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IRON HILL WEST CHESTER TO HOST ANNUAL TWILIGHT CRITERIUM BICYCLE RACE

WEST CHESTER, PA – On Saturday, July 7 beginning at 5 p.m., <u>Iron Hill Brewery & Restaurant</u> (3 West Gay Street, 610-738-9600) will host their annual <u>Twilight Criterium</u>, a bicycle race through the streets of West Chester that draws professional racers and amateur enthusiasts alike for two days of cycling and craft beer. A fun, friendly children's race (5 p.m.) is followed by the Amateur Men's Criterium (6 p.m.), the Elite Women's Criterium (6:45 p.m.) and the Pro Men's Criterium (7:45 p.m.); on Sunday, riders of all levels are encouraged to enjoy recreational bike tours through the countryside.

"Since founding the Twilight Crit in 2005, we've been proud to serve as title sponsor every year and show thousands of guests why we love being right here in West Chester," says Iron Hill founder and avid bicyclist **Kevin Finn**. "Visitors know they can make Iron Hill their home base throughout the race, enjoying the action on live closed-circuit television, and of course, enjoying great food and house-brewed beers."

In addition to their a la carte menu, the restaurant hosts a curbside "beer garden" where spectators can cheer on the competitors as they race by at speeds of up to 35 m.p.h while they loop the streets of West Chester to complete the 32 mile race. Draught beers, brewed on-site and available icy cold throughout the race, include such guest favorites as **Iron Hill Raspberry Wheat**, a refreshing choice for a sultry July evening, and **Vienna Red Lager**, crisp and bright and perfect for enjoying with a snack from Iron Hill's kitchen such as **Fish Soft Tacos** with commeal-fried catfish, golden pineapple chutney, red cabbage-jalapeno slaw and cilantro aioli or **Asian Lettuce Wraps** with teriyaki chicken, sesame noodles, bean sprouts, cucumbers, carrots, and sesame-soy sauce. During breaks in the on-course action, guests can observe the brewery through large plate-glass windows or indulge in a **Pesto Chicken and Artichoke Pizza** with caramelized onions, mild garlic-chile oil, pecorino romano and mozzarella or **Blue Cheese Burger** with truffled mushroom duxelle and gorgonzola. Guests who want to keep the party going after the Crit can pick up one of Iron Hill's bottled reserve beers, such as

Cannibal, a Belgian strong ale named for Eddy Merckx, known in the cycling world as "the Cannibal."

At Iron Hill West Chester on Sundays, they serve a \$21.95 "Prime Time" Dinner from 1 p.m. until 9 p.m., with a choice of prime rib or seared salmon, plus a garden salad or cup of soup and a pint of house beer or a glass of house wine. Happy Hour is held Monday to Friday from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m., with specials including \$3 house beers and \$4 seasonal beers, seasonal drinks and house wine, served

throughout the bar and cocktail areas. Iron Hill also offers a daily take-out special of two pizzas and a growler of house beer to go for just \$25.

Founded by home brewers **Mark Edelson** and **Kevin Finn** and restaurateur **Davies** in Newark, DE in 1996, Iron Hill Brewery & Restaurant is the region's fastest-growing restaurant group, blossoming from one restaurant and brewery to nine locations across the mid-Atlantic. Each is dedicated to producing and serving top-quality hand-crafted beers and cuisine in a warm and hospitable setting, and all are open seven days a week for lunch and dinner. Their acclaimed beers have accumulated a wealth of awards from the nation's top beer festivals, and their restaurants have earned more than 100 "Best of" nods from local and national publications.

For more information about Iron Hill Brewery & Restaurant, or to make a reservation at any of their locations, please visit www.ironhillbrewery.com, follow them on Twitter @ironhillbrewery and like them on Facebook (Iron Hill Brewery and Restaurant).

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