



The Villages Scuba Club

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: March 4, 2026

Meeting Place: Laurel Manor Recreation Center

Meeting Time: 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order: Mike Blatti, President

Pledge of Allegiance

The March 2026 meeting of The Villages Scuba Club was conducted in person at the Laurel Manor Recreation Center. Approximately 75 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 2026 are \$5. Mike Gann, Treasurer, is now collecting 2026 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. Please do not invite non-members to the Facebook page. 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:

- Feb 11 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Feb 18 **10 AM** - Blue Grotto Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Feb 25 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Feb 27-28 - Outdoor Expo at Everglades Recreation Center
- Mar 2 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- A group of club members dove with the live-aboard charter Juliatt operating out of St. Croix, UVI.



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REVIEWED NEW BUSINESS/ UPCOMING TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES:

- Board Elections were conducted. The current board was re-elected without opposition.
- Mar 11 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Mar 18 **10 AM** - Devil's Den Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Mar 25 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Apr 1 - Club meeting at Laurel Manor Recreation Center
- Apr 8 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Apr 15 **9 AM** - Blue Grotto Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Apr 16 - Club Picnic at DeLeon Springs State Park POC: Madeline Helbock
- Apr 22 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Apr 29 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- May 2-9 - Wyndham Hotel Cozumel POC: Joanne Sargent (305) 989-7781
- May 4 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- May 6 - Club meeting at **Churchill Street Recreation Center**
- May 13 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- May 20 - Devil's Den Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- May 27 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Jul 4-10 Schooner Juliet, departing Miami for Bahamas POC: Jack Farrell (727) 861-3483
- Jul 11-18 - Little Cayman Island POC: Joanne Sargent
- Aug 18 - Scalping Trip on Crystal River POC: Madeline Helbock
- Sep 5-12 - Van Der Valk Plaza Beach Resort, Bonaire POC: Joanne Sargent
- Sep 16 - Oct 1 - Ultimate Egypt Adventure POC: Gail Chapman (937) 903-9062
- Dec 5-12 - Roatan at CoCo View Resort in Honduras POC: Joanne Sargent
- Sep 30-Oct 9, 2027 - Fiji Dive/Land Adventure POC: Gail Chapman (937) 903-9062

See our website and Facebook for additional information on upcoming trips.

An update on the Logo Contest was presented by Warren Gross. This presentation will be posted under the club meetings page of the website.

Training Tip:

Warren Gross presented the training tip "Dive Flag Regulations". This presentation will be posted under the club meetings page of the website.

Presentation:

Dawne Fritz presented "Shark Feeding". This presentation will be posted under the club meetings page of the website.



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50/50 Raffle

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Next meeting : April 1st at the Laurel Manor Recreation Center

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