



# The Villages Scuba Club

## MEETING MINUTES

**Meeting Date:** March 6, 2024

**Meeting Place:** Bridgeport Recreation Center

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

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The March 2024 meeting of The Villages Scuba Club was conducted in person at the Bridgeport Recreation Center. Total attendance was 63 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.

### 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.**

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

- Feb 15 - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Feb 21 **10 AM** - Blue Grotto Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Feb 22 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Larry Krueger
- Feb 23-24 10 AM - 3 PM - Outdoor Expo at Everglades Recreation Center
- Feb 28 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Mar 4 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti



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## REVIEWED NEW BUSINESS/ UPCOMING TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES:

- Elections for The Villages Scuba Club Board Members was conducted, led by Mike Campbell. No candidates were nominated, except for the current board members. The current board members were re-elected by voice vote with no dissension. Term is through the March 2025 meeting.
- Mar 12 - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Mar 20 10 AM - Devil's Den Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Mar 27 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Apr 1 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Apr 3 - Club meeting at Laurel Manor Recreational Center
- Apr 11 - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Apr 17 - Blue Grotto Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- **Apr 21 - Night Dive on Blue Heron Bridge with Kyalami Scuba Club POC: Warren Gross**
- Apr 22 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- May 1 - Club meeting at Laurel Manor Recreational Center
- May 7 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- May 11-18 - Little Cayman Beach Resort POC: Joanne Sargent **Rooms are still available**
- May 15 - Devil's Den Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- May 19 2 PM - 7 PM - The Villages Scuba Club Rodeo at Mulberry Sports Pool
- May 22 - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- May 29 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Jun 22-29 - Roatan at CoCoView with Adventures Underwater POC: Mike Campbell
- Jun 29 - Jul 6 - Van Der Valk Plaza Beach Resort, Bonaire POC: Joanne Sargent
- Jun 30 - Jul 5 - Bahamas 104ft Schooner Juliet departing Miami POC: Jack Farrell
- Sep 7-14 - Van Der Valk Plaza Beach Resort, Bonaire POC: Joanne Sargent
- Sep 18 - Oct 4 - Ultimate Egypt Adventure POC: Gail Chapman
- Nov 14 - Night Golf at Saddlebrook Executive Golf Course POC: Ron Horte
- Dec 4 - The Villages Scuba Club Holiday Party
- Dec 7-14 - Roatan at CoCoView POC: Joanne Sargent
- Jan 25 - Feb 1, 2025 - Scuba Club Cozumel POC: Jack Farrell **727-861-3483**
- Gail Chapman reported that Gail and Gary are planning the following trips with details to come out in the future:
  - Raja Ampat - October 2025
  - Sri Lanka Safari/The Maldives Diving - January 2026

See our website and Facebook for additional information on upcoming trips



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## Training Tip:

Warren Gross presented “The Best \$12 I ever spent on Dive Gear”. This presentation is available on the website.

## Presentations:

Dr. Joana Halilaj of Palm Ridge Dental presented “Dental Considerations for Divers”. This presentation is available on the website.

## 50/50 Raffle

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM.

**Next meeting** : April 3rd at Laurel Manor Recreation Center

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