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Greetings Members

Happy New Year! Your Leadership Team sends you best wishes for a 2024 that's healthy, prosperous and a year full of lots of terrific fishing.

As we close out 2023, it's worthwhile taking a few moments to look back on some of the many things our Club accomplished:

- Our membership grew to over 650 dues paying members
- Our Club directly sponsored over 250 fishing charters
- We added 5 new Captains to bring new/additional fishing opportunities
- We held our first-ever multi day long haul trip on The American Patriot
- Our monthly meetings featured quality speakers that brought value to members
- Our Club held 2 Fish Fry Picnics during 2023 that were well attended
- Our Communication efforts featured bi-monthly newsletters
- Our Facebook page has over 250 followers
- Formed a Government Affairs Committee and filed comments in NOAA's Proceeding to gather input on establishing the 2024 Gag Grouper fishing season

We're not going to slow down in 2024. Here's the plan:

- We hope to bring even more new Captains/Charters across a range of price points to the fishing trips we can offer to you.
- We're looking to grow our relationship with the Freshwater Fishing Club of The Villages to bring even more innovative activities to our members.
- Lastly, **we will hold our annual dues to \$10.**

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.



January meeting – TUESDAY, JAN. 2nd at Ezell Recreation Center

January's meeting will be at the Ezell Recreation Center (at Sawgrass Market). 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 Jim Garth from The Villages Honor Flight (VHF). Jim will share the Honor Flight's mission to honor the service and sacrifice of American Veterans by transporting these heroes to Washington, D.C. to visit and reflect at their memorials. [Website](#)

SWAP MEET signups now open



The Deep Sea and Freshwater Fishing Clubs of The Villages are excited to announce its first ever Fishing Tackle Swap Meet. Here are the specifics:

DATE: Friday, February 16, 2024

LOCATION: Everglades Recreation Center – Grand Canyon Room

TIME: Set up at 8:30 AM, doors open at 9:00 AM

This event is FREE and open to ALL residents of The Villages to attend

Here's your chance to sell that fishing tackle you no longer want or need.

HOW TO RESERVE A TABLE

Tables are available to Deep Sea Fishing Club members 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.**

Reservations are on a first come basis and accepted thru February 1, 2024.

Tables are limited to one (1) per member. Or, share a table with another member.

We look forward to your participation.

FWC sponsors free Open House

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission will be holding a free event where attendees can learn about fish, wildlife and habitat information on the Harris Chain of Lakes.

WHEN: January 24, 2024

TIME: 3-8 PM

WHERE: The Venetian Center, 1 Dozier Circle in Leesburg

The event will be an informal open-house style event. Attendees are welcome anytime between 3-8 PM and can ask questions of biologists involved with the Harris Chain of Lakes management and research activities.



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

DSFC Secretary

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Reminders

Gift certificates - send this link [[Gift Certificate](#)] to your family members who can then give you a gift certificate toward a fishing trip. It would be better than another necktie!

Go to the club's Facebook page, [[Facebook](#)] like and follow it. We have great member fish pictures and stories there and you can post your own.



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