



The Villages Scuba Club

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: August 7, 2024

Meeting Place: Bridgeport Recreational Center

Meeting Time: 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order: Mike Blatti, President

Pledge of Allegiance

The August 2024 meeting of The Villages Scuba Club was conducted in person at the Bridgeport Recreation Center.

Recognition: New Members, Guests and Visitors

Treasurer's Report: Provide highlights and accept

Secretary's Report: Accept 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.
- 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:

- Jun 29 - Jul 5 - Bahamas 104ft Schooner Juliet departing Miami POC: Jack Farrell
- Jun 29 - Jul 6 - Van Der Valk Plaza Beach Resort, Bonaire POC: Joanne Sargent
- Jul 8 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Jul 13-20 - Bonaire at Buddy Dive with Ocala Dive Center
- 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



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DISCUSSED NEW BUSINESS/ UPCOMING TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES:

- Aug 14 - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Aug 19 - Scalloping 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 3 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 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 (305) 989-7781
- Sep 18 - Devil's Den Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Sep 25 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Sep 30 - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Oct 2 - Club meeting at Laurel Manor Recreational Center
- Oct 7 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Oct 16 - Blue Grotto Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Oct 21 - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Oct 24 - Rainbow River Dive/Snorkel at KP Hole Park
- Oct 30 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Nov 6 - Club meeting at **Bridgeport Recreational Center**
- 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
- 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

See our website and Facebook for additional information on upcoming trips

Training Tip:

Mike Gann presented the training tip "Dehydration". This presentation will be made available on the website.

Presentation:

Mike Blatti presented "Packing for a Scuba Trip". This presentation will be made available on the website.

50/50 Raffle



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The meeting was adjourned at ~8:40 PM.

Next meeting : September 4th at Laurel Manor Recreational Center

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