



**Soul Grind aired its Christmas special live on Facebook Monday, December 14.** Photo by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

## *Soul Grind presents virtual holiday special*

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Picture this: a group of guys—four musicians—sitting around the fireplace, sharing stories and drinks and singing songs. Film it and post it on social media.

It's no Bing Crosby's *White Christmas*, but it'll sure bring a smile to your face.

Soul Grind, the Lancaster-based band of Justin Burke, Rob Pittman, Ricky Carrillo and Kyle Lorenzino, teamed up with Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club for a Christmas special set in the club's Skipjack restaurant.

The group filmed the hour-and-a-half show Monday, December 14, and streamed it live on the ICYCC Facebook page. It is viewable on both the ICYCC page and Soul Grind's Facebook page.

Santa drops by and adds a few band members to the naughty list. There's some holiday-inspired cocktails by ICYCC restaurant manager Shawn Valdrighi and traditional Christmas carols sung and performed by pianist and ICYCC member Ken Sparks.

As the show starts, Pittman wanders in, takes a seat fireside and delivers an adult-friendly monologue, complete with a few off-color jokes. The rest of the band members join him to perform Christmas songs and Soul Grind originals.

They head over to the bar, where Valdrighi mixes up a sugar cookie martini and a winter bourbon smash, before turning the show over to Sparks. Soul Grind joins him around the piano for one last song and the camera pans to the fireplace, where general manager Brian Darlak, in his smoking jacket with pipe in hand, makes a cameo appearance to read his version of "The Night Before Christmas."

"Since we weren't able to play live, we wanted to do something in town for the community and our fans and just bring some holiday cheer," said Pittman.



**Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club general manager Brian Darlak reads his version of "The Night Before Christmas" with a few ad-lib facts.** Photo by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi



**Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club restaurant manager Shawn Valdrighi mixes holiday cocktails for Soul Grind.** Photo by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi



**From left, Soul Grind band members Justin Burke, Ricky Carrillo, Kyle Lorenzino and Rob Pittman join pianist Ken Sparks to sing "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."** Photo by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi