

THE BATES BEACH BEAT

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BATES FRIENDS PLAN END OF SEASON HOLIDAY PARTY

UPCOMING EVENTS

November

- Nov 11, Meetup Dinner at Denny’s, Ventura 6:45 pm
- Nov 12, SCNA Thanksgiving Party, Altadena
- Nov 15, Online Meetup, 7:00 pm

December

- December 3, Jacuzzi Potluck Holiday Party, Ventura
- Dec 12, SCNA Holiday Party, Simi Valley
- Oct 18, Online Meetup, 7:00 pm

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As is always the case at Peter’s Halloween parties, the pool was the place to be sociable during the afternoon and early evening. See the story on Page 3.

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By Gary Mussell, Director

Friends of Bates Beach is hosting an end-of-season Holiday Party for members and guests in Ventura on Saturday December 3 from 2 pm to 8 pm.

The party’s location is a private home near downtown Ventura. The exact address and directions will be sent to those on the RSVP list a few days before the event.

The event goes on rain or sun, warm or cool!

Clothing is Optional – Always! There is a Jacuzzi so bring a second towel (besides the one you will be sitting on).

We also recommend you bring a folding chair, as patio seating is limited.

The club will provide bottled water only. Any additional drinks are up to you. If you bring beer or wine please drink responsibly!

Clothing-optional, of course!

Gate Fee

FOBB who have paid their dues and SCNA card-carrying members can come for a \$10 gate fee, all other guests will be charged \$15. Children under age 18 are free.

Please RSVP no later than November 30 by leaving an email at friends@friendsofbatesbeach.org, as we purchase the party supplies that next day based upon the number of RSVPs received

Please do not bring anyone to the party not on the RSVP list as they will not be admitted.

Food Contest!

This is a potluck event. Please bring a dish to share with 12-15 people. Bring a serving spoon if required.

Best Holiday-Themed Food Contest! We will vote for the winner and award a cash prize. Let’s Get Creative!

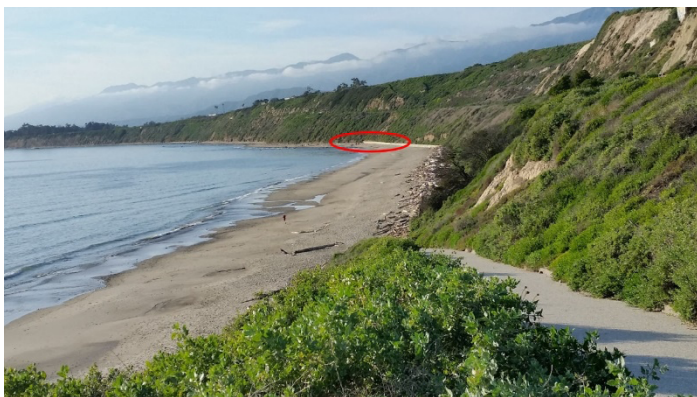
Important! Indoor Face Masks:

The host has an auto-immunity weakness, and so when you are indoors, he requires all party guests to wear a mask. In the backyard or Jacuzzi, no masks are necessary. Thank you for understanding.

Also note the host has a cat. No other pets will be allowed from party guests.

Let’s celebrate together the end of another great year at the beach! See you there!

More Beach News



Remember to be nude only in our designated area (circled).

Visiting Bates Beach During the Winter Months

Even as the seasons change and the weather turns colder, there will still be days throughout the winter months when the air temp suddenly rises, the sky is clear, and the beach beckons.

Although we have no more planned activities at Bates until March, that does not mean some of us won't venture down to our favorite clothing-optional spot before then.

There will be fewer Beach Ambassadors on the sand, so we ask everyone to make sure those nearby follow our behavior guidelines. If you see our blue sign on the sand, say hello to one of our beach mayors!

The Air temp averages 70 degrees in early November and drops to about 60 degrees in January. Sea temperature is currently 63 and will drop to about 55 by the end of January, at its lowest.

Remember the area north of our designated spot will be off limits between February 1 and May 30 as it is a protected area during sea lion mating season. This is when they give birth and raise their pups. You will be given a ticket (and possible arrested) if you wander north of our area or disturb the animals in any way. If you see a sea lion in our area, please leave it alone and remind others on the beach to do the same.

Bates Beach Online Petition Exceeds 1500 Signatures



On November 2, we hit 1,534 signatures on the Bates Beach petition to change the county's nudity ordinance and "Make the Traditional Nude Section of Bates Beach Official."

We gained about 200 new names last month. We ask all of our members (and their non-nudist friends) to add their names to the list. You don't have to be a nudist to sign up, just be a person who supports our right to have 1000 yards of our own out of the 86 miles of coastline in the county.

The petition site is at:

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

All names and addresses are kept confidential.



Sand Measurement Project Needs Additional Volunteers

By David Tiktin

David will be making a presentation about this project at our December 3 party.

On October 22, John & Jenny Parsons and I met with Craig Stuart from UCSB who is part of the important Sand Measuring Project at Bates Beach. The project has grants from California and the federal government to measure the width of local beaches over time in order to determine if/how fast sea levels may be rising due to climate change. Since one of the permanent measuring locations happens to be exactly where our FOBB nude section is, we felt it would be an excellent goodwill gesture for FOBB to help UCSB with this project.

The training went well. The actual measuring takes about 10-12 minutes, and each measurement requires at least two people. It isn't difficult, and John and Jenny and I had a lot of fun doing it. The biggest challenge is that we'll undoubtedly need more people willing to take part in this project. Ideally, they would like measurements taken once a month, during very specific time frames, so we would need more volunteers who have relatively easy access to the beach. If we can recruit six pairs of people, each pair would only need to commit to doing this twice a year!

Craig didn't know that we were a naturist organization, nor that this stretch of Bates Beach was clothing optional, but he was very supportive of it, and even said he might consider joining us at one of our beach events next summer. More importantly, he agreed that more people in the UCSB community ought to know about us. If we volunteer as a partner in this project, that could be a wonderful way for FOBB to gain a positive reputation among the much-needed younger university demographic in the SB area, who really would be the future of FOBB. Craig said he would be willing to come back out to train more people if we get more volunteers.

For more information go to our www.friendsofbatesbeach.org web site and click the link on the Home Page or if you prefer, just drop us an email at friends@friendsofbatesbeach.org and we can discuss how you can help us with this very useful project and connect us with others who may be interested in our beach.



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Friends of Bates Beach members toast a farewell to our good friend Josh Meyer at the Sept 17 picnic. Josh died August 20

Zombies, Leopards, And Chickens, Oh My! Bates and SCNA Members Enjoy Halloween Party

By Mike Glinzak

Late October brings schizophrenic weather to SoCal, so we are grateful that Peter graciously opens his home in Camarillo to our Halloween Potluck and Costume Party. Peter's is the perfect location for the party as the outside temperatures begin to fall rapidly as the sun goes down and ghouls and goblins are able to move to the hot spa and the "bathwater" heated INDOOR pool to stay warm, the only day of the year Peter heats his pool to make it extra comfy.

We also had several guests from the Bates Beach group attending and we had a great time meeting them.

At about 6 pm, Rolf officially welcomed everyone to the party as he invited everyone to vote for the best Halloween-themed potluck dish.

The potluck had a mix of Halloween themed foods, Witch's Fingers, Floating Coffins, Dracula's Dentures, Kitty Litter Cake, Skull Cake, Meatball Mummies, Spooky Window Cookies, Barfing Pumpkin Dip, and Graveyard Chili.

Non-themes items included veggie trays, chocolate, lemon, cherry and other pies, cheesecake, flan, cookies, mini sausages, pizza, tamales, pumpkin swirl bread, salads, and ravioli.

Dee's Witch's Fingers, Sonya's Skull Cake, and Theresa's Kitty Litter Cake tied in the vote for best themed food item. Congratulations and thanks to all our excellent cooks.

The costume parade began about 7 PM on the outside patio. There were many imaginative costumes as pictured above and on page 4. The winners, in reverse order, were Richard as the Unknown Zombie, Craig and Terry as the Leopards, and Rolf,

Cynthia and Sonya as "Colonel Sanders and the Chicken Strips", complete with music and a tasty strip tease dance.

After the contests were over and the costumes came off, conversations split between the indoor pool and the outdoor fire pit. Thanks, Peter, for again being the perfect host.

38 people attended,



Photo captions here

Bates Beach Steering Committee Wants Your Ideas for 2023

By Gary Mussell

The November 11 dinner meeting in Ventura will focus on planning our 2023 events and adding the suggestions from members to that calendar. Also, we need to submit our 2023 budget to the SCNA Board of Directors (who financially subsidize our group) by November 20.

Do you want more organized beach picnics? More planned midweek trips? More communication (i.e., \$2 Bill Days) with the merchants and restaurants in nearby Carpinteria?

Some of the activities we do every year include participation in the Carpinteria Independence Day Parade and the town's 3-day Avocado Festival in October. We also need to pay for our web site and PO Box, both of which renew every year. It has also been suggested that we replace some of our display signs as they are showing some wear and tear from many years of service.

We also need to reorder more business cards we distribute with our \$2 bills, so now is a good time to review the words on the cards to see if we want to change our message there. Anyone have a suggestion?

Bring them to the dinner, or else email us your thoughts at friends@friendsofbatesbeach.org before the November 11 meeting date.

Support Our \$2 Bill Campaign

FOBB advocates the return of the designated clothing optional area at Bates (North Rincon) Beach. We are making purchases today using \$2 bills to demonstrate the purchasing power of our supporters, and to show support for our local merchants and vendors who will benefit greatly once the beach is restored. Please pass along these \$2 bills as change to your customers.

Friends of Bates Beach
Web Site: www.friendsofbatesbeach.org
Email: friends@friendsofbatesbeach.org



Support Friends of Bates Beach By Becoming a Dues-Paying Member

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 the pervs away, to keep local law enforcement happy with us, and to keep the support of the local city council and the town's merchants. Without this work by your FOBB team, your permission to use the beach might suddenly go away.

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?

Join – or renew- your membership on the home page of our website at www.friendsofbatesbeach.org. Of course, larger donations are also gratefully accepted! Thanks for your continued support.



Women of Bates Beach Enjoy "Dragonfly" Party in Ventura

By Cynthia Holbach

Our last Dragonfly gathering for 2022 took place at Sonya's home in Ventura and seven women attended. Yes, it was a rainy day for most of southern California, but it was nice enough in Ventura for us to sit out on her patio and have some lively discussions. Sonya introduced some fun word games that we completed and then compared after dinner. I would say that Nathalie answered the hardest ones (word scrambles) getting them all correct. We had a few new women join us, so we spent some time getting to know a bit about each other's history and experience, which seems to always lead to more discussion.

The food and wine flowed during the day – ending with a wonderful dinner of chicken kabobs, corn casserole, salad, and rolls and some wonderful desserts made by Donna. Thank you, Donna, and Carol, for joining Sonya, Rachel, Nathalie, Helen, and myself.

We welcome any woman, whether an SCNA member or not, even a friend who might be interested in exploring naturism or our group. This has been a great resource for the women to get to know each other better. We will be planning more gatherings for next year. If anyone has an idea for an outing or gathering, please contact me at cynthiaholbach@gmail.com or sca@socalnaturist.com

Want to be A Bates Beach Ambassador? Please, Sign Up!

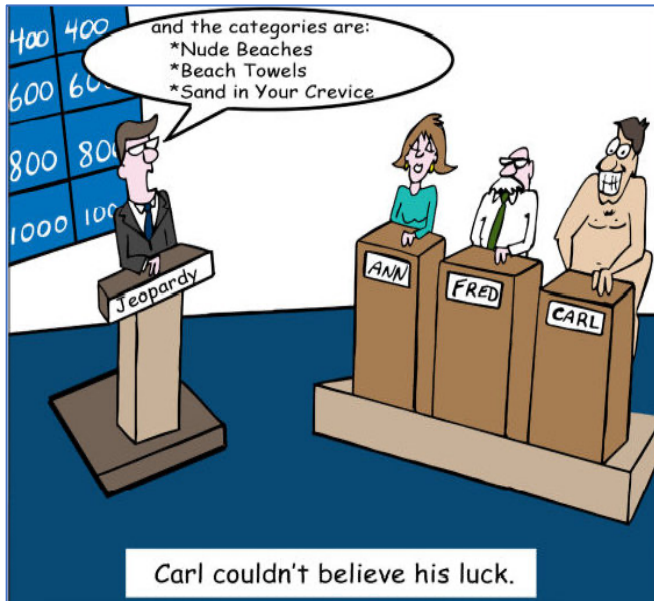
With larger and more frequent crowds coming down to our clothing-optional section of the beach, we need to increase the number of Beach Ambassadors so that we have better coverage more often. It's easy to get certified. Winter is the perfect time to apply, take the online course, and get certified for next year!

Apply on our website at: <https://www.friendsofbatesbeach.org/information/beach-ambassadors> and we will download the training workbooks to you

All applicants are required to attend an online 90-minute class to receive final certification.



Cartoon of the Month



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Upcoming Activity Calendar



Last Dinner Meeting of the Year

Friday Nov 11, 6:45 pm

Denny's Restaurant on Telegraph Road (west of Ventura College), 4095 Telegraph Rd, Ventura, CA 93003

We have a separate room reserved at the back, to the right from where you enter the building. Come prepared to buy your own dinner as a courtesy to the service staff.



This dinner meeting is open to all FOBB members, guests, and first-time visitors.

Topics range from personal experiences to current club info and news events affecting local beaches, nudist parks, or the naturist movement in general.

The agenda for this meeting will include planning for the December 3 holiday party, as well as gathering ideas for events for the 2023 calendar as we have to submit a proposed budget to the Board on November 20.

No dinner meetings will be held in December, January, or February.

Online Meetup Schedule

Tuesday Nov 15 and Dec 20, 7 pm to 8:30 pm



The link is <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/724415629>.

You can also dial in using your phone at: **(571) 317-3122 with Access Code: 724-415-629**

Online meetings are held every third Tuesday each month, year-round.

To receive advanced notice of these dinners, online meetings, and other changes in the status of upcoming beach picnics, please go to www.meetup.com/Friends-of-Bates-Beach and register at our website. There is no charge to join this Meetup website.

Visit Our Store For Great Holiday Gifts!

We have brand new items for sale left over from the recent Avocado Festival while supplies last. Below are pictured a flashlight keyring/whistle, a 9 x 11 sign, and a Bates Beach hat.



\$2.00



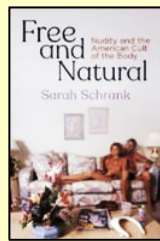
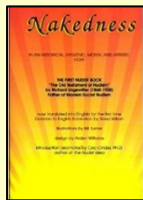
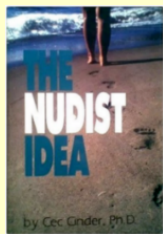
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\$15.00

All books (below), hats, keychains, and signs may be ordered by calling SCNA at. (818) 225-2273 or emailing us at friends@friendsofbatesbeach.org

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Free and Natural – \$39.55 plus tax and shipping