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Dear Cape Cod Ski Club Members,

I am John Terwilliger, better known as Johnny Bumps, the new president of the Cape Cod Ski Club. I want to welcome new members and old to our 2022–23 Cape Cod Ski Club season and invite you to our Holiday Party, 7pm on Monday, December 19, at the Double Tree by Hilton, 287 Iyannough Rd, Hyannis, in the upstairs function room and bar. It's always a popular event and a pretty good party! You can catch up with old friends and new, buy a raffle ticket or two, and the club officers and trip leaders will let you know what to expect in the coming ski season.

Receive a free raffle ticket by donating a gently used warm coat. For your \$5 entrance fee, there will be pizza, cash bar, dancing with a disc jockey, and a special visit from Santa! Please bring a \$20 wrapped gift if you'd like to participate in the gift swap. This is always a well-attended event full of Holiday cheer and friendship!

Season Notes: As you may know, there have been significant changes in the ski industry over the last few years due to the introduction of multi-resort passes. It is hard to overestimate how much change the Ikon and Epic passes have brought to our sport. For instance, the ski ticket vendor that sold us discounted ski passes in New England can no longer supply us with tickets. We are now contacting individual resorts to try to procure group rate lift tickets, but so far only Loon Mountain has stepped up with an offer of a \$50 lift ticket. The ski industry wants you to buy a multi-resort pass and budget-friendly group ticket prices are becoming a thing of the past. The resorts, it seems, are leaving ticketing to the large ski pass companies.

In addition, the cost of bus transportation is almost double that of last year. All of our trips will be affected and high transportation costs will impact our Wednesday day trips hard. We are researching bus only trips and Loon you-drive trips. Now more than ever, day trips will have to have enough skiers to cover the cost of a trip. The travel committee is determined to get CCSC members skiing on winter Wednesdays despite the difficulties the ski industry and inflation have put in our way. Stay tuned, we will let you know what the day trip plans are as soon as we can.

On a positive note, members registered for Fly Trips in droves and it looks like the more than forty people on waitlists will go on their chosen trip. The Overnight Trips are selling briskly and will begin running soon with the Loon Overnight on the January 3 at the Indian Head Resort.

We hope to see you at 7pm, Monday, December 19 at the Double Tree in Hyannis.

Remember, it's never too early to pray for snow!

Johnny Bumps