th & 19th

The 6th Annual Ghost Ships Festival is again being held at the Four Points by Sheraton Milwaukee Airport, 4747 South Howell Ave. www.ghost-ships.org The schedule is: Friday Feb. 18, 5pm - 8pm, Exhibits Only (FREE). Saturday Feb. 19, 8am – 7pm, Exhibits and Show. Exhibits, workshops, and presentations cover every aspect of maritime history and Great Lakes scuba diving. Try your luck at the Silent Auctions of dive gear, lessons, books and trips. Also, the Ghost Ships Raffle will provide thousands of dollars in raffle prizes. The Club's booth is #38 with **Steve Busalacchi, Lee, Hintz, Kevin Cokain, Bob Lijewski, Karla Gutche and Jim Noel** taking shifts. Stop by and say hello. If you would like to help at the booth call Lee at 414-762-3175.

Next Pool Night Friday February 25th!

Thanks to the efforts of Club President **Steve Busalacchi**, the winter **Pool Nights** have resumed this year! The **Muskego High School** pool has been reserved for the following **Friday nights** and times: Friday, **February 25th, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** and Friday, **March 18th, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** Bring your family, friends, prospective divers, a towel and your gear. Enter through the cafeteria, door #16, which is at the rear of the school, near the same area as we used in the past, only now the cafeteria is between the parking area and the pool. Thanks Steve!

2005 Ice Dive was a big success!

The Beach house at **Lannon Quarry**, in Menomonee Park, was reserved for our **2005 Ice Dive** held on a sunny, warm and windless **Sunday, January 30th**, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. **Mike Wolf** volunteered to coordinate the cutting of the hole and a total of eight (8) divers were slated to go under the ice. **Good job Mikie!** Divers included members: **Mike, Kevin, Matt, Bob L.** Thanks to members **Dick, Dan, Bob G., Jeff W., Athena** and guest **Joe Edwards** for tending the lines and helping the divers. The Food Committee provided chili, hot dogs, buns, salads, veggies, lots of cookies, chips, beer, wine, soda and more. Thanks to **Mary K., Mary R., Jean and Linda!** Approximately 30 members, friends, and divers participated. Thanks to all who came and helped to make it another successful club event!

Members in attendance at Jan. meeting:

Tom and Sharon Ash, Dan Beck, Dan and Alex Booton, Kevin Cokain, Karla Gutche, Lee Hintz, Dick and Mary Klug, Bob Lijewski, Mike Tompkins, Mike Wolf and guest Joe Edwards. (Excused: Steve Busalacchi, who was on a Caribbean cruise.)

MEETING NOTES

by Lee Hintz

- ◆ The January 18th meeting held at the **Tess Corners Firehouse** in Muskego, was called to order by Vice President **Dick Klug**, at exactly 8:00 p.m. The minutes of the October meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.
- ◆ Treasurer's Report:
 - Checking Account Balance as of 1/24/05: \$1,454.50.
 - CD Balance: \$15,047.68

Old Business

- ◆ Participating in the **2005 Ghost Ships Festival** was discussed again. **Lee Hintz** read a list of diving related projects and functions that are funded by the Ghost Ship Festival, and which benefit many of the diving community. A motion was made and approved to fund a booth this year for \$125, (includes two tickets to the Show), provided that enough members are recruited to work the show.

New Business, Past & Future Dives

- ◆ **Karla Gutche** reported on her recent dive trip to **Cozumel**. She stated that she was hooked on the warm Caribbean waters and looked forward to many more trips in the future.
- ◆ Congratulations to members **Kevin Cokain** and **Jackie Lucas**, who will be getting hitched later this month in Grand Cayman! Many of their friends will be joining them to celebrate this wonderful union. We all wish them the best of everything!
- ◆ **Mike Tompkins** reported on a recent trip to the Gulf Coast of **Florida** and some of the dives that he did while there. Unfortunately for us, Mike also reported that he had accepted an offer to take a new job in Florida, and that he will be leaving in the near future. President **Steve Busalacchi** will appoint a member to take over the Treasurer's duties. **Lee Hintz** will handle them in the interim.
- ◆ **Karla Gutche** reported on attending **Our World Underwater** in January 12 – 15th. She said the seminars were very good but the Exhibits were somewhat disappointing and disorganized.
- ◆ **LEN-DER** Winter Charter season has begun. Dry suits and redundant air supply are required, as well as a good cold-water regulator and dry air in your tank. Due to the interest, divers must pay in advance of the charters. Each charter is a single tank dive. A 4 dive package is available. 588-6764.

Used Gear for Sale

- ◆ **Kevin Cokain** has a regulator, B.C., fins, drysuit and more for sale. If interested, call 414-481-4362.

Future Social

- ◆ **IMAX** Theatre is currently showing **Coral Reef Adventure**. If you would be interested in going as a group, let Lee know 762-3175.
- ◆ Interested in setting up a **Fish Fry** for the Club? Let Lee know and we'll spread the word!

Dues were due January 31st! Please send your \$25 dues now, if you haven't already. Thanks.



Pool Dive at Muskego HS



Fish Fry at the Aud Mar