



# Triton's Call



## NASJAX SCUBA DIVING CLUB

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February 2024



### **President's Comments – Bill Davis**

Greetings and thank you all who were able to make the February meeting. It was good seeing some familiar faces as well as meeting our guest, Lyn Johnson.

As for the Earth Day clean-up efforts, Kim has put in a lot of work collaborating with the Saint Johns River Keeper and this effort has the potential to provide the club with some positive community exposure. All the details can be found in the attached PDF.

The next club meeting will be March 6th at Casa Amigos. Looking forward to seeing everyone then.

Safe Diving 🤿,

R/ Bill

**Vice President- vacant**

**Secretary-Carol Hughes**

**Meeting Notes:**

A new position-(Training Coordinator) has been created and Ken Koteles has volunteered to take on this role. He talked about how we should always be scanning the whole environment around us, gather information, assess the situation for concerns, then think & act accordingly. If we do this, we will be more prepared & be able to respond to a situation more calmly.

\*\*\*PLEASE send information-dive reports, etc. for the newsletter either by email message, an editable PDF, a Word or Google document to me by the 1st week of each month. Please send photos as attachments, & not within the article you write. ([clhughes287@gmail.com](mailto:clhughes287@gmail.com))

Let's get out there...*Dive, Dive, Dive!!*



Thanks,

*Carol*

### **Treasurer-Kathy Lawler**

Our club bank account balance is \$1146.00.

We are collecting dues for 2024. Checks can be made out to: NASJAX Scuba & send to Kathy Lawler at:

205 Lolly Lane

St. Johns, FL 32259

Amounts are: \$30 for single person, \$45 for couples, & \$60 for family.

### **Safety Officer-Mitch Maxson**

-Mitch reviewed how our dive gear is "our life support". Know how to use it. Most problems usually occur with facemask issues. It's recommended to do an easier dive with new equipment.

<https://www.qgdigitalpublishing.com/publication/?m=58549&i=807535&p=12&ver=html5>

### **Webmaster - Sharon Green**

**Website Traffic:**

51-Unique visits

135-page views

**Dive Reports:**

No dive reports were submitted.

**Future Dive Trips:**

- Ken K. to Roatan & Cozumel
- Lyn-lionfish hunt

**Diver's Supply Demo Day coming up in March:**

**Fwd: Demo Day March 23!** AA



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# DEMO DAY

## JACKSONVILLE

**MARCH 23, 2024 10AM—5PM**  
**6TH ANNUAL SEASON KICK-OFF EVENT + SALE**

**TEST NEW GEAR**

Free Pool Demos! Bring your swimsuit and towel! Try out everything from full face masks to spearguns, cameras, scooters, computers and more! Test dive gear from our sponsors in our indoor heated pool from 11 am till 4 pm. Be aware that the pool is closed specifically for speargun demos from 1 to 2 pm.

**WIN COOL PRIZES**

Free Raffles and Giveaways! We're giving away raffle prizes all day long! Try gear and play games to get extra tickets. Plus, pick up lots of free swag from the vendor booths!

**HAVE FUN**

Free Food, Games, and More! Come vote for our Photo Contest (photo submissions accepted till March 15), win extra raffle tickets at the Dunk Tank and Corn Hole, fill out your Vendor Passport, grab a Free Gift Card, and meet New Dive Buddies!

**BIGGEST SALE OF THE YEAR!**  
Almost everything in the store is on sale and available to DEMO in the pool! Don't miss out!  
\*some exclusions apply

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### **Guest Speaker: Kathy Lawler**

-Creature Feature showing pictures of interesting animals seen at the Blue Heron Bridge including the below featured.

Iguana swims and rests underwater at Blue Heron Bridge. FWC- Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission states they are good swimmers and may remain underwater for up to four hours. Divers wish for that kind of bottom time! The little Godzilla has adapted to the Florida climate! It is cool to see evolution happen even if the iguanas are pests in South Florida.







Blue Heron Bridge... 🌐



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Please see attached PDF re: the below event:

**NAS JAX SKIN & SCUBA EARTH DAY BIRTHDAY 2024 EVENT:  
McCoys Creek Cleanup at Powers Park, Jacksonville  
APRIL 21 @ 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Powers Park at 3153 Green Street,  
Jacksonville, FL, 32205**

**Dive Club Members/Guests attending the February meeting:**

Members: Bill & Kim Davis, Carol Hughes, Kathy Lawler, Mitch Maxson, Sharon Green, Billy Schofield, Venessa Wood, Ed Fite, Art LaRue, Ken Koteles

Guests: Lyn Johnson, Cindy & Tara

**March 6th, 2024 Meeting**

At 7:00

**Casa Amigos Mexican Bar & Grill**

**11112 San Jose Blvd. Ste. 23**

**(Near Mandarin Ale House & I-295)**

**We will meet in the back room.**

**It is cool in there, may want a jacket. 😊**

**NASJAX SCUBA CLUB EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**President – Bill Davis**

**Vice President-vacant**

**Secretary - Carol Hughes**

**Treasurer – Kathy Lawler**

**Web Master - Sharon Green**

**Safety Officer -Mitch Maxson**