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Greetings Members

I don't know about you but I'm really excited to get out fishing as we enter a terrific time of year. Hopefully the winds will be calming down, the water will warm up, and the fishing will benefit from both of these changes. The next several months are a perfect time to get out on the water and fill your freezer with some great fish. Your Club continues to offer many trips that you can take advantage of – all across a variety of price points and duration. Click here to check out our website with all the latest charter info.



Congressman Daniel Webster to speak at April Club Meeting

April's monthly meeting will be on Monday, April 1, 2024 at the Everglades Recreation Center. We will be welcoming our Congressman, Daniel Webster who serves on 2 committees in Washington that deal with issues affecting the Florida fisheries. With all the recent media attention on NOAA and their still yet to be announced 2024 Gag Grouper season, you won't want to miss this meeting and let your voice be heard. As usual, the doors will open at 6:00 PM

and the meeting will begin at about 6:30 PM.



LAST CHANCE TO BUY TICKETS

The April 1st Club meeting is your last chance to buy tickets for the **Fish Fry luncheon** to honor the memory of Everett Belter - our Club's long-time advocate.

Event Date: Monday, April 29th at Rohan Rec Center Time: 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM

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Cost: \$15 per person – Club Members and immediate other, no guests ADVANCE TICKET PURCHASE REQUIRED

Members will enjoy a generous portion of fish and are asked, as in the past, to bring a potluck selection based on your last name. Soda and water be provided. If you want alcoholic beverages or other, you need to bring your own (BYOB). There will lots of door prizes. To date we have about 70 members signed up so please considering attending this event. Your volunteer Committee is working hard to make this a great event. Be sure to get your tickets at the April 1st meeting.



Coastal Conservation Association to host Spring Banquet

Coastal Conservation Association, (CCA) Florida is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the conservation of Florida's marine resources. Our local CCA Chapter is hosting their annual banquet.

Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 at the Venetian Center in Leesburg from 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM.

Attendees will enjoy a catered steak dinner and open bar and includes raffles, live and silent auctions. This event will allow CCA to raise funds to further their mission of habitat restoration, fish restocking, water quality improvement, and fisheries advocacy. If you attended our March monthly meeting, you heard about the terrific work CCA is doing in our region. Please consider supporting CCA. Click here to purchase tickets for this event.



WIN a 4-day trip on The American Patriot*

We are giving members the chance to win a spot on the private Club fishing trip. The trip dates are **October 21 – 24, 2024**. It will be a deep drop trip with electric reels to Pulley Ridge.

Tickets can be purchased at Club meetings (thru July 1, 2024)

Cost is \$5 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$20

*Trip is for one (1) person

NOT INCLUDED: Mate & Chef gratuity, Electric Reel rental, \$100 for unlimited terminal tackle & weights. Drawing July 1, 2024 – Winner need not be present



Last chance to renew your dues

April 1st is the deadline to renew your dues for 2024. Those members that have not paid will be dropped from our mailing list and no longer have access to hundreds of fishing charters a year for you and a guest(s), monthly meetings with guest speakers, social events, raffle chances, and much, much more. As of today, our Club has 325 paid members for this year. At the end of the day, **it's still only \$10** for a year's membership.

It's easy to renew your dues at April's monthly Club meeting. Or, you can mail a check for \$10 payable to Deep Sea Fishing Club (DSFC) to:

David Eoff DSFC Secretary 2457 Caruthers Path The Villages, FL 32163



4-day Pulley Ridge signups begin

Is it time to add an incredible fishing trip to your bucket list? We have just that opportunity.

Join your Deep Sea Fishing Club on a 4-day fishing trip to **Pulley Ridge** on the American Patriot. The trip is from **June 22 – 25, 2025. COST: \$1,800 (includes ALL terminating tackle and weights)**

We will be fishing depths of 600 - 1000+ feet with the use of electric reels. Don't wait to sign up as this trip will fill up fast. Applications will start being accepted at the April 1, 2024 monthly Club meeting. This trip is open to all dues-paying Club members whose dues are in good standing. If you have questions, contact Club President Ken Jagodzinski at (386) 986-7655.

NOT INCLUDED: Mate & Chef tip, Electric reel rentals, Fish cleaning Details are on the Waiver form which must be filled out and turned in with trip deposit.

GET FORM HERE



We welcome your comments, speaker or program ideas, and questions, tell us what's on your mind, or simply a message to tell us we're doing a great job! <u>CLICK HERE</u> to send us a message.

Until next month - Tight Lines!! Ken Jagodzinski President, The Villages Deep Sea Fishing Club