



Club Meeting

Susitna
Meets at Everett's
Restaurant at the Mat-
Su Resort
1850 East Bogard
Road
Wasilla, AK 99654
Time: Wednesday at
06:00 PM

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through the Port of
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Kris Shippen, Alaska Basic Industries

Wednesday, June 5th, 2024 6:00pm

Meet in Person at

Everett's at The Mat-Su Resort

Via Zoom at

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5415605940?pwd=ZFJWk1lZbnJSTHpaOGY1KzErbTlVdz09

Tonight's program is a brief history of cement, and ABI's history and capabilities providing cement to all of Alaska.

Meet Kris Shippen

June 5th:
Cement coming through the Port of Anchorage

Environmental & Safety Manager

Alaska Basic Industries (ABI) supplies cement throughout Alaska. ABI has terminals in Anchorage at 1300 Ocean Dock Road, as well as in Fairbanks at 1501 Well Street. ABI receives shipments of cement at the Port of Anchorage by ships on a regular basis throughout the summer and into late fall.

Kris Shippen moved to Alaska in 2007 and completed a bachelor's degree at UAA in Natural, Environmental, and Geological Sciences. He worked as a fisheries biologist between 2009 and 2014 on remote projects throughout Alaska. Between 2015 and 2019, he worked for an environmental consulting firm on soil, groundwater, and biological contamination cleanup projects in both metropolitan and remote parts of Alaska.

In 2019, Mr. Shippen began working at Anchorage Sand & Gravel as operations manager of their soil remediation division. Since 2019 Mr. Shippen has assumed the roles of Environmental and Safety Manager in addition to Operations Manager of both the soil remediation division, Alaska Soil Recycling, and the cement division, Alaska Basic Industries. Mr. Shippen is an avid outdoorsman and enjoys spending time with his wife and two sons experiencing the wilderness and activities that Alaska has to offer.

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Kids Don't Float loaner board materials have arrived

Thank you to [Jack Timm](#) and [Philip Horton](#) for taking delivery of and storing all the materials for the next few Kids Don't Float loaner boards in the club's connex.

An ongoing shout out to Denali Refuse for letting us keep a connex stored on their lot!



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June 26th

Wedding Anniversaries

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June 19th
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July 2nd
Lynn Mitchell
July 4th



Fun! Fun! Fun! Lil Su Classic Float and River Cleanup + BBQ

Susitna Rotarians, friends and family were out in force for the annual Lil Su Classic Float and River Cleanup followed by a BBQ at the Lil Su Rotary Park and Pavilion in Houston.

Thank you to Jack Timm for organizing the overall event. A big shout-out to MatSu Water Rescue for supporting the event and making sure all floaters were safe. Jack and Aaron also get credit for floating the river two days in advance with their chain saws and taking out the sweepers.

Once again, Denali Refuse graciously provided a flat bed truck with rails to transport the kayaks and canoes as well as a dumpster to collect the trash at the end.

So many volunteers worked on planning, buying groceries, cooking, putting up signs, opening the Josh the Otter story trail, moving people and boats, floating, picking up trash, and ensuring that everyone had a nice time. Thank you to EVERYONE for making it a big success!

Photo credits to: Deb Waisanen, Jack Timm, Kathy Timm, Christian Hartley, Sami Aarthun and anyone else that contributed photos.







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Join Jules Tileston on a 12-day photo safari to Iceland during late June 2023. Visit Reykjavik, Iceland's 1st National Park and highlights along the 830-mile-long Ring Road, a day of Whale Watching and visits to an ice cave and Atlantic Puffin rookeries. One of the reasons for the trip to Iceland was to see if it would be a special place to celebrate his 70th wedding anniversary last August. The places in Iceland are magical, but walking requirements were more than they both desired. So --- they opted for a family trip to the Canadian Rockies instead.

Jules is a long-time member of the Anchorage International Rotary Club and previously was a member of the Anchorage East and Anchorage Hillside clubs. Jules is married with 3 grown daughters and 2 granddaughters. Jules often refers to himself as "Mr. Peg" since more people know his wife, Peg. The family moved to Anchorage in 1972 when Jules was selected to lead the Wild River Studies in Alaska that were later incorporated into the Alaska Natural Interest Conservation Lands Act (ANILCA). Subsequently, Jules was employed by BLM and the Department of Natural Resources in multidisciplinary management roles. Upon retirement as a government bureaucrat, Jules consulted on environmental permitting for a variety of oil and gas, transportation, and mining projects in Alaska.

Jules has had a love affair with photography, starting with a high school graduation present of an Argus C3 that has progressed to his current mirrorless Canon and iPhone setups. Fortunately, he has been able to sharpen his photographic skills as part of his various jobs with the Department of the Interior throughout the lower 48 States and here in Alaska. Now it is just for "fun". Jules enjoys sharing his images through slide-talks such as the one given to Susitna Rotary Club on "Polar Bears and Wild Horses" on July 6, 2016.

June 19th: James Grogan, Museum of Alaska Transportation & Industry

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James Grogan (no relation to Rob and Lanissa Grogan) will be giving an overview of Alaska's largest museum. The Museum of Alaska Transportation and Industry (MATI) was established to give a home to the transportation and industrial remnants of Alaska's series of booms and busts. It helps to tell the stories of the people and machines that opened Alaska to exploration and growth.

Spring 2024 Raffle: Matsuri Safari!



WELCOME TO MATSURI SAFARI

The ultimate African Hunting Safari
Matsuri Safaris, a premium hunting ranch of
19,000 acres in Limpopo, South Africa.

Matsuri Magnum Package
7-Day Package for 4 Hunters
\$19,000 Value

Hunt on a privately owned hunting ranch,
17,500 acres in Limpopo South Africa.

ACTIVITIES FOR NON-HUNTERS
Day trips can be made to Mapungubwe Nature
Reserve
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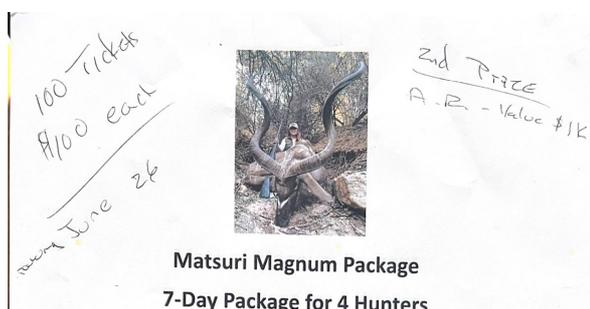
African Safari Raffle
For Fundraiser
Donated by Sami & Josh
<https://matsurisafaris.co.za/>

WOW!

Thanks to the generosity of **Josh Waisanen** and **Sami Aarthun**, Susitna Rotary is auctioning off a 7-Day Package for 4 Hunterswith options available for non-hunters as well...and valued at \$19,000 for a spring fundraiser!

There will only be **100 tickets sold at \$100 each** for a drawing to be held on **June 26th** for a **Matsuri Magnum Package**. Stay tuned for more details and how to get/sell tickets. If you have ever dreamed of an African Safari or have friends that would love the opportunity for a Big Game Hunt, this is a golden opportunity. Learn more about the privately owned, [Matsuri Safaris](https://matsurisafaris.co.za/) 17,500 acres hunting ranch in Limpopo, South Africa.

Basic details are shown below.



100 Tickets
\$100 each
drawing June 26

2nd Prize
A.R. - Value \$1K

Matsuri Magnum Package
7-Day Package for 4 Hunters

\$19,000 Value

Hunt on a privately owned hunting ranch,
17,500 acres in Limpopo South Africa

Includes:

- Guided by PH with skinner and hunting vehicle. (includes guide fees)
- Accommodations
- Meals
- All local drinks, soft drinks, alcoholic drinks, and bottled water, etc.
- Daily laundry service
- Wi-Fi
- Field prep of trophies
- Transportation to Taxidermist
- \$1000.00 per Hunter Trophy Fees



Does Not Include:

- Accommodation & meals for arrival and departure days. (\$200.00 per day per person)
- Transfers to & from Camp.
- Gratuities
- Airfare
- Transportation of Trophies to U.S.



Exp Date

June is Rotary Fellowships Month

June Theme: **Rotary Fellowship Month**

June is designated Rotary Fellowships Month to recognize the importance of international fellowship and goodwill among Rotarians with similar recreational and vocational interests, promote increased participation in fellowships, and increase understanding of this program.



Little Su Rotary Park Sign Sponsorship

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Club of Susitna Alaska



CHILDREN'S STORYBOOK TRAIL
SIGN SPONSORSHIP
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Sponsorship Details

- Cost: \$500 for a permanent sponsorship
- Contact: Rob Grogan 907-355-4394
- Location: Little Su River Bridge Houston, Alaska
- Estimated Trail Completion: Fall 2024
- Donation portal can be found on our website

 www.susitnarotary.org
 Po box 298068 Wasilla, AK 99629

Save the Dates!

Susitna Rotarians have lots of opportunities in the upcoming months to serve the community and have some fun. Mark your calendars and stay tuned each week for more details as the various events unfold.

Date			Event	Location	RSVP required?
Jun	26th	Wed	Changing of the Guard	TBD	Everyone invited - please RSVP
Jul	3rd	Wed	No meeting Enjoy the 4th of July holiday!		
Oct	12th	Sat	Rotary Uncorked Goes Out of this World	Curtis Menard Sports Center	Purchase tickets in advance
Nov	9th	Sat	The Rotary Foundation Fundaiser	Evangelo's	Purchase tickets in advance

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