



The Villages Scuba Club

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: September 4, 2024

Meeting Place: Laurel Manor Recreational Center

Meeting Time: 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order: Mike Blatti, President

Pledge of Allegiance

The September 2024 meeting of The Villages Scuba Club was conducted in person at the Laurel Manor Recreation Center. Approximately 62 members and guests were in attendance.

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.
- 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:

- 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



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A brief discussion was held on the closure of Adventures Underwater dive shop. Members were reminded of the need to support local dive shops. A list of the dives shops is available on the website at - <https://thevillagesclub.org/resources/dive-equipment-and-instruction/>

REVIEWED NEW BUSINESS/ UPCOMING TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES:

- 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 21-26 - Carnival Freedom POC: Jack Farrell (727) 861-3483
- 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 4 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Nov 6 - Club meeting at **Bridgeport Recreational Center**
- Nov 11 - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Nov 14 - Night Golf at Saddlebrook Executive Golf Course POC: Ron Horte
- Nov 20 - Devil's Den Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Nov 25 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- 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 - **TBD in Cozumel** POC: Jack Farrell (727) 861-3483
Scuba Club Cozumel closed as of August 31st. Jack is pursuing alternative hotels and dive shops and will have an update in the near future.
- May 10-17, 2025 - Cozumel at Casa Mexicana POC: Joanne Sargent
- Jul 5-12, 2025 - Cayman Brac Beach Resort 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



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Training Tip:

Warren Gross presented the training tip “Free” E-Learning. This presentation will be made available on the club website.

Presentation:

Heath Davenport presented “Buy Now or Later”. This presentation will be made available on the club website.

50/50 Raffle

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM.

Next meeting : October 2nd at Laurel Manor Recreational Center

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