

'Half-Wit Half' Marathon

13.1 Mile Trail Run, Reading, PA

Sunday, August 12, 2018 * 9:00 AM * No Field Size Limit!

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

Around the world, there are people infatuated with the ice sport of Curling. They go all over the planet competing with others infatuated with Curling. They know the names of the Olympic Curling Champions & they can quote the weekly rankings of the various international teams at a moment's notice. And at night, they often curl up with a good book about Curling. Elsewhere, others watch countless hours each week of "cats falling off things" on YouTube. They start Facebook pages to let others know about new videos, know some of the cats by name, sometimes email a cat's owner to make sure that they were not injured during their fall & even spend time thinking about other things that cats can fall off of & not get hurt. Still others meet weekly or monthly, as they have since 1975, to dress in corsets/dark red lipstick & bras, raise umbrellas indoor, dance the TimeWarp & throw toilet paper at the screen as they watch "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" for the 984th time. And the next day, they go to their normal jobs as teachers, programmers, senior sales associates or priests. Yet, once a year, many of these folks (& others like them) come together for their most twisted passion of all, in the "twisted" town of Reading, PA, aka Pretzel City. There, they race with others of limited cranial power, ambition & tainted DNA in the legendary "Half Wit Half" Marathon. That day, this 13.1M trail adventure/torture-test becomes the focal point of all those that ran the projector during assembly, those that compete in Fantasy NASCAR leagues and those inevitably "to the left" of a person wearing an "I'm With Stupid" T-shirt. The Half Wit is perhaps Pretzel City's tuffest race; with bad footing, hot weather, smartass volunteers & more challenge to it than an adult opening up a childproof container. The 'animals' love it cause it's a great workout, the mid-packers love it because finishing it is a great feat & the back of the pack-ers love it because they are not all that bright. It has rocks and roots, single/double/triple track trails, uphill that are bad & downhill that are worse, fallen limbs from both trees & those ahead of you, unique aide stations & 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 an outdoor cash bar/German biergarten atmosphere, hot & cold food, a shaded pavilion for all, a playground for the RugRats and even Pretzel City Sport's official shower. You do not have to be dumb as a rock to enter this race. But it helps! 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. A day filled with hills, hurdles, hilarity & hurling. **LEGAL HORSE-HOOEY: You alone are responsible for your health & welfare at all times while racing!!** This is NOT an entry level race! It's doable by one that takes their time & trains just a little bit. But if you never ran over 2 miles at a time before, go Putt-Putt golfing that day instead. 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 an ex-boyfriend of Taylor Swift (one-time Reading resident) not being the inspiration for one of her "screw you" songs. Since this is tuff, we discourage runners under 18 from entering without advanced approval. Others discouraged from entering are National Merit Scholarship Finalists, people who enjoy performance art & anyone who thinks that NPR plays music that most people actually like. But if you own a box set of Ice Road Truckers Season 1 or if you think that the athletic talents of WWE Divas are highly underrated or if you can't understand why Burt Reynolds never got an Oscar for all those Smokey & the Bandit movies, we welcome you like a long, lost relative that stops by and doesn't ask for money.

AWARDS:

1st and 2nd M & F overall + 1st M & F Masters (40 yrs old +.) and:

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

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

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

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".

OPTIONAL ON-LINE SIGNUP W/CREDIT CARD AVAILABLE ON WWW.PRETZELCITYSPORTS.COM

(nominal processing fee applies, closes at midnight the Wed of race week)

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, 7/25/18. Afterwards, \$39 while shirts last (inc. raceday), \$33 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 hours you stood in line to ride the TeaCups in Disney World. After 7/25, 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 & North Korean threats. 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, horse's butt awards, lots of munchies, well marked course, 5-6 water stops (some with snacks & alternate beverages), results on pretzelcitysports.com on the next business day, ambulance present, on-course surprises! **WALKERS, PLEASE NOTE!!! IF YOU CANNOT RUN AT LEAST HALF THE COURSE, DO NOT ENTER!!! We have a cutoff time at 9 miles and you WILL not make it!**

DIRECTIONS TO RACE: GPS'ers & Tom-Tom'ers; use 140 SPOOK LANE, READING, PA. Next to Stokesay Castle.

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.

DELAWARE /VIRGINIA/WEST VIRGINIA/NC/ETC: go north, bear Northeast when appropriate

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:(____) _____ Best Time to Call (circle one): Day Night Either

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____

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