



# The Villages Scuba Club

## MEETING MINUTES

**Meeting Date:** May 1, 2024

**Meeting Place:** Laurel Manor Recreation Center

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

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The May 2024 meeting of The Villages Scuba Club was conducted in person at the Laurel Manor Recreation Center. Total attendance was 68 members and guests.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Warren Gross provided highlights for Mike Gann and the report was accepted

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

### REVIEWED OLD BUSINESS:

- **Membership dues for 2024 are now due.** 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](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:

- Apr 11 - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti **CANCELED**
- 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



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## REVIEWED NEW BUSINESS/ UPCOMING TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES:

- May 7 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- May 11-18 - Little Cayman Beach Resort 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 5 - Bahamas 104ft Schooner Juliet departing Miami POC: Jack Farrell (727) 861-3483 **One spot for female diver available.**
- Jun 29 - Jul 6 - Van Der Valk Plaza Beach Resort, Bonaire POC: Joanne Sargent
- Jul 3 - Club meeting at Laurel Manor Recreation Center
- Jul 8 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Jul 13-20 - Bonaire at Buddy Dive with Ocala Dive Center. POC: Anna Reed (352) 732-9779
- Jul 17 - Devil's Den Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Jul 22 - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Jul 31 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Aug 19 - Scalloping Trip - Crystal River POC: Madeline Helbock
- Sep 7-14 - Van Der Valk Plaza Beach Resort, Bonaire POC: Joanne Sargent
- 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
- May 10-17, 2025 - Cozumel at Casa Mexicana POC: Joanne Sargent

See our website and Facebook for additional information on upcoming trips

### Training Tip:

Mike Blatti provided a training tip on Deploying a DSMB



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## **Presentation:**

Mike Blatti presented "7 Mistakes Divers Make and How To Avoid Them" This presentation will be available on the website.

## **50/50 Raffle**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.

**Next meeting** : Jun 5th at Laurel Manor Recreation Center

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