



# The Villages Scuba Club

## MEETING MINUTES

**Meeting Date:** November 1, 2023

**Meeting Place:** Laurel Manor Recreation Center

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

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The November 2023 meeting of The Villages Scuba Club was conducted in person at the Laurel Manor Recreation Center. Total attendance was 86 members and guests.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Not provided due to Treasurer's absence

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

**Presentation:**

Jeff and Anne Boles, new owners of Ocala Dive Center presented an overview of the Ocala Dive Center, including their experience and plans going forward for the dive shop. The presentation will be made available on the The Villages Scuba Club website.

**REVIEWED OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Membership dues for 2024.** Dues are \$5. Contact Mike Gann, Treasurer, to pay your 2024 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.**



# The Villages Scuba Club

## Recapped last month's trips/events:

- Sep 21 - Oct 8 - Ultimate Egypt Adventure POC: Gail Chapman
- Oct 5 - Rainbow River Drift Dive/Snorkeling at KP Hole Park. POC: M. Helbock
- Oct 11 (Wednesday) - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Oct 16 (Monday) - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Oct 18 (Wednesday) - Blue Grotto Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Oct 23 (Monday) - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti

## REVIEWED NEW BUSINESS/ UPCOMING TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES:

- Nov 9 (Thursday) - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Nov 14 (Tuesday) - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Nov 15 **10 AM** (Wednesday) - Devil's Den Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Nov 29 (Wednesday) - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Nov 30 - Night Golf at Saddlebrook Executive Golf Course POC: Warren Gross
- Dec 5 (Tuesday) - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Dec 6, 6 PM - The Villages Scuba Club Holiday Party at Bacall Recreation Center POC: Madeline Helbock
- Dec 9-16 - Roatan at CoCo View Resort in Honduras POC: Joanne Sargent
- Dec 13 (Wednesday) - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Dec 20 **10 AM** (Wednesday) - Blue Grotto Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- **Dec 27 (Wednesday)** - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Jan 3, 2024 - Club meeting at Laurel Manor Recreational Center
- Jan 10, 2024 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Jan 17, 2024 **10 AM** (Wednesday) - Devil's Den Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Jan 20-27, 2024 - Scuba Club Cozumel POC: Jack Farrell
- Jan 24, 2024- Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Jan 31, 2024 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Feb 7, 2024 - Club meeting at Laurel Manor Recreational Center
- May 11-18, 2024 - Little Cayman Beach Resort POC: Joanne Sargent
- Jun 29 - Jul 6, 2024 - Van Der Valk Plaza Beach Resort, Bonaire POC: Joanne Sargent
- Jun 30 - Jul 5, 2024 - Bahamas 104ft Schooner Juliet departing Miami POC: Jack Farrell
- Sep 7-14, 2024 - Van Der Valk Plaza Beach Resort, Bonaire POC: Joanne Sargent
- Sep 18 - Oct 3, 2024 - Egypt POC: Gail Chapman

See our website and Facebook for additional information on upcoming trips



# The Villages Scuba Club

## Training Tip:

Heath Davenport presented a training tip about the risks of not checking O-Rings.

## 50/50 Raffle

**Next meeting : January 3, 2023 at Laurel Manor Recreation Center**

## **NO GENERAL MEETING IN DECEMBER**

The Villages Scuba Club board members contact information

President	Mike Blatti	<a href="mailto:blattima@aol.com">blattima@aol.com</a>	(937) 269-8506
Vice President	Madeline Helbock	<a href="mailto:helbockm@aol.com">helbockm@aol.com</a>	(352) 409-0061
Treasurer	Mike Gann	<a href="mailto:mgann54@icloud.com">mgann54@icloud.com</a>	(812) 322-1174
Secretary	Warren Gross	<a href="mailto:wfgross@gmail.com">wfgross@gmail.com</a>	(315) 395-4981