



The Villages Scuba Club

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: November 6, 2024

Meeting Place: Bridgeport Recreational Center

Meeting Time: 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order: Mike Blatti, President

Pledge of Allegiance

Recognition: New Members, Guests and Visitors

The November 2024 meeting of The Villages Scuba Club was conducted in person at the Bridgeport Recreation Center. Approximately 60 members and guests were in attendance.

Treasurer's Report: Provided highlights and accepted

Secretary's Report: Accepted from minutes posted on website

REVIEWED OLD BUSINESS:

- **Membership dues for 2025 are now being accepted.** Dues are \$5. Contact Mike Gann, Treasurer, to pay your 2025 membership dues. Membership includes access to the Facebook page, email lists, and discounts for Club sponsored dive events (when offered). **Members who have not paid dues for 2024 or 2025 will be removed from Facebook following the November meeting. No dues will be accepted at the December Holiday Party.**
- 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:

- Oct 7 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive CANCELED DUE TO WAVES
- Oct 16 - Blue Grotto Spring Dive POC: Warren Gross
- Oct 21 - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive CANCELED DUE TO WAVES
- Oct 24 - Rainbow River Dive/Snorkel at KP Hole Park POC: Madeline Helbock
- Oct 30 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive CANCELED DUE TO WAVES
- Nov 4 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive CANCELED DUE TO WAVES



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REVIEWED NEW BUSINESS/ UPCOMING TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES:

- Nov 11 - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Nov 14 - Night Golf at Saddlebrook Executive Golf Course POC: Ron Horte
rhort@yaho.com
- Nov 20, **10 AM** - 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 2 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 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 (305) 989-7781
- Dec 11 - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Dec 18, **10AM** - Blue Grotto Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Dec 30 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Jan 6, 2025 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- **Jan 8, 2025 - Club meeting at Laurel Manor Recreation Center**
- Jan 15, 2025, **10AM** - Devil's Den Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Jan 22, 2025 - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Jan 29, 2025 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Jan 25 - Feb 1, 2025 - Dive Paradise at Wyndham Hotel Cozumel POC: Jack Farrell
(727) 861-3483
- Apr 24 - May 6, 2025 - Philippine Dive Adventure POC: Gail Chapman (937)
903-9062
- May 10-17, 2025 - Cozumel at Casa Mexicana POC: Joanne Sargent
- Jul 5-12, 2025 - Cayman Brac Beach Resort POC: Joanne Sargent
- Sep 6-13, 2025 - Van Der Valk Plaza Beach Resort, Bonaire POC: Joanne Sargent
- Oct 10-24, 2025 - Banda Sea/Raja Ampat, Indonesia Blue Whale aboard Pindito
POC: Gail Chapman

See our website and Facebook for additional information on upcoming trips

Training Tip:

Mike Blatti presented the training tip "Travel Insurance". This presentation will be made available on the club website.

Presentation:

Warren Gross presented "Underwater Navigation". This presentation will be made available on the club website.

50/50 Raffle

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.



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No meeting in December due to Holiday Party

Next meeting : January 8, 2025 at the Laurel Manor Recreation Center

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