



The Villages Scuba Club

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: April 3, 2024

Meeting Place: Laurel Manor Recreation Center

Meeting Time: 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order: Mike Blatti, President

Pledge of Allegiance

The April 2024 meeting of The Villages Scuba Club was conducted in person at the Laurel Manor Recreation Center. Total attendance was 66 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). The roster will be purged following the June 2024 meeting.
- 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.
- 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 (\$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:

- Mar 13 - 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 **CANCELED**
- Apr 1 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti



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REVIEWED NEW BUSINESS/ UPCOMING TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES:

- 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 - **ROOMS ARE AVAILABLE**
POC: Joanne Sargent (305) 989-7781
- 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 3 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Jun 5 - Club meeting at Laurel Manor Recreational Center
- Jun 13 - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Jun 19 - Blue Grotto Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Jun 26 - 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 (352) 533-4327
- Jun 29 - Jul 6 - Van Der Valk Plaza Beach Resort, Bonaire POC: Joanne Sargent
- Jun 29 - Jul 5 - Bahamas 104ft Schooner Juliet departing Miami
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POC: Jack Farrell (727) 861-3483
- Jul 13-20 - Bonaire at Buddy Dive with Ocala Dive Center
POC: Jeff Boles (352) 732-9779
- Aug 19 - Scalloping Trip - Crystal River POC: Madeline Helbock
- Sep 7-14 - Van Der Valk Plaza Beach Resort, Bonaire POC: Joanne Sargent
- Sep 18 - Oct 4 - Ultimate Egypt Adventure - **CANCELED**
- 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

See our website and Facebook for additional information on upcoming trips



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The Daily Sun will be publishing an article in June on Scuba Diving and the Club. A photo session is planned for the next spring dive at Blue Grotto.

Training Tip:

Mike Blatti provided a recap of the Recent Boat Incident.

Presentation:

Dr. Alyssa Andres FSU Coastal and Marine Laboratory presented an overview of the Crystal River Bull Shark Project. This presentation is available on the website. The club made a donation of \$500 to the project.

50/50 Raffle

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 PM.

Next meeting : May 1st at Laurel Manor Recreation Center

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