

'Half-Wit Half' Marathon

13.1 Mile Trail Run, Reading, PA

Sunday, August 13, 2017 * 9:00 AM * No Field Size Limit!

Because A Mind is a Terrible Thing.....

There are numerous places where the "well connected" morons in our society tend to congregate. They populate just about every single federal, state and locally elected office in the U.S, along with a lot of the appointed ones as well. Others attend their Kardashian Family Reunion where they revel in the fact that, despite having an accumulated combined SAT score of 433 (counting all 39 of them), they are making more money in a day than most of us will see in a lifetime. . Still others hand out the envelope for the Best Picture Award at the Oscars. But where does the "lesser know" underachiever "get together" with his or her peers. Is it in the mob outside of Wal-Mart at 2 AM on Black Friday to compete for one of 5 TV's at 45% off? Or is it in the line outside of the local sneaker store 7 hours before the release of a \$225 pair of sneakers with the words "Air" or "Jordan" in its name (or both) that they will never even "wear", just "display"? Is it in the lottery line where they buy tickets with worse odds of winning than them getting eaten by an Orca? While visiting Nebraska!!? We're not sure where ALL of them congregate but we DO know where the ones that can tie their shoelaces or KNOW someone that will tie them for them, get together with others of their ilk; the "Half Wit Half". For one day a year, this 13.1M trail adventure/torture-test becomes the focal point of all those that ran the projector during assembly, all that bought those Pet Rocks and Furbys years ago and all that continue to keep shows like "Dance Moms", "Toddlers & Tiaras" and "Swamp People" on TV. The Half Wit is perhaps Pretzel City's tuffest race; with bad footing, hot weather, uncaring volunteers and more challenges to conquer than getting approved as a Donald Trump nominee. The 'buffs' love it cause it's a great workout, the mid-packers love it because finishing it is a great accomplishment and the back of the pack-ers love it because they are not all that bright. It has rocks and roots, single, double and triple track trails, uphill that are bad and downhill that are worse, fallen limbs from both trees & those ahead of you, unique aide stations and even urban decay such as the legendary "120 Steps from Hell". And it is followed by a festive post race party at the Liederkrantz German Singing & Sports Club with a cash bar; a semi-live band, a German Biergarten atmosphere, hot & cold food and even a shaded pavilion for your peeps. It takes a person with a serious cranial deficit to enter the Half Wit and although you may feel that you don't qualify; I suspect that a poll of your friends & coworkers will prove otherwise. Come join us for a course that can only be loved by someone that is even slower with their thought process than they are with their feet. **LEGAL HORSE-HOOEY: You alone are responsible for your health & welfare at all times while racing!** Just like moonshine is not the first alcohol you should ever try, this is not the best place for your first trail run. Also, be aware that you are somewhat on your own. Get dinged? Get your butt to one of our aide stations. Get lost? Well, the chance of us looking for you are slimmer than the chance of Kanye West being voted the Nobel Peace Prize. Since this is a tuffy, we discourage runners under 18 from doing it. We also reject people that think that a good hotdog can be made from tofu and those who think that most music on NPR is listenable. However, if you ever watched "Celebrity Bowling" or ever bought a bumper sticker promoting your right to bear arms or ever drank from a beer keg or funnel while hanging upside down, we welcome you like a long, lost relative.

AWARDS:

1st and 2nd M & F overall + 1st M & F Masters (no repeats) +

0-29: 5M/5F 30-39: 5M/5F 40-49: 5M/5F 50-59: 5M/5F 60-67: 4M, 3F 68+: 2M, 1F

Open Clydes (39 & und): 2M, 2F Master Clydes (40+): 2M, 2F Top Clyde Regardless of Age: 1M, 1F

Clydesdale Qualifying Weight: Men: your weight (in lbs.) divided by your height (in inches) must be at least 2.75 lbs./inch. Women: same formula but your "min" is 2.20 lbs./inch. This method stops the "buff but big's" from taking these awards from the more challenged "fluffies". May have scale on site to both confirm eligibility & embarrass

REGISTRATION/ENTRY: Reading Liederkrantz, 140 Spook Lane (off of Hill Rd), Reading, PA Reg. opens at 7:45 a.m., race starts at 9. Fee: \$34 w/shirt in a M or F cut if postmarked by Wed, 7/26/17. Afterwards, \$39 while shirts last (inc. raceday), \$32 when gone. WARNING: FEW EXTRA TECH SHIRTS printed than the # ordered by prereg entries so if you don't enter beforehand (even if after the cutoff), the only way you'll prove to your friends that you're a "Half Wit" is by telling them how many days you lined up in advance to see the first showing of the last Star Wars movie. After 7/26, you may receive

a cotton shirt instead of a tech & the option of getting a Female cut may be gone. We race in heat, rain, humidity & alien invasion No refunds, mailed shirts/awards; no running with pets . We reserve the right to delay the race start a shade if the weather is mega-foul. For your fee, you get a "collector's item" tech shirt reflecting the limited smarts of those entered, finisher awards to all, (alternate type mailed to others if we have more finishers than estimated), horse's butt trophies, lots of munchies, well marked course, 5-6 water stops (some with snacks & alternate beverages), immediate results on pretzelcitysports.com in 1-2 days, ambulance present, on-course surprises! **WALKERS, PLEASE NOTE!!! IF YOU CANNOT RUN AT LEAST HALF THE COURSE, DO NOT ENTER!!!**

NOTE!! YOU MUST REACH 9M IN UNDER 2 HRS, 30 MIN. If it takes you any longer, it's dangerous for you to go on (ask the girl who was last in 1999). So that you're not tempted to "finish or die trying" after that time, we remove the last section's course markings at that point which will SURELY make it more difficult to find the finish. We also reserve the right, in mega-hot weather, to institute other midrace time cutoffs to protect the health of those in "over their head".

DIRECTIONS TO RACE @ 140 SPOOK LANE, READING, PA: FROM PHILLY: IMPORTANT: DO NOT USE MAPQUEST DIRECTIONS FROM PHILLY! Instead, take Rt. 422 West from King of Prussia. Just before Reading, at the new **TARGET/LOWES/GIANT** on your right, bear right onto Bus. Rt. 422, marked "Mt. Penn"; **DON'T** follow sign to Reading ** Go 3 miles until road splits at CVS. 300 yds later, **JUST PAST** restaurant on right, take right onto Glen Rd (sign missing, look for "Stokesay Castle" sign visible at last moment). At end of Glen, turn right & then take your next right just 50 yards ahead. Or follow the signs to Stokesay, Liederkrantz is right next to it.

YORK/LANCASTER: Rt. 222 N to Reading. Follow new bypass to Rt. 422 East. Exit at Mt Penn. Take a left, go 3 lights to Bus. Rt. 422. Take a left, follow the Philly directions above after the asterisks **.

ALLENTOWN: Rt. 222 S onto new Reading bypass, merge onto Rt. 422 East (Reading/Pottstown). Go around Reading and exit at Mt Penn. Go left, go 3 lights to Bus. 422W. Take left, follow Philly directions after asterisks **.

LEBANON: Take Rt. 422 East. Just past Berkshire mall, bear right onto Rt. 422E. Continue on bypass past Reading to Mt Penn exit. Take left, go 3 lights to Bus. 422W. Go left, follow Philly directions above after asterisks **.

COAL REGION: Take Rt 61 South onto Rt 222 Bypass, follow same directions above listed "Allentown"

BALTIMORE: Rt 83 North to Rt 30 East at York to Rt 222N at Lancaster. Follow Lancaster directions above.

OPTIONAL ON-LINE SIGNUP W/CREDIT CARD AVAILABLE ON WWW.PRETZELCITYSPORTS.COM
(nominal processing fee applies, closes at midnight the Wed of race week)
Insurance Provided by Road Runner Clubs of America (R.R.C.A.)

Check Payable to & Mailed to (with waiver): PRETZEL CITY SPORTS, 112 W. 36TH ST., READING, PA 19606
Head Half Wit: Ron Horn, rhornpcs@aol.com , 610-779-2668, www.pretzelcitysports.com

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Sex: M F

Race Day Age _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____ (must be 18 or more) Clydesdale?? ____ Yes ____ No

Shirt Cut ____ M ____ F Size Tech Shirt: XS S M L XL 2X

Email _____ Already get Run Update eNewsletters? ____ Yes ____ No

Phone:(____) _____ AM? ____ PM? ____ BOTH? ____

WAIVER: I know that running a trail race is a potentially hazardous activity. I should not enter and run unless I am medically able and properly trained. I also know that there will be traffic, hazards, debris and poor footing on the course and assume the risk for running on it. I also assume any or all other risks associated with running or attending the race including but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, the affects of the weather, getting lost, wildlife and insect attacks and all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Knowing these facts, and in consideration of your accepting my entry fee, I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators or anyone else who might claim on my behalf, covenant not to sue, and waive, release and discharge Pretzel City Sports, all municipalities in which the event is held, the race director, course officials, all other organizations directly or indirectly associated with the race, any and all sponsors including their agents, employees, assigns or anyone acting for on their behalf, or anyone else associated in any way with the race, from any or all claims or liability for death, personal injury or property damage of any kind of nature what so ever arising out of, or in the course of, my participation in this event(s). This waiver extends to all claims of every kind or nature what so ever, foreseen or unforeseen, known or unknown. By entering this race, I am granting permission to Pretzel City Sports to use any pictures or likenesses of me secured at the event in any way they see fit without review, restriction or compensation. BY SIGNING THIS, I

ATTEST THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS WAIVER:

Signature _____ Date _____, 20____

HALF WIT! DO NOT USE CRAYON TO FILL THIS OUT! ** HWH APP MAY BE COPIED ** SIGN WAIVER ABOVE