



# The Villages Scuba Club

## MEETING MINUTES

**Meeting Date:** July 5, 2023

**Meeting Place:** Laurel Manor Recreation Center

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

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The July 2023 meeting of The Villages Scuba Club was conducted in person at the Laurel Manor Recreation Center. Total attendance was 52 members and guests attended.

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

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

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

### 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](#). 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 (\$7)... 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:

- Jun 12 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- 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
- Jul 1-7 - Bahamas 104ft Schooner Juliet departing Miami POC: Jack Farrell (727) 861-3483



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## REVIEWED NEW BUSINESS/ UPCOMING TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES:

- Jul 10 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Jul 19 - Devil's Den Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Jul 24 - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Jul 24-29 - Captain Hooks Dive Center in Marathon, Florida Keys POC: Dennis Davison (309) 241-3043
- Aug 2 - Club meeting at Laurel Manor Recreational Center
- Aug 4 - Scalping Trip, Crystal River POC: Madeline Helbock **One Opening**
- Aug 7 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Aug 16 - Blue Grotto Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Aug 21 - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Aug 30 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Sep 1-8 - Naboo Resort, West Bay, Roatan, Honduras POC: Debbie Garcia (352) 410-3002
- Sep 5 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Sep 6 - Club meeting at Laurel Manor Recreational Center
- Sep 9-16 - Van Der Valk Plaza Beach Resort, Bonaire POC: Joanne Sargent (305) 989-7781 **BOATS ARE FULL**
- Sep 20 - Devil's Den Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Sep 21 - Oct 8 - Ultimate Egypt Adventure POC: Gail Chapman (937) 903-9062 **FULL**
- Sep 25 - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Sep 28 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Oct 2 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Oct 4 - Club meeting at Laurel Manor Recreational Center
- Oct 16 - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Oct 18 - Blue Grotto Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Oct 26 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- 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
- May 11-18, 2024 - Little Cayman Beach Resort POC: Joanne Sargent (305) 989-7781
- Jun 30 - Jul 5, 2024 - Bahamas 104ft Schooner Juliet departing Miami POC: Jack Farrell (727) 861-3483
- Sep 19 - Oct 3, 2024 - Egypt POC: Gail Chapman (937) 903-9062



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See our website and Facebook for additional information on upcoming trips

## Training Tip:

Mike Blatti presented the training tip “Pre-Dive Buddy Coordination”. A copy of this presentation will be made available on the website.

## Presentation:

Warren Gross presented “Let’s Talk Flippers”. A copy of this presentation will be made available on the website.

## 50/50 Raffle

The meeting was adjourned at 08:10 PM.

**Next meeting : August 2, 2023 at Laurel Manor Recreation Center**

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