



# The Villages Scuba Club

## MEETING MINUTES

**Meeting Date:** March 1, 2023

**Meeting Place:** Laurel Manor Recreation Center

**Meeting Time:** 7:00 P.M.

**Call to Order:** Mike Blatti, President

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Meeting of The Villages Scuba Club was conducted in person at the Laurel Manor Recreation Center. Total attendance was 73 members and guests.

**Recognition:** New Members, Guests and Visitors

**Treasurer's Report:** Provided highlights and accepted.

**Secretary's Report:** Accepted from minutes posted on website.

### **Presentation:**

Mike Campbell provided a presentation on Adventures Underwater, a new dive shop opening April 1st in Leesburg. Contact information will be provided on the website on the Resources pages.

### **REVIEWED OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Membership dues for 2023.** Dues are \$5. Contact Mike Gann, Treasurer, to pay your 2023 membership dues. Membership includes access to the Facebook page, email lists, and discounts for Club sponsored dive events (when offered).
- Club waiver forms must be signed by members and on file in order to attend Club-sponsored diving events. See Mike Gann for a waiver or download from the website. You only need to sign a Club waiver form once a lifetime.
- Check out our website at: [thevillagesclub.org](http://thevillagesclub.org).
- The Village Scuba Club is on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/thevillagesclub). Go online and ask to join and a board member will accept you. You must be a paid Club member to be accepted. Club policy is **no selling or advertising** of non-scuba products or events on our Facebook page.
- Club polo shirts can be purchased at Custom Apparel in Southern Trace Plaza.
- Mike Blatti has Scuba Club decals for sale (\$4 for old/\$7 for new)... or take a free one if you can get it posted at a dive destination.
- Reminder: Club policy is **no selling** of products or used gear during club meetings.  
**Also, please be sure to take your unclaimed gear after the meeting.**

### **Recapped last month's trips/events:**

- Feb 6 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Feb 15 **10 AM** - Blue Grotto Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Feb 20 - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank Lemon Shark dive POC: Mike Blatti



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- Feb 24-25 - The Villages Outdoor Expo at Everglades Recreation Center

## REVIEWED NEW BUSINESS/ UPCOMING TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES:

- Mike Campbell led elections of TVSC Board Members. The current board was retained without opposition.
- Mar 6 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Mar 15 **9 AM** - Devil's Den Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Mar 20 - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Mar 30 - Pura Vida Divers 50'-60' Reef 2 tank dive POC: Warren Gross
- Apr 3 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Apr 5 - Club meeting at Laurel Manor Recreational Center
- Apr 17 - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Apr 19 - Blue Grotto Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Apr 30 - The Villages Scuba Club Rodeo at Mulberry Grove Sports Pool
- May 3 - Club meeting at Laurel Manor Recreational Center
- May 8 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- May 13-20 - Little Cayman Beach Resort POC: Joanne Sargent (305) 989-7781
- May 17 - Devil's Den Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- May 22 - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Jun 1-12 - Costa Rica POC: Heath Davenport
- Jun 5 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Jun 7 - Club meeting at Laurel Manor Recreational Center
- Jun 19 - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Jun 21 - Blue Grotto Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Jun 22-29 - Red Sea Live-aboard Diving with Explorer Ventures POC: Craig Clark (Aquatic Center of Ocala) (352) 245-9162 **FULL**
- Jul 1-7 - Bahamas 104ft Schooner Juliet departing Miami POC: Jack Farrell (727) 861-3483
- Aug 4 - Scalping Trip, Crystal River POC: Madeline Helbock
- Sep 1-8 - Naboo Resort, West Bay, Roatan, Honduras POC: Debbie Garcia 352-410-3002
- Sep 9-16 - Van Der Valk Plaza Beach Resort, Bonaire POC: Joanne Sargent (305) 989-7781
- Sep 22 - Oct 7 - Ultimate Egypt Adventure POC: Gail Chapman (937) 903-9062  
**Three spots are available for divers.**
- Dec 9-16 - Roatan at CoCo View Resort in Honduras POC: Joanne Sargent (305) 989-7781
- Jan 20-27, 2024 - Scuba Club Cozumel POC: Jack Farrell (727) 861-3483

See our website and Facebook for additional information on upcoming trips



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## Training Tip:

Mike Blatti presented a training tip on Boat Crew Tipping. This presentation will be made available on the website.

## 50/50 Raffle

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.

## Next meeting : April 5, 2023 at Laurel Manor Recreation Center

The Villages Scuba Club board members contact information

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