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Website: (Click here) The Villages Deep Sea Fishing Club

Greetings Members

I hope you are enjoying this terrific weather and getting out on our many charters to catch some fish. Over the past month, there's been lots of conversation from our members over the recent "closing" of the Gag Grouper season in The Gulf of Mexico. I, like many of our members, was affected because I booked a charter(s) thinking the Gag season would still be open. I fully understand that the Governing Agencies are not making these decisions haphazardly. Rather, they are employing "science" and data collection techniques upon which they are making these decisions. While I, like many anglers, don't like the recent closures, it's too late to complain about it now. However, going forward, your Deep Sea Fishing Club will be monitoring the various Agencies to get out in front of what they are doing and file comments during their public comment cycle BEFORE any rulings are issued. If any member wants to be a part of this effort, please reach out to me personally.

Just a reminder that with the changing season and temperatures, there's lots of exciting fishing to be had. In fact, several Captains are offering special pricing on specific Club trips. Why not take advantage of these offers to save some money, and catch some fish? Please make an effort to get out on a charter. Your participation makes our Club even stronger and ensures that Captains will continue to offer our Club the number of fishing days and variety of trips we've enjoyed over the years. CLICK HERE for the latest charters available. Our trip coordinators are eager to get you signed up and out fishing.

Fall Fish Fry Picnic

be there or be square

Thursday, November 2, 2023

WHERE: CAMP GENEVA

36450 Via Marcia, FRUITLAND PARK

WHEN: 11 AM TO 3 PM

REMINDER - Water and soda will be provided by the Club. BYOB adult beverages.

What to bring

Your last name starts with

A thru E - Potato Dish

F thru K - Vegetable Dish

L thru P – Dessert

Q thru Z - Salad

STILL NEED A TICKET?

Contact Everett Belter (352) 753-5931

Our Next Club meeting is Monday, November 6th



The monthly meeting of The Villages Deep Sea Fishing Club will be on **Monday, November 6, 2023**, at the Everglades Recreation Center. Our guest speaker will be **Captain Dylan Hubbard** owner of Hubbard's Marina in Madeira Beach, FL. **CLICK HERE** for a link to his website. Dylan will be talking about his fleet as well as the type of charters he can provide. He will also touch on "the science" behind the decision-making of NOAA in closing fishing seasons and the "myth" that Social Media factors into these decisions.



Election of 2024/25 Officer Team

At November's meeting, we will be electing Officers for a 2-year term starting January 2024. Your current Officers are up for re-election. If you are interested in running for a Board position on The Villages Deep Sea Fishing Club, your Club By-Laws call for you to submit your name and interest to our Nominating Committee Chairperson - Greg Rottet. Greg can be reached at (610) 737-4066 or via email at gprottet@gmail.com. The positions available for self-nomination include President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. All positions have terms of 2 years. If interested, you need to act fast as a vote could take place at the monthly Club meeting on November 6, 2023. Now's your chance to get involved in a leadership position with your fishing club.



IMPORTANT - changes to 2024 Club Meetings

Due to the New Year's Day Holiday and Sumter County Election requirements, we are changing **4 monthly meeting** dates and/or locations. See below for specifics.

Changes for 2024 DATES:

January - - Tuesday, January 2 at Ezell Rec. Center (near Sawgrass Market)

March - - Monday, March 4 at Lake Miona Rec. Center August - - Monday, August 5 at Lake Miona Rec Center November - - Monday, November 4 at Lake Miona Rec Center

Meeting times for these dates are unchanged - doors open at 6 PM and the meeting starts at 6:30 PM. The remaining meeting dates in 2024 will be at Everglades Recreation Center as usual.

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No Inflation here! Your annual dues get you access to these benefits. Plus, monthly meetings with guest speakers, social events, raffle chances, and much, much more. Last time I looked, you can't even get a Smoked Bourbon Old Fashion for that cost! 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





Fishing Clubs Swap Meet

Your Deep Sea Fishing Club is excited to partner with the Freshwater Fishing Club to bring you a first-ever joint Club Fishing Club **Swap Event**. The date is February 16, 2024, at the Everglades Recreation Center in the Grand Canyon Room. The times will be 9 AM until 3:50 PM. This will be your opportunity to sell or trade that fishing gear that you no longer use. You might even pick up a few items to round out your tackle box. Information will be coming soon on how to reserve a table. Of course, we will be looking for volunteers from our Club to assist throughout the day. Stay tuned for more info.



We welcome your comments, speaker or program ideas, 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