

Classic Irish Coffee Gets New Twists

(NAPSA)—On long, cold days, few things can thaw a chilled disposition and frost-bitten bones quite like a classic Irish Coffee. If your tastes run to the more contemporary, however, new variations on this old favorite might be more your preference.

On St. Patrick's Day or any other, a good cup of Irish Coffee can warm you to the tips of your toes. So says Dave Quinn, master distiller at Bushmills Distillery in County Antrim, Northern Ireland, where he presides over the making of Bushmills Irish Whiskey. His recipe: Pour two ounces of whiskey into a stemmed cup or glass, traditionally the vessel of choice. Spoon in two teaspoons sugar, preferably brown, which lends subtler sweetness than white and imparts a terrific aftertaste, then freshly-brewed strong, black coffee to within an inch of the brim; stir thoroughly to dissolve sugar. Gently add heavy cream to taste, pouring over the back of a spoon so it floats on top.

A Hot Kiss Goodnight might be a particularly fine treat for someone special, but why save it for sipping with just one person? By adding Crème de Menthe and a Hershey's Kiss to the traditional Irish Coffee, this delicious, new coffee drink just might help to stoke the fire.

Whiskey-a-Cocoa will particularly appeal to the chocolate lover. Substitute hot chocolate for the



coffee and add chocolate shavings to the whipped cream.

Considered truly heavenly is the Saint & Cinn'r—which incorporates the kick of cinnamon to create a sinfully sweet libation. This spirited treasure is created by mixing Bushmills, hot chocolate, whipped cream and lots of cinnamon. Keep this one away from any open flames!

If you're feeling a bit nutty, try a Hot Irish Monk, a medley of Bushmills, hot chocolate, and Frangelico, a classic hazelnut liqueur. Top it off with whipped cream and chopped nuts, and you have a drink that might end up being the life of the party.

With Irish Coffee at its helm, the new family of hot drinks is likely to gratify every hot coffee drinker.