



# The Villages Scuba Club

## MEETING MINUTES

**Meeting Date:** July 3, 2024

**Meeting Place:** Laurel Manor Recreation Center

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

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The July 2024 meeting of The Villages Scuba Club was conducted in person at the Laurel Manor Recreation Center. Total attendance was 58 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 are 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).
- 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](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:

- Jun 13 - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti CANCELED
- Jun 19 - Blue Grotto Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Jun 22-29 - Roatan at CoCoView with Adventures Underwater. POC: Mike Campbell (352) 533-4327
- Jun 26 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive POC: Warren Gross



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## REVIEWED NEW BUSINESS/ UPCOMING TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES:

- Jun 29 - Jul 5 - Bahamas 104ft Schooner Juliet departing Miami POC: Jack Farrell (727) 861-3483
- Jun 29 - Jul 6 - Van Der Valk Plaza Beach Resort, Bonaire POC: Joanne Sargent (305) 989-7781
- 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 5 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- **Aug 7 - Club meeting at Bridgeport Recreational Center**
- Aug 14 - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Aug 19 - Scalping Trip - Crystal River POC: Madeline Helbock
- Aug 21 - Blue Grotto Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Aug 28 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Sep 4 - Club meeting at Laurel Manor Recreational Center
- Sep 7-14 - Van Der Valk Plaza Beach Resort, Bonaire POC: Joanne Sargent
- Sep - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Sep - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Sep - Devil's Den Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Sep - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Nov 14 - Night Golf at Saddlebrook Executive Golf Course POC: Ron Horte
- Dec 4 - The Villages Scuba Club Holiday Party at Bacall Recreation Center
- 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
- Oct 10-24, 2025 - Banda Sea/Raja Ampat, Indonesia Blue Whale aboard Pindito POC: Gail Chapman (937) 903-9062

Gail Chapman also provided a brief summary of future trips that are in planning - more details will be available at future meetings:

April 2025 Philippines

January 2026 Maldives/Sri Lanka

Fall 2026 Egypt

See our website and Facebook for additional information on upcoming trips



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## Training Tip:

Warren Gross provided a training tip on Scuba Tank Visual Inspection Process. This presentation will be available on the website.

## Presentation:

Mike Blatti presented Scuba Hand Signals. This presentation will be available on the website.

## 50/50 Raffle

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 PM.

**Next meeting** : August 7th at Bridgeport Recreational Center

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