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Greetings Members

It seems like only yesterday that I was wishing you Happy New Year and here we are already at the beginning of February. There are many exciting things going on with your Deep Sea Fishing Club during February. Here are the highlights:

- **Swap Meet – joint effort with The Villages Freshwater Fishing Club**
 - **DATE: Friday, February 16, 2024**
 - **LOCATION: Everglades Recreation Center – Grand Canyon Room**
 - **TIME: 9:00 AM – 3 PM**
 - **This event is FREE and open to ALL residents of The Villages**
- There will be lots of deals on stuff to round out your fishing arsenal.
- Tables are still available at **NO CHARGE**.
 - Contact John Holloway via email at johnbholloway@gmail.com (preferred) or call John at 252-495-4689 with questions. **NO TEXT MESSAGES PLEASE.**
- **The Villages Outdoor Expo**
 - **DATE: February 23 - 24, 2024 (Friday & Saturday)**
 - **LOCATION: Everglades Recreation Center**
 - **TIME: 10:00 AM – 3 PM**
 - **This event is FREE and open to ALL residents of The Villages**

Stop by and show your support for our fishing Club.

As always, we have many fishing charters for you to get out fishing during February. The weather is ideal and the fish are hungry so get out and stock up your freezer with some great fish! [CLICK HERE](#) for the latest available charters.

If you have any ideas on what you'd like to see or hear from our Club, we're always open to ideas. We recently updated our website to add pictures and contact info of your Officer team. So, drop us an email or give us a call. We'd love to hear from you.



February meeting – Monday, February 5th at Everglades Rec. Center

February's meeting will be at the Everglades Recreation Center. As usual, the doors will open at 6:00 PM and the meeting will begin at about 6:30 PM. Our guest speaker will be Captain Carl Robinson from Cedar Key. He will be talking about his airboat fishing this winter and also about his new boat for inshore fishing.



MEMORIAL "FISH FRY" PICNIC FOR EVERETT BELTER

Your Deep Sea Fishing Club will be having a Fish Fry luncheon to honor the memory of our Club's long-time advocate Everett Belter. We want to respect the long-standing picnic traditions of our Club, this time with a little different twist.

Date: Monday, April 29 at Rohan Rec Center

Time: 12:30 PM – 3:30 PM

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

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED – no walk-ins please

Reservation tickets will be sold at Club meetings prior to April 29th

Tickets are limited so act fast!

We will cater the fish

Members are still asked, as in the past, to bring a potluck selection.

Last name begins

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Selection

SALAD

POTATO DISH

VEGETABLE DISH

DESSERT

This is a **BYOB** event. *We're saving the money for the prizes!*



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 (Feb. 5 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



Captains eager to work with DSFC

Several Fishing Captains out of Shrimps Landing in Crystal River are eager to offer new fishing capabilities to our Club. This flexibility means that if you have several anglers that want to go fishing but there are no Club charters scheduled on that date, the

Captains will work with our Club to find a suitable date(s) to get them out fishing. Also, beginning with the March charters, you will also have the flexibility to request the type of species you wish to target and effort will be made to accommodate that wish. The Captains are David and Dakota of the Hang Em' High operation, Louie Argiro and Casey Russell. For more info contact Jim Scheer at (352) 643-0433.



Renew your dues NOW!

No Inflation here – still only \$10! Your annual dues get you access to hundreds of fishing charters for you and a guest(s). Plus, monthly meetings with guest speakers, social events, raffle chances, and much, much more. Renew your dues now to lock in your benefits for another terrific year of fishing, fun, and camaraderie. It's easy to renew your dues at monthly Club meetings. Or you can mail a check for \$10 payable to Deep Sea Fishing Club (DSFC) to:

David Eoff
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TAKE A SOLDIER FISHING

Here's your chance to be a part of a terrific event to honor and support active and wounded military and go fishing at the same time.

The Naples (FL) Take A Soldier Fishing 501c3, non-profit organization supports the brave men and women serving in the United States

Armed Services. For the past 10 years, local Naples fishing captains and anglers host over 150 active duty combat soldiers and wounded combat veterans to fish both the inshore and offshore waters of beautiful Naples.

The American Patriot is a sponsor and pleased to offer two (2) separate 15 person trips in November 2024 to benefit Naples Take A Soldier Fishing. 100% of the proceeds will go directly to this Organization.

Why would you go? You want to show your appreciation to the brave military, get an opportunity to fish with active military members, and provide some much deserved R&R. PLUS, you go on an incredible 4-day fishing trip limited to 15 persons on an awesome four-day pulley Ridge trip on The American Patriot.

If you are interested, contact Nikki Heenan of The American Patriot at (239) 235-9044 for pricing and trip details. Remember to mention you are a member of The Villages Deep Sea Fishing Club.

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about this opportunity and to sign up.



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! [CLICK HERE](#) to send us a message.

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