



Ciao Tutti



Welcome to the December 2024 Meeting

President – Mike Palmieri

Vice President – Sal Saladini

Treasurer – Steve Selvaggio

Secretary – Ann Allevi

Membership Chair – Debbie Stone

Scholarship Chair – Ann Allevi

Trips Chair – Colleen Kolibas

Ballroom Coordinator – Debbie Stone

Donation Coordinator – Laura Campo

Sergeant at Arms – Cataldo (Charlie) Minutillo





AGENDA



- Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance - Mike/Cataldo
- God Bless America - All
- Opening Remarks - Mike
- Invocation – Monsignor Saladini
- Minutes – Steve
- Scholarship Update - Ann
- Treasurers Report - Steve
- Membership Update - Debbie
- Upcoming Trips – Colleen/Mike
- Upcoming Clubhouse Events – Mike
- Italian Tid Bits by Sal
- Comedy Break
- Dessert & Coffee





"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

God Bless America



God bless America
Land that I love
Stand beside her
And guide her
Through the night
with a light from above



From the mountains
To the prairies
To the oceans
White with foam
God bless America
My home sweet home
God Bless America
My Home Sweet Home



Monsignor Saladini



Invocation

Mike's Opening Remarks



**In
Memoriam**



In Loving Memory
Jean C. Ciampa
1943 - 2024



**In
Memoriam**



Super Bowl Pool

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	
	PAYOUTS	Q1 \$ Q3 \$	1H \$ FINAL \$	\$ IACC SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$ Per Box		NFC			SUPERBOWL	\$ Per Box
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	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
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Bingo and 50/50 Pool

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Minutes from IACC meeting November 4, 2024

Mike Palmieri called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

Charlie Minutillo led the Pledge of Allegiance and we all sang God Bless America.

Mike honored all club veterans especially on Veterans Day next week. He noticed that some names were missing in the newsletter and will make sure they are included in next year's newsletter. He then recognized and congratulated Charlie Minutillo on his 90th birthday and we all sang to him.

Sal Saladini then gave his invocation.

Mike thanked everyone for all the food donations for the Manville Caritas Food Pantry. He will hold another drive for needed Thanksgiving food on November 18th from 10am to 2 pm in the clubhouse parking lot. We will also collect hats, gloves, scarves, socks, etc. at the December meeting. It was noted by Nick Zeno that currently Manville is having a coat drive at the food pantry.

Mike asked for a vote on the Bylaws which are posted on our website; it was approved. He noted due to no interest we won't have elections of officers this year. He then asked for approval for 2 donations: Veterans Club for \$250 and Bible Study Group who serve Thanksgiving dinner to those in CW who would like to attend for \$100. Both donations were approved.

Ann Allevi read the minutes of the October meeting.

Steve Selvaggio gave the Treasurer's report. Our October balance was \$21,660 and November's balance is \$22,087. Expenses were Doolan's for \$3,533, and Lancaster trip \$1,012. Income was \$770 from due, and Doolan's payments of \$4,027.

Minutes from IACC meeting November 4, 2024 (pg 2)

Steve gave the membership report for Debbie Stone: 479 paid members, 46 honorary members, totaling 525 paid members. He then announced 2 new members, and they were in attendance and recognized. He mentioned that we are now collecting dues for next year; \$25 per person for new members and \$20 per person for renewals.

Rich Allevi then showed Steve's collection of pictures from trips to Doolan's and the Sieminski Theatre.

Mike spoke about upcoming events: Vinnie Medugno and Jersey Surecats.

Colleen spoke about upcoming trips: Doolans Christmas show, and Peddler's Village. Due to interest by members she will be sending out a survey for a trip to Niagara Falls from 9/8-9/12/25. We need a minimum of 40 people. She noted that her committee is working on other possible future trips.

Mike noted that he has booked a comedy show for next year, and Gary Morton will be the DJ at the Christmas party on 12/14.

Sal was looking for interest in a trip on 12/12 to Staten Island at the Columbian Association. There will be a talk about Columbus and a free dinner. He then gave his Italy Tidbits.

Rich showed a comedy skit by John Pinetta. He then explained the Cornhole Contest and that Charlie Minutillo would run the event after adjournment.

Everyone then sang That's Amore.

Mike asked for cake sign ups and adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm. Next meeting is on December 2nd

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Allevi, Secretary



IACC 2025 Scholarship Update



- There are 8 IACC Committee members: Mike Palmieri, Sal Saladini, Ann Allevi, Rudy Bassman, Maryann Brewer, Barbara Kane, Marie Lyttle and Elizabeth Victor.
- I want to acknowledge Jean Ciampa who recently passed for her commitment to the committee for many years. She was a wonderful person and did a fantastic job representing us at Immaculata HS. It was truly a pleasure working with her.
- I would also like to recognize and thank Rudy Bassman for stepping up and joining the Committee. I know Rudy will make a big impact working with Franklin HS.
- We sponsor 5 area high schools (Franklin, Hillsborough, Immaculata, Manville & Somerville) and a merit-based scholarship is awarded to a senior at each school.
- The Committee will be meeting on December 10th to put together this year's application.
- In 2024 we gave out \$27,000 in scholarships to 10 worthy students.
- The Scholarship Committee thanks you for your continued support of our scholarship fundraising efforts, especially for your help in paying dues as this is a critical component of funding our scholarships.



IACC Treasurers Report November 2024



November Balance was \$ 22,087

December Balance is \$27,212

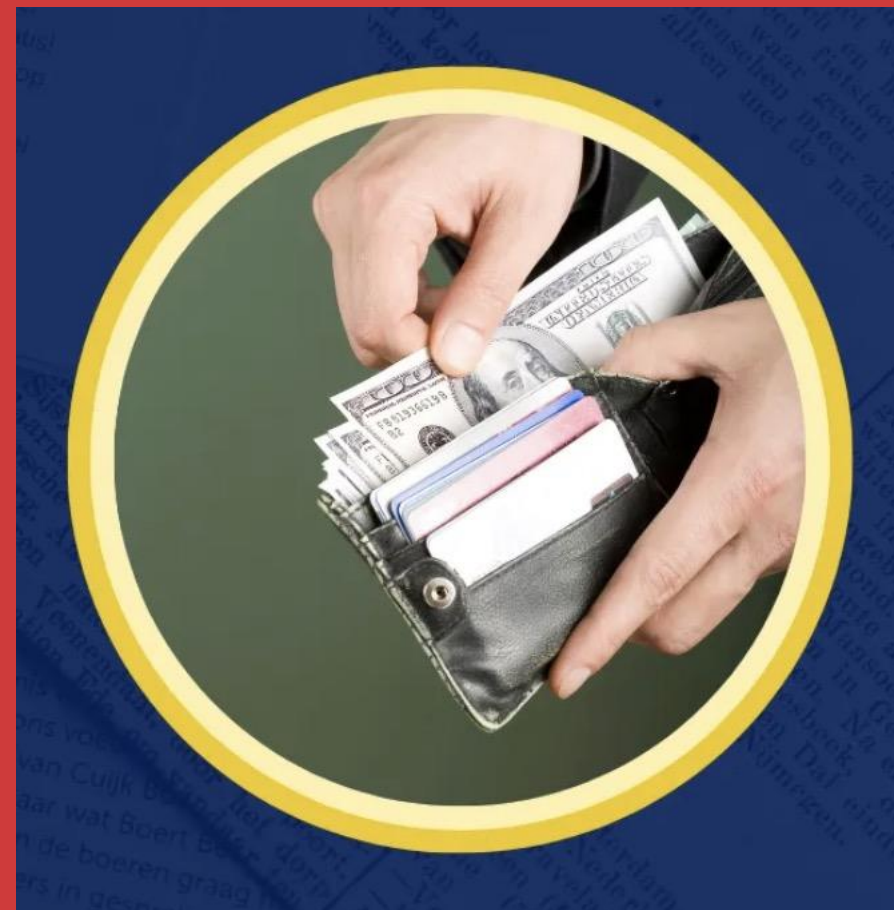


IACC Treasurers Report



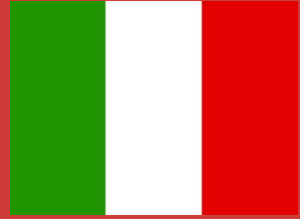
Expenditures

- 1) Donation to Veterans Club -\$250
- 2) Refreshments for 2 Events - \$645
- 3) Vinnie Medugno Payment -\$4.200





IACC Treasurers Report



Large Deposits In

1) Vinnie Medugno \$6,720

2) Surecasts- \$1,600

3) Wire Transfer from Nigerian Prince-
\$16 million dollars (Pending)



ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB

MONTHLY MEETING – DECEMBER 2, 2024

MEMBERSHIP



PAID MEMBERS TO DATE 484

HONORARY MEMBERS (age 85+) 46

TOTAL ACTIVE MEMBERS TO DATE 530

NEW MEMBERS = 5

PAT & CHRISTINE TASSONE
ALAN & AMY BERGER
MITCHELL REITER

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES
NEW MEMBERS = \$25
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL = \$20



VINNIE MEDUGNO

And the Chiclettes - Jamming with the CODA BAND



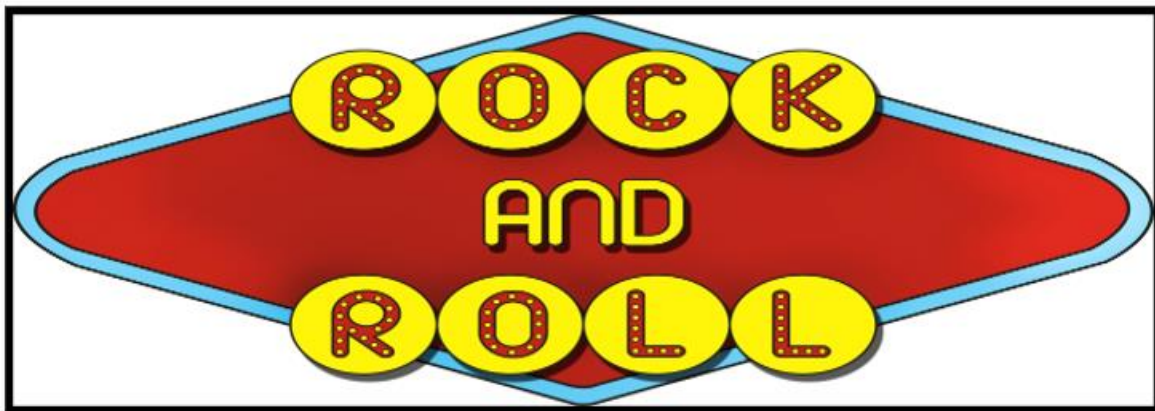












THE IACC WELCOMES BACK...!

THE JERSEY SURECATS

ROCK N' ROLL BAND

FOR MEMBERS ON **OPEN TO ENTIRE**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD AT 7PM - \$20/PP

BYOB & Snacks

COFFEE & DESSERT WILL BE SERVED

CONTACT DEBBIE STONE (908) 380-0884



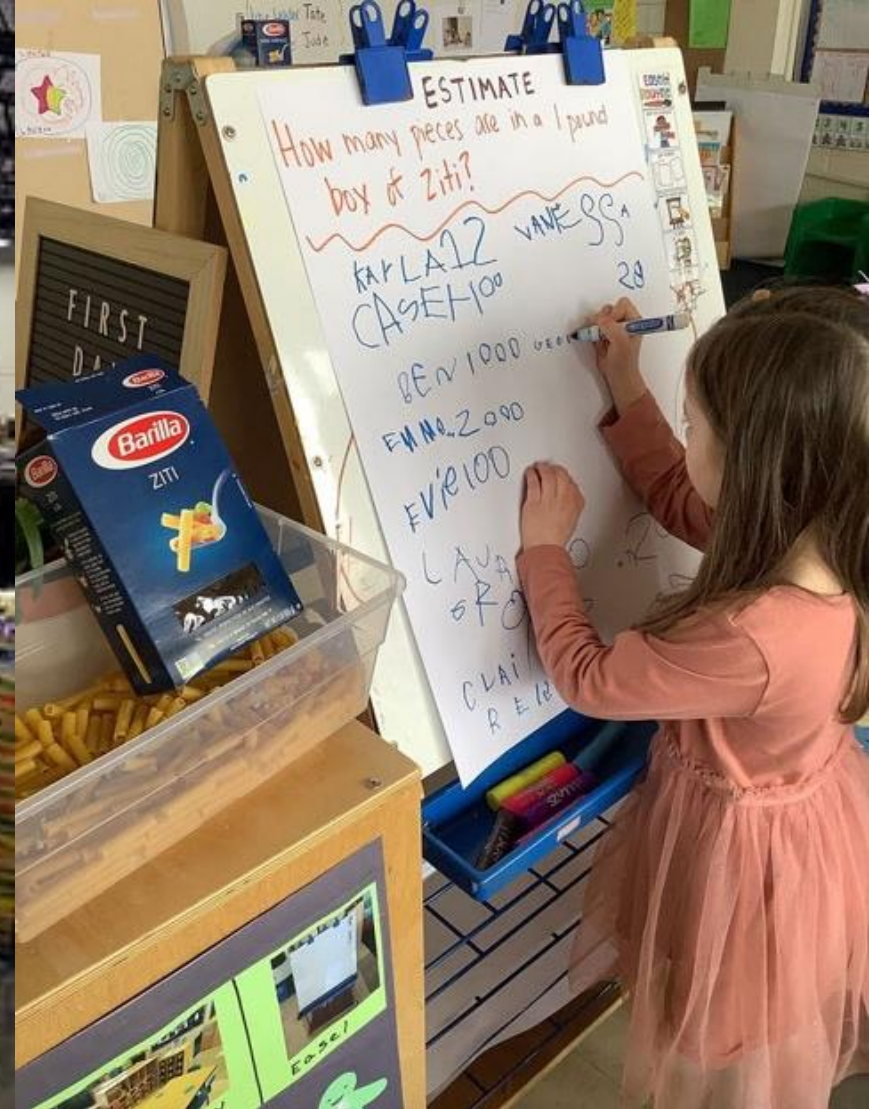








November Club Meeting



Donations so far to Food Bank

Keeping Accurate Records



Enjoying the Treasurer's Report



Not enjoying the Treasurers Report



Our Most Attended Meeting of the Year





Why it was the most attended





2024 Cornhole Champions

UPCOMING TRIPS, EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB
MEMBERS ONLY
DOOLAN'S/SHORE CLUB – SPRING LAKE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2024

**THE BELL TONES
ALL NEW RADIO CITY TRIBUTE**

Great dancing legs and fabulous voices performing the holiday music of your favorite times. Music by Mike and the All Star Players. Plus you will also enjoy a hilarious comedian. Come out for a wonderful holiday celebration!!

JITNEYS LEAVE CANAL WALK AT 10AM – RETURN APPROX. 5PM

\$76 PER PERSON INCLUDES 1 HOUR OPEN BAR

PLUS, CHOICE OF 1 OF THE FOLLOWING:

Sirloin of Beef / Chicken Marsala / Herbal Salmon

PLEASE choose your entrée on sign-up slip below

INCLUDES: FRESH GARDEN SALAD, CATERERS' CHOICE OF SOUP, POTATO & VEGETABLE, DESSERT & COFFEE, WINE & SODA DURING LUNCH

QUESTIONS: CONTACT COLLEEN KOLIBAS @732-259-8042

SIGN WAIVER ON BACK

Name _____ #Attending _____

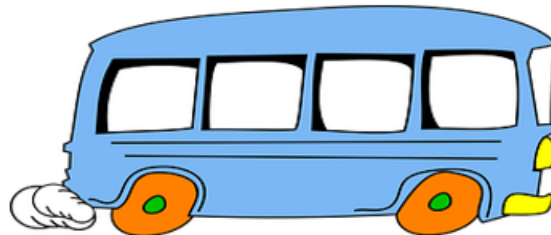
Cell Phone # _____ Check # _____ Amt\$ _____

ENTREE CHOICE: CIRCLE PER PERSON: BEEF CHICKEN SALMON

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CWHOAAF PUT IN MAILBOX #16
DOOLAN'S HOLIDAY SHOW-12/5/24**



MEMBERS ONLY



ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB

JITNEY TRIP TO PEDDLER'S VILLAGE

MEMBERS ONLY - \$7



Monday, December 9th



BUS LEAVES CLUBHOUSE AT 3:30PM

SEE THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS & DECORATIONS

Enjoy dinner on your own

FOR QUESTIONS: CONTACT COLLEEN KOLIBAS @732-259-8042

SIGN WAIVER ON BACK

NAME _____ # ATTENDING _____

PHONE # _____ AMOUNT _____ CHECK # _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CWHOOAF & WRITE IN MEMO AREA: Peddlers

TIME STAMP BOTTOM OF FLYER & BACK OF CHECK - PLACE IN MAILBOX 16



MEMBERS ONLY



Italian American Club Christmas Dinner Dance



MEMBERS ONLY

Saturday, Dec. 14, 2024 6:00 P.M. CW Ballroom

\$52 Per Person Music By DJ Gary Morton

DINNER INCLUDES:

BAKED ZITI, CHICKEN MARSALA, CHICKEN CACCIATORE,
EGGPLANT PARM, SAUSAGE & POTATOES, MEAT BALLS,
PENNE WITH BROCCOLI, SUNDRIED TOMATOES &
MUSHROOMS, STRING BEANS WITH GARLIC & OIL, ITALIAN
GREEN SALAD, ITALIAN BREAD

Dessert & Coffee

BYOB

CONTACT: DEBBIE STONE (908) 380-0884

Name _____ Amt. _____

Phone # _____ # Attending _____

List seating below & place in MAILBOX 16 by November 30th.

Make checks payable to: CWHOAAF

Limited to MAXIMUM OF 10 Persons Per Table

MEMBERS ONLY



Upcoming Events Recap 2024

Dec 5th – Doolan's Shore Club Christmas Show

Dec 9th – Peddlers Village Jitney Trip

Dec 14th – IACC Christmas Party & Dance

ITALIAN TID BITS BY SAL



Salad

Growing up in an Italian American environment, my mother always put a huge salad bowl on our table with every evening meal. We always ate our salad last, as we were told it helped our digestive system.

Typically, it included Chicory, Arugula, iceberg lettuce, escarole, celery, cucumbers, radishes, onions, tomatoes and olives. The dressing was always the same, olive oil and vinegar, nothing else.

When I went to high school I discovered how “other” people ate their salad and how they used dressings. I watched in shock and horror as my non-Italian friends poured orange colored French dressing on their salads which they never finished. That goes for Ranch, Thousand Island and Russian dressings. I also refused to use the so-called Italian Vinaigrette. Why would anyone do this to vinegar - changing it into this bizarre sugary mystery?

At an early age I was taught the “laws of saladry”- that being, how to make, serve and eat ‘insalada Italiana.’ Every salad item should be rinsed in cold water beforehand, especially “cicoria and dandelions.

Never cut a head of lettuce with a knife. That will leave a brownish tinge on the green leaves, especially the lighter colored ones. Instead of using a knife, the leaves should be broken by hand.

Never leave a salad with its dressing in the refrigerator, it will wilt quickly and become “mushada” as we call it.

And finally, if served outside at a barbecue it should be kept in a cool shady place.



MANGIA...!

Luigi Del Bianco (May 8, 1892 – January 20, 1969) was an Italian-American sculptor, and chief carver of Mount Rushmore.^[1]

Bianco was born on a ship near Le Havre, France, on May 8, 1892, to Vincenzo and Osvalda Del Bianco, who were returning from the United States to Italy.^[1] He showed interest in carving at a young age, and spent time in Austria and Venice studying the art.^[2]

When Bianco was 18 years old, he left for America, arriving in Barre, Vermont.^[2]

When World War I broke out, Bianco returned to Italy and fought for his home country, eventually returning to Vermont in 1920. Bianco's brother-in-law introduced him to Mount Rushmore designer Gutzon Borglum, and Bianco began working at Borglum's studio.^[2]

In 1933, Borglum hired Bianco as chief stone carver on the Mount Rushmore National Memorial. Paid \$1.50 an hour, Bianco was charged with carving the details in the faces. He carved Abraham Lincoln's eyes, and patched many dangerous cracks in stone.

Borglum constantly praised Bianco for his great abilities as a classically trained stone carver: "He is worth any three men in America for this particular type of work." "He is the only intelligent, efficient stone carver on the work who understands the language of the sculptor, we could double our progress if we had two like Bianco."

Before Mount Rushmore Bianco worked on Stone Mountain and *Wars of America* memorial with Borglum.^[3]

On September 16, 2017, the National Park Service unveiled a memorial plaque at Mount Rushmore. The plaque acknowledged Luigi Del Bianco's crucial role as the only chief carver on the work.

Mt. Rushmore, Black Hills, SD





Stone Mountain, GA

Wars of America Memorial - Newark, NJ



The first Christmas tree at Rockefeller Center was erected in 1931, during the Depression-era construction of Rockefeller Center, when Italian-American workers on Christmas Eve. decorated a smaller 20 foot (6.1 m) balsam fir with "strings of cranberries, garlands of paper, and even a few tin cans."

With the lighting of the 50-foot-tall (15 m) first official tree two years later, the tree became what Rockefeller Center dubbed "a holiday beacon for New Yorkers and visitors alike". The skating rink was opened below the tree in the plaza in 1936.^[2]

Since then, the Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree has been a yearly tradition.^[14] Workers pooled their money for that unlit tree, with the garlands made by workers' families.

According to Rockefeller Center's website, the tree was "from the beginning ... a gathering place and reflection of what was happening in the world around it".^[8]

World War II ushered in simple, patriotic decorations, including red, white and blue unlit globes and painted wooden stars.

In 1942, instead of one large tree, three more modest trees were raised, each decorated in one of the flag's colors.

From 1944 until the war's end in 1945, the tree went unlit due to blackout regulations.



The first tree at Rockefeller Center, erected by construction workers in 1931 shortly after the site was cleared. Above, the workers line up for pay beside the tree, adorned with garlands made by workers' families.

What it looks like today....



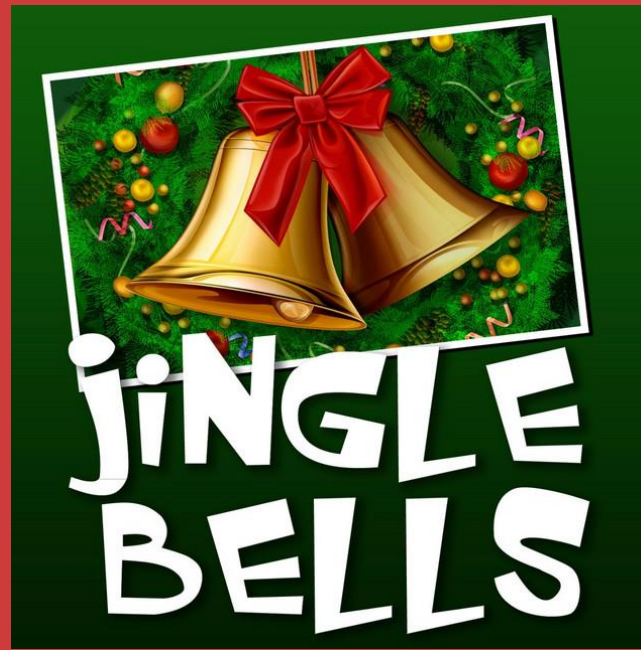
The 2024 Christmas Tree is planned to be a 74 ft Norway Spruce from West Stockbridge, MA.

Sebastian Maniscalco – When your doorbell rings





Dashing through the snow
In a one-horse open sleigh
O'er the fields we go
Laughing all the way
Bells on Bobtails ring
Making spirits bright
What fun it is to ride and sing
A sleighing song tonight



A day or two ago
I thought I'd take a ride
And soon, Miss Fanny Bright
Was seated by my side
The horse was lean and lank
Misfortune seemed his lot
He got into a drifted bank
And then we got upstot

[Chorus]
Oh! Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh, hey
Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh



Hey, jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh, hey
Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh



Buona notte...
See you at the next meeting
on January 6, 2025



*Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year..!*



Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo...!

Enjoy dessert and coffee

LADIES AND MENS PUTTING CONTEST

EACH PLAYER PUTTS 3 BALLS

HOLE IN 1 COUNTS AS 1 POINT

TALLY POINTS FOR EACH PLAYER – HIGHEST SCORE WINS

1ST AND 2ND PLACE PRIZES EACH FOR BOTH LADIES AND MEN

PRIZE IS BOTTLE OF ITALIAN RED WINE (Rated 92 Pts)