



The Villages Scuba Club

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: January 8, 2025

Meeting Place: Laurel Manor Recreational Center

Meeting Time: 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order: Mike Blatti, President

Pledge of Allegiance

Recognition: New Members, Guests and Visitors

The January 2025 meeting of The Villages Scuba Club was conducted in person at the Laurel Manor Recreation Center. Approximately 63 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). 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.**

Recap last month's trips/events:

- Nov 11 - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive CANCELED
- Nov 14 - Night Golf at Saddlebrook Executive Golf Course POC: Ron Horte
- Nov 20, **10 AM** - Devil's Den Spring Dive
- Nov 25 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive
- Dec 4 - The Villages Scuba Club Holiday Party at Bacall Recreation Center
- Dec 6 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive
- Dec 7-14 - Roatan at CoCoView POC: Joanne Sargent
- Dec 10 - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive
- Dec 18, **10AM** - Blue Grotto Spring Dive



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- Dec 30 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive
- Jan 6 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive

NEW BUSINESS/ UPCOMING TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES:

- Jan 15 **10AM** - Devil's Den Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Jan 22 - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Jan 29 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Jan 25 - Feb 1 - Dive Paradise at Wyndham Hotel Cozumel POC: Jack Farrell (727) 861-3483
- Feb 3 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Feb 5 - Club meeting at Laurel Manor Recreation Center
- Feb 10 - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Feb 19, **10AM** - Blue Grotto Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Feb 26 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Feb 28 - Mar 1 - Outdoor Expo at Everglades Recreation Center
- Mar 3 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- **Mar 5 - Club meeting at Laurel Manor Recreation Center**
 - **Board Member Elections**
- Mar 10 - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Mar 19 **10AM** - Devil's Den Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Mar 26 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Apr 13 - Scuba Rodeo at Mulberry Grove Sports Pool
- Apr 24 - May 6 - Philippine Dive Adventure POC: Gail Chapman (937) 903-9062
- May 10-17 - Cozumel at Casa Mexicana POC: Joanne Sargent (305) 989-7781
- Jul 5-12 - Cayman Brac Beach Resort POC: Joanne Sargent
- Sep 6-13 - Van Der Valk Plaza Beach Resort, Bonaire POC: Joanne Sargent
- Oct 10-24 - Banda Sea/Raja Ampat, Indonesia Blue Whale aboard Pindito POC: Gail Chapman
- Nov 6 - Night Golf at Saddlebrook Executive Golf Course

See our website and Facebook for additional information on upcoming trips

Training Tip:

Mike Gann presented "7 Mistakes Divers Make & How to Avoid Them". This presentation will be made available on the club website.

Presentation:

Chad Patterson, CLF Scuba Repair showed photos and provided an overview of his recent trip to Truk Lagoon. Chad also provided an overview of services he is able to



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provide to Scuba divers. Contact information for CFL Scuba Repair is available on the club website at <https://thevillagesclub.org/resources/dive-equipment-and-instruction/>

50/50 Raffle

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Next meeting : February 3 at the Laurel Manor Recreation Center

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