

# THE BATES BEACH BEAT

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## FOBB STEERING COMMITTEE DISCUSSES 2024 ACTIVITIES AND COMMITTEE REORGANIZATION

### FEBRUARY

Tuesday, Feb 9, 6:45 PM, Ventura

### MARCH

Friday, Mar 10, 6:45 PM,

Member's Dinner Meeting, Ventura

Tuesday, Mar 17, 7:00 PM, Online Meetup

### APRIL

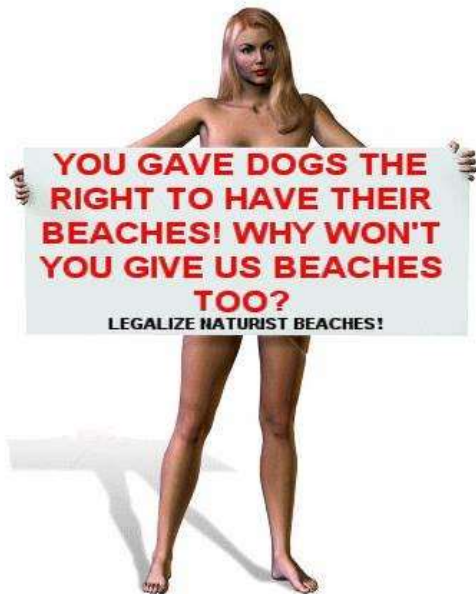
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Tuesday, Apr 16, 7:00 PM, Online Meetup

Sunday, Apr 21, Noon

Member's Pool Party and Potluck, Camarillo



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By Gary Mussell, Director

The FOBB Steering Committee met on February 9 and we wanted to report to the members about their various activities and other plans for the coming year.

Director Gary Mussell is transitioning out of his role this year, so several of his responsibilities are being reassigned to others on the committee.

Helen O'Neill has volunteered to create the content on our [friendsofbatesbeach.org](http://friendsofbatesbeach.org) and our [meetup.com/Friends-of-Bates-Beach/](https://www.meetup.com/Friends-of-Bates-Beach/) **websites**. That is where the daily beach status reports are posted, and future pool parties and other events are announced.

Helen, Greg, and Robert will continue as our primary **Beach Ambassador** coordinators at the beach.

John will continue to collect our mail and manage the **sand measurement team** at the beach. He will also help with the Beach Ambassadors.

Gary will continue, for the moment, as **Bates Beach Beat** newsletter editor and as community and political liaison until new volunteers can be found (anyone interested?)

Peter and Sonya have stepped up to plan additional **pool parties** away from the beach, to give everyone something else to do. Peter is also planning some nude hikes and camping trips in the Spring.

Among the activities already approved are participating in the **World Naked Bike Ride** through downtown Los Angeles on June 22, and a week later celebrating Carpinteria's Independence weekend with a decorated car in their annual parade.

Our preliminary schedule for the year is attached at the end of this newsletter. It is subject to change, of course.

Regarding our staffing an information booth at a local community festival, we are still looking at a few interesting alternatives to the Avocado Festival, which everyone agrees is not an option this year. In particular, there was enthusiasm to have a booth at the **Solstice Parade in Santa Barbara**, but it occurs on the same day as the Naked Bike Ride so staffing may be a problem (can you help?).

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## Hotel Proposed For Bluffs Above Bates Gets Heated City Hearing

The city of Carpinteria is in an uproar over a proposed 99-room “farmhouse resort” for the coastal bluffs above Bates Beach. Opponents of the plan packed the City Hall chambers on January 25, with perhaps another hundred spilling into the parking lot outside. Many wore green T-shirts distributed by Citizens for Carpinteria Bluffs, whose speakers voiced concerns about the loss of this open space and the safety of the seal sanctuary below the development. Few spoke in favor.

Robert Byl, a FOBB steering committee member, attended the meeting but did not speak.

Technically, the meeting was a review of the project’s design by the city’s Architectural Review Board. The Board had no power to accept or reject the project outright, just its design.

The project drew the public’s attention a few weeks ago when the developer erected story poles at the site, representing the height and breadth of the building to be erected.

The land currently is home to the Tee Time Driving Range, right next door to City Hall and the new skateboard park (where FOBB has a donation plaque).

Citizens for Carpinteria Bluffs, a local organization, has been leading an effort to preserve the site.



Photos above by Robert Byl



Following 2 hours of determined public testimony, the board voted to forward the project to the city’s Planning Commission, but they also strongly suggested the developer radically modify his design before returning.

The next Planning Commission hearing is scheduled for February 5, but the project is not on the published meeting agenda.

Eventually, the project will be reviewed by the City Council and Coastal Commission both of whom must approve it before it can be built.



Tentpoles on the property show the size and breadth of the proposed buildings.



Proposed farmhouse-style restaurant on property.





*Photo by Robert Byl taken February 10, 2024, after the storm shows a field of exposed rocks before our sandy spot.*

## King Tides and Winter Storms Bring Driftwood, Rocks, and Lost Sand to Bates

January's annual "King Tides" (at 11 feet, the highest of the year) followed by the first of two Pacific storms deposited lots more driftwood onto Bates Beach in exchange for some lost sand. This annual cycle is considered a normal occurrence along the Santa Barbara/Ventura coastline. What happened a week later was not.

The four days of heavy rain and 50 mph winds during the first week of February dumped 4 inches of rain onto nearby Carpinteria, twice the town's normal average for a year.

Because of lessons learned a year ago during a different stormy week, the Public Works department was better prepared this time with much less street flooding in town, according to news sources.

Unfortunately, this was not the case farther south as access to Bates and points north were temporarily closed for a day on the 101 Freeway at the Ojai turnoff (Hwy 33) as water flooded all lanes in both directions. An evacuation advisory was issued for the coastal hamlet of La Conchita, just 3 miles south of Bates, although the unstable hills above did not slide (so far).

Greg visited Bates the Friday after the King Tides storm and before the big one hit and took the photo above of the new driftwood.

Beach Ambassador Robert Byl visited Bates the Saturday after the main storm to find a substantial amount of sand gone and about 50 yards of new rocks exposed that had been under the

summer sand. It may take until June to see enough new seasonal sand deposited to cover these rocks again.

However, 100 yards farther west beyond the start of the designated clothing-optional section, where we hung out last year, there is substantial sand for us to use until the summer tides re-deposit sand back onto the beach.

So to our members and other visitors, we recommend you look at the tide tables and plan any visits accordingly. Also, note the water temperature is a balmy 59 degrees this time of year!



*Greg's photo from the Saturday before the storm shows new driftwood deposited on the beach.*

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## Bates On-Line Petition Passes 2,000 Signatures

As of January 31, our online petition to Santa Barbara County, asking them to make Bates an officially designated nude beach, has reached 2055 signatures, reaching our goal for 2023.



The eventual short-term goal is 5,000 signatures as this is enough to present to the Board of Supervisors asking that Bates's clothing-optional area be made official. But we have some work to do to reach this number.

Tell your friends they don't have to be a nudist to sign the petition, and you don't even have to live in America to sign it! All you need to be is a person who believes we have the right to a small stretch of sand to enjoy the beach away from everyone else, no different than if we were asking for a dog park or a public tennis court for a hiking trail. And they can sign anonymously if their privacy is of concern.

The petition site is at:

**<https://www.change.org/p/friends-of-bates-beach-make-the-traditional-nude-section-of-bates-beach-official>**

Please tell your friends!

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### Club News

## FOBB Steering Committee Planning for 2024

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The Committee also agreed to keep the monthly member dinners on the second Friday of each month at the Denny's restaurant on Telegraph Road in Ventura. The meeting will run from 6:45 pm to about 8:30 pm. Trying to keep the cost of a meal down as well as having a separate meeting room in the back were the deciding factors. Regarding the online Meetups, the poor turnout on the third Friday of every month has everyone agreeing they should return to the third Tuesday of every month instead. The only problem is finding a moderator to run the meeting since Gary is unavailable at the 7 pm scheduled start.

Many of these events are going to require us to pay our way this year as the financial subsidy from SCNA has been reduced (FOBB is legally still a part of SCNA) so we need everyone to step up and pay their membership dues so we know how much money we will have available,

We would like to hear the thoughts of our members about our 2024 plans, and, of course, we would be more than grateful if a few of you could volunteer a little time to help us with a party or two.

Thank you in advance for your support of our clothing-optional beach next to Carpinteria.

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## Beach Ambassador Training Now Available Online

We need more ambassadors to fulfill our promise to the community that we will patrol ourselves and keep our clothing-optional area a safe and family-friendly place to visit.

We are volunteers who assume the care and mentorship of our beach by encouraging a live-and-let-live attitude among beachgoers and making sure everyone keeps their picnic areas clean and pets respectful of the environment.



Ambassadors encourage beach visitors to follow our behavior guidelines so that no one person or group can ruin the beach experience for others.

The training books and quizzes can be downloaded from our website at: [www.friendsofbatesbeach.org/information/beach-ambassadors](http://www.friendsofbatesbeach.org/information/beach-ambassadors)

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## Thanks to All Who Renewed Their Memberships in January

Your freedom to plop your towels down on the sand of our favorite beach is not really "Free." There are a lot of moving parts that go on behind the scenes to keep it safe, to keep local law enforcement happy with us, and to keep the support of the local city council and the town's merchants.

This work requires money, and so we ask our supporters to join us as dues-paying members on an annual basis. We only ask for \$10/year which is the cost of one unhealthy lunch at McDonald's. Is that too much to ask for your continued enjoyment of our clothing-optional beach?

On the home page of our website [www.friendsofbatesbeach.org](http://www.friendsofbatesbeach.org) find the "Join" link to renew your membership or to join for the first time. Of course, larger donations are also gratefully accepted! Thanks for your continued support.

Most people continue to use our Pay Pal link to join or renew. You don't need a PayPal account to use it as we accept all major credit cards. Alternatively, Bates members may now pay their memberships and renewal dues via **Zelle** as a second option. Using Zelle means the total dues amount will be transferred to our bank account instead of having a small processing fee deducted as PayPal requires.

All the members have to do is create a Zelle link at their bank for their account, then assign "[friends@friendsofbatesbeach.org](mailto:friends@friendsofbatesbeach.org)" as the recipient, and the transfer will go into the correct club account.

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### YOUR FREEDOM IS NOT FREE!

Your ability to lay on your towel, clothed with the sun, was won through the hard work of hundreds of nameless people who fought for your rights. It must never be taken for granted! Support your local club or nudist organization!





## New Year's Polar Bare Plunge Attracts A Few Hearty Souls

The annual January 1 “Polar Bare Plunge” at Olive Dell Ranch was lower key than in past years, with only seven crazy men participating. Olive Dell’s unheated swimming pool was measured at 40 degrees, perfect for refrigeration, and the air temperature was only ten degrees higher than that.

Nevertheless, at 1 PM sharp, the seven removed their clothing, and at the signal six of them, including SCNA’s Scott Schmidt, dove head first into the deep end of the pool and made a mad dash toward the shallow side. It was all over in less than 30 seconds. The seventh person, Dennis Crane, faked his dive, then ran around the pool and jumped into the shallow end to meet his cold companions as they arrived.

*Contributing to this story were Ron Mercer and Dennis Crane of NitOC*

## Olive Dell’s Winter Games Held Despite Rainy Day

By Scott Schmitz and David Tiktin

Olive Dell Ranch held its second annual Winter Games on January 20. The day began with the **Doughnut Hike** to the furthest picnic table on the ranch where dozens of doughnuts and coffee awaited the hungry hikers. But just as they reached the table, rain began to fall. The doughnuts got scarfed before they got soggy, but as the raindrops got harder, the hikers retreated to the clubhouse.

The rain proved to be more than a passing shower, so all the games were moved into the warm clubhouse.

First came the downsized **Volley Pong** with cups instead of garbage cans and ping pong balls substituting for volleyballs. Then came **Cornhole**, followed by **Ping Pong Roll** where you had to roll a ping pong ball across a table and into a line of cups taped over the table’s back edge.

**Ranch Golf** was converted to miniature golf with three courses that wove their way between the clubhouse’s tables and chairs. The **Hatchet Throw** was replaced by darts to the relief of some. The only event to be held outdoors was the **Tug-of-War**. Played outside on a muddy field, the winning team found

firm and well-drained ground to their advantage as they pulled the losing team across the slippery and soggy side to a startlingly quick victory.

Everyone got a participation point with the rest of the points determined by the levels of difficulty set up in each event. Individually, Chet of ODR was third with 17 points, Shane of ODR was 2<sup>nd</sup> with 20 points, and Scott of SCNA won first place with 21 points. Congratulations Scott!

The top two points from each club were totaled and carried over to the Summer Games next August, so 30 points were given to SCNA, 32 to NitOC, and Olive Dell will start the Summer Games with 37.

With the café closed, food was provided, for a price, by volunteers who grilled hot dogs for lunch and cooked up an enchilada casserole with homemade chili for dinner. Thanks to all the volunteers who made this a fun event despite the cold and rainy weather.



*Madeleine laughs at the camera during Nudes at the Getty event.*

## Nudes At The Getty Museum Artistically Revealing

By Rolf Holbach and Mike Glinzak

Our 12<sup>th</sup> annual Scavenger Hunt took place at the gorgeous Getty Center Museum in West LA on Saturday, January 27, on a beautifully clear day which provided a glorious hillside view of the city from Santa Monica to Palos Verdes and east to snow-topped Mt. Baldy.

Six competitive teams roamed through the different pavilions of the museum, seeking answers to 92 questions about many of the paintings, sculptures, and other objects containing nudity. The team scoring the most correct answers in the shortest time won the contest.

The top prize, a gift certificate to the museum’s gift shop, was won by the “Unclad Company” team, composed of Julie & Jeremy. They only missed 4 questions out of 92, taking just under two hours to complete.

The second-place team “Naked & Not Afraid” of Mike and Dee also only missed 4 questions, but they took 26 minutes longer to complete the course, which was the tiebreaker.

Those who participated said they thoroughly enjoyed the experience and want to return next year.

## The Next Dragonfly Gathering Feb 24 In Altadena Will Feature Guest Speaker Andee Rogers

By Cynthia Holbach



We will have a special guest at our Dragonfly Ladies Gathering on Saturday, February 24, beginning at 2 PM to 8 PM Andee Rogers who heads the WINR Group (Women in Nude Recreation) for AANR will be in Southern California and wants to

meet with our group. She also created WOW or Women One Word. "The creation of the WOW campaign, the Women One Word campaign, empowers and encourages women to love themselves just the way they are. I asked women to choose a word that best describes them. Then write it on their body and take a picture. With their permission, I shared their photos on a myriad of social media platforms. Along with the photos, if they chose to write a brief story to share, they were welcome to do so."

Andee not only does these projects, but she is also President of Serenity Mountain Retreat and VP of the AANR Northwest region and was named AANR 2023 Woman of the Year. It will be a treat to have her come and talk with us. She is traveling around the West Coast visiting different clubs along the way. She will be doing a 45-minute opening talk about her journey and several interactive elements which include:

- Creating a "Personal Journey" map.
- Using positive reinforcement notecards to produce your own "Living Art" project.
- Combating the negative voice – a photo of yourself as a young girl is required.
- Naming a negative voice.

"After a short break anyone who would like to make a Body Image Collage-from Media Misconceptions to Comfortably Nude, would be invited to participate for an additional 45 minutes – 1 hour workshop."

Hopefully, we'll get a good turnout as this will be a great opportunity to see what the Dragonfly Ladies group is all about, including our special guest. We will start at 2:00 pm and end when dinner is over.

We usually have a unique potluck dinner where some amazing dishes have been contributed over the years. We will continue that tradition, so let us know what dish you are bringing when you RSVP. We also encourage our members to bring a woman who normally wouldn't try naturism in a coed group. We've tried to make sure this is open to any woman interested or involved in the nudist lifestyle. If you want to attend, email me at [cynthiaholbach@gmail.com](mailto:cynthiaholbach@gmail.com). I will send out directions and the list of potluck items as we get closer to the event.



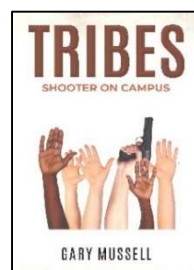
## Walt Stephens' Wins Award for Rotary's Rose Bowl Float

FOBB member Walt Stephens and his team from Rotary International worked hard all December to build the group's float for the annual Rose Parade (see photo above). Their theme was: **Clean Water - The Music of Life,** with the ducks and umbrellas sliding down a keyboard. The float won the Leishman Public Spirit Trophy Award for the most outstanding floral presentation from a non-commercial participant.

The January 1 viewing audience was estimated at over 41 million households in the United States and 28 million households around the world in more than 243 countries and territories.

## Suspense Novel by Gary Mussell's is Published

A suspense novel by FOBB Director Gary Mussell has been published by Amazon and is available both **in eBook and in paperback** formats at their website.



The plot "*Lee Gates is returning to teach high school journalism after being out of the profession for twenty years. He is surprised and challenged by the changes in the education system during his absence. His new school is much more integrated than before, and the mix of cultures and clashes with the school administration prove to be a bigger challenge than he anticipated. And then, one awful day, a shooter invades the campus. Survival becomes the biggest challenge of all.*"

Reviewers have praised the book for its suspense level and its accurate depiction of life on a modern high school campus.

The Tribes: Shooter on Campus eBook sells for \$7.99, and the paperback is \$17.99. A voicebook version is not available at this time. The Amazon eBook link:

[https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0CRCVCRWN?ref=pe\\_93986420\\_775043100](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0CRCVCRWN?ref=pe_93986420_775043100)

He also asks if anyone is interested in receiving a FREE version of the book (PDF) in exchange for an honest (hopefully, positive) review and posting it on Amazon, let him know by replying at [trainergary48@gmail.com](mailto:trainergary48@gmail.com)



## Wisconsin's Anti-Nudity Bills Advance in Legislature

By Gary Mussell

On January 16, the Wisconsin Senate passed two bills Tuesday that would effectively criminalize participation in the Naked Bike Ride, which is held in Madison each summer. Senate Bills 477 and 478 passed by identical 23-9 votes along party lines, with Republicans in favor and Democrats opposed.

Nudists in the state had spent the past two months calling, texting, and mailing members of the legislature, even hiring a lobbyist, asking lawmakers to vote no, but to no avail.

One bill would prohibit a person from causing a minor to attend an event "at which a group of adult participants intentionally expose their genitals, buttocks, or other intimate parts in a public area." It also would prohibit any photographs of minors at such events.

A second measure would alter state law to allow people to be charged with a misdemeanor for the "intentional" display of genitals in public, rather than the current definition that the behavior must be "public and indecent," a higher bar.

The State Assembly must now approve the two bills before they can be sent to Gov. Tony Evers for veto or approval. It remains unknown how the governor will lean on the issue, although Evers told reporters in October that "it seems like there are more important things for people to legislate about."

A local Madison news source quoted Peter Keating, one of the organizers of the World Naked Bike Ride in Madison, who said organizers of the event intend to plan the next ride, scheduled for June 2024, "no matter what."

"We are still waiting to see how the house version comes out, our focus is gathering support for a governor's veto if it comes to that."

NAC disagrees with this caution and continues to ask TNS members to petition the governor, citing the inevitability of legislative approval in the weeks ahead.

Why are we in Southern California concerned about Wisconsin? Because if it passes and becomes law, the language in the bill could be used in other states, including California, to severely restrict nudity at our beaches and even private clubs.

We now see similar language in a Hawaii bill introduced to address their efforts to block nude use at state beaches. As we went to press a similar bill was introduced in Oklahoma.



## Bob Morton Receives Our Hall Of Fame Award for His Advocacy

Starting in 1997, and for twenty years, Bob was the Executive Director of the Nativist Action Committee. In that capacity, he led the national opposition to anti-nudity legislation and other challenges to our way of life from Congress, and from various state legislatures, counties, and cities.



He mentored SCNA through its initial decade and his advice was instrumental in the success of **Friends of Bates Beach** since its inception. In December, Gary Mussell nominated Bob for the club's Hall of Fame Award, citing his timely counseling and support. The Board voted unanimously to approve.

In reply, Morton wrote back, "*Thank you for the great honor of being named to the SCNA Hall of Fame! I've worked hard with many nudist groups. But no group has worked harder to help itself than SCNA, and that's something that shows time and again in the outcomes of the challenges the group has undertaken...I am proud to receive this recognition from the members of The Southern California Nativist Association.*"

## Little Beach Submits Petition of 5,000 Signatures to Hawaii Gov

Hawaii's Friends of Little Beach send a big thank you to all who signed their petition to restore nudity at Little Beach on Maui, Hawaii.

The beach was happily nude for over 70 years until March 2021, when park rangers suddenly appeared and issued 32 tickets for nudity, citing health violations due to Covid restrictions. After the pandemic officially ended, citations have continued by a state parks director who has said he intends to end social nudity on all beaches in the state.

In response, nudists organized a "Friends of Little Beach" non-profit corporation and began an online petition to restore the beach. On January 22, the petition reached its initial goal and the group submitted 5,213 signatures to Governor Josh Green.

As of our publication date, he has not responded so the Friends group is pushing ahead with their new goal of 10,000 signatures. If you are interested in signing the petition or making a financial donation, visit their website at: [www.littlebeachmaui.org](http://www.littlebeachmaui.org).

## Not A Member of AANR or the Nativist Society Yet?

Both the American Society for Nude Recreation and The Nativist Society protect our right to be clothing-optional in our homes, backyards, parks, and public lands. We must never take these rights and privileges for granted!

FOBB members may **join at a discounted rate through SCNA**. Contact us at [scna@socalnativist.org](mailto:scna@socalnativist.org) for further information

## The March Primary

By Gary Mussell

The California primary is on March 5, 2024. Like it or not, we are at the mercy of local officials in southern Santa Barbara County, and their continued goodwill, for our permission to have our clothing-optional beach at Bates.

Our supporters have held a **shaky 3-2 majority** on the Board of Supervisors for about ten years, but conservative opponents are hoping that perhaps this is the year they can tip a Board seat or two in their direction. Unlike statewide offices, **if a candidate wins 50% of the vote in the primary they are declared elected** and do not face a runoff in November, making the outcome of these two races more important

**If you are interested in helping one of these candidates to display a yard sign or make a financial donation (one does not need to live in the district to write a check), etc. visit their respective websites.**

### Santa Barbara Supervisor District 1

Pundits say the big race of the March primary is in District 1, where incumbent Das Williams faces challenger Roy Lee.



Supervisor Williams



Councilmember Roy Lee

*[Note: Williams is a strong supporter of our clothing-optional section of Bates Beach and FOBB has a nice working relationship with him and, through his efforts, with local law enforcement and the county parks.]*

Williams has held the office since 2017 but has faced some stiff opposition from some residents in Carpinteria who object to the rapid increase in the number (and smell) of marijuana growers in the northern side of the town. Many of the former Orcutt and flower growers have switched to the more profitable crop that now brings in a half billion in tax revenue to the county. Although new regulations have reduced the pungent levels and restricted the grower's water use,

people are still mad as it has the region has also brought a growing unregulated black market of growers. He is also supporting a controversial low-cost housing development on farmland northeast of Carpinteria. Will these issues be enough to topple Williams?

His challenger, Carpinteria Councilman Roy Lee, *[who is also a supporter of Bates Beach]*, has picked up local support recently by charging Williams as being "two-faced" and " beholden to special interests, especially the cannabis industry, and out-of-town developers." He is the owner of Uncle Chen's restaurant in Carpinteria, and he wants to focus on promoting small businesses, and a more heavily regulated cannabis industry. Despite his many yard signs on lawns around Carpinteria, Lee is considered a significant underdog in the contest and his campaign is underfunded (\$17,000 compared to \$225,000 for Williams in the last reporting period) with a month to go before election day.

## Santa Barbara Supervisor District 3



(l-r) Supervisor Hartmann, Jenelle Osborne, and Frank Troise

Over the past two decades, the Third District has been the key swing district in determining which ideological way the Board of Supervisors tilts.

This primary election could be decided by party affiliation and geography. After the 2022 reapportionment lines were drawn, the district now includes a large swath of Goleta, north through the Santa Ynez Valley and west to Lompoc. Democrats make up 43%, Republicans have 28%, and 26% are registered as "Decline to State" or Independent. Goleta, much of which is in the Third District, leans Democrat, but the Santa Ynez Valley leans Republican. Some of the local GOP optimism is based on the fact that heavily Democratic precincts in Isla Vista, alongside UCSB, were redrawn out of the district by reapportionment and placed in the Second District, represented by Supervisor Laura Capps. Without Isla Vista voters, the Third District is decidedly older and shines a light on Lompoc as an area of swing votes. Both parties are targeting the community with volunteers and events.

The district is currently represented by Supervisor Joan Hartmann, who survived two previous close elections, and who is seeking a third term. Hartmann calls herself a "dedicated environmentalist" who "is working to transition to a renewable energy economy," according to her website, and to preserve open spaces along the Gaviota Coast" from developers. She also says she is working to solve homelessness through lower-cost housing initiatives focusing on homeless veterans.

The GOP challenger is a political newcomer named Frank Troise who describes himself as "an investment banker" on his ballot statement. According to his campaign website, the candidate is focused on public safety, housing affordability and education."

In a local newspaper, GOP spokesman Mike Stoker lamented Troise's lackluster campaign effort so far and said that his greatest concern was that Hartmann would win outright in the March primary, despite his private polling showing district unhappiness with her policy stands. Stoker lost to Hartmann in 2020.

Hartmann's other challenger, Lompoc Mayor Jenelle Osborne, a decline-to-state candidate with no party affiliation, reported only \$100 in campaign contributions. By comparison, Hartmann has \$168,529 in the bank, and Troise reported a cash balance of only \$2,517 as of December 31.

*[Note: The district includes Gaviota, where the nude beach at its state park was closed in 2009. Hartmann has been decidedly non-committal about supporting clothing-optional beaches although she does not vocally oppose them either.]*



# Friends of Bates Beach 2024 Calendar of Events and Activities

## January

Saturday., Jan 20, 10 AM	So Cal Winter Games	Olive Dell Ranch
Saturday., Jan 27, 10 AM	Nudes at the Getty Scavenger Hunt	West LA

## February

Tuesday, Feb 9, 7:00 PM	Steering Committee Dinner	Ventura
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## March

Tuesday, Mar 19, 7:00 PM	Online Meetup	Online
Friday, Mar 8, 6:45 PM	Member's Dinner Meeting	Ventura

## April

Sun April 21, Noon-7 pm	Member's Pool Party	Camarillo
Tues., Apr 16, 7:00 PM	Meetup	Online
Sun., April 28, 9 AM	Annual Bare Burro K Run	Olive Dell Ranch

## May

May 2, 9,14,16,21,23,28,29	Mid-Week Bates Picnic (weather permitting)	Bates Beach
Friday, May 10, 6:45 PM	Member's Dinner Meeting	Ventura
Tuesday, May 21, 7:00 PM	Online Meetup	Online

## June

June 4,6,11,13,18,20,25,27	Mid-Week Bates Picnic (weather permitting)	Bates Beach
Saturday, June 8, Noon	Surf's Up Pool Party	Camarillo
Friday, June 14, 6:45 PM	Member's Dinner Meeting	Ventura
Saturday, June 15, Noon	Multi-Club Beach Picnic	Bates Beach
Tuesday, June 18, 7:00 PM	Meetup	Online
Saturday, June 22, 10 AM	World Naked Bike Ride	Los Angeles
Saturday, June 29	Independence Day Parade	Carpinteria

## July

July 2,4,9,11,16,18,23,25,30	Mid-Week Bates Picnic (weather permitting)	Bates Beach
Friday, July 12, 6:45 PM	Member's Dinner Meeting	Ventura
Tuesday, July 16, 7:00 PM	Meetup	Online
Saturday, July 20, Noon	Multi-Club Beach Picnic	Bates Beach

## August

Aug 1,6,8,13,15,20,22,27,29	Mid-Week Bates Picnic (weather permitting)	Bates Beach
Friday, Aug 8, 6:45 PM	Member's Dinner Meeting	Ventura
Tuesday, Aug 20, 7:00 PM	Meetup	Online
Saturday, Aug 17, 10 Am	Multi-Club Summer Games	Olive Dell Ranch
Saturday, Aug 10, Noon	Multi-Club Beach Picnic	Bates Beach

## September

Sept 3,5,10,12,17,19,24,26	Mid-Week Bates Picnic (weather permitting)	Bates Beach
Friday, Sept 13, 6:45 PM	Member's Dinner Meeting	Ventura
Tuesday, Sept 17, 7:00 PM	Meetup	Online
Saturday, Sept 21, 9 AM	CA Beach Cleanup Day & Picnic	Bates Beach
TBD	Celebrate the End of Beach Season Pool Party	Camarillo

## October

Oct 1,3,8,10	Mid-Week Bates Picnic (weather permitting)	Bates Beach
Friday, Oct 11, 6:45 PM	Member's Dinner Meeting	Ventura
Tuesday, Oct 15, 7:00 PM	Meetup	Online
Saturday, Oct 26, 2 PM	Halloween Pool Party	Camarillo

## November

Tuesday, TBD, 7:00 PM	Meetup	Online
Saturday., Nov 16, Noon	Thanksgiving Dinner Jacuzzi Party	Altadena

## December

Saturday, Dec 14, 11 AM	Annual Holiday Party & Gift Exchange	Simi Valley
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*Other Events May be Added Later. Dates, Times, and Location are subject to change.*