

# 'Half-Wit Half' Marathon

## 13.1 Mile Trail Run, Reading, PA

Sunday, August 11, 2019 \* 9:00 AM \* No Field Size Limit!

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

One of the most irritating "techie innovations" in recent years is the "Bluetooth Cellular Ear Attachment". You'll be walking thru a WAWA, mall or grocery store, and a stranger will walk right up to you and appear to be talking to either you or to their self. And you end up doing one of two things; either looking for an immediate "safe room" to avoid a possible lethal encounter with this obviously deranged "nutjob" or, like a moron, you'll start talking back to them while trying to figure out just who in the heck that person is. But as they breeze by, ignoring your mutterings and never making eye contact, you get close enough to see the dreaded "ear attachment" and realize they are on the phone to their Aunt Ida in Piscataway or their insurance agent or a non-cooperative federal or state civil servant. And YOU feel like a schmuck because you actually thought that someone gave a damn about you or were at least being friendly. The people that do the Half Wit Half do NOT add to this social dilemma. When you see them pass by appearing to be talking to themselves, they really ARE talking to themselves. Once a year, many of these folks (& others like them) come together to a place where they are suddenly "average" or for the first time in their lives, "above average"; they come to the legendary "Half Wit Half" Trail Half Marathon. You do NOT have to be a person of limited gray matter to do the Half Wit Half. But it helps! The Half Wit is a "tuffie", with bad footing, hot weather, smartass volunteers & more challenge to it than trying to get a "live" person during a customer service department phone call. The gonzo "type A's" love it because they can get a "Spartan Race-like workout" without paying the obscene entry fee and tying up their entire day. The mid-packers love it because finishing it is a great feat. And 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, uphills that are bad & downhills 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, a German biergarten atmosphere, hot & cold food, a shaded pavilion for all, a playground for the RugRats and even Pretzel City Sport's official shower. 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 CRAP: You alone are responsible for your health & welfare at all times while racing!!** This is doable by one that takes their time & trains just a little bit. But if you never ran over 2 miles at a time, go sunbathing 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? Won't happen unless you're even dumber than this event. As a "tuff" race, runners under 18 yrs old are not permitted without advanced approval. Others discouraged from entering are people that frequent book stores, those that pay off their mortgage early & those who watch foreign movies with subtitles-you may be too bright for this event. But if it took you 9 fulltime years to get thru Community College, if you've never gotten an answer right while watching Jeopardy or if your family tree is "nothing but knotholes", we welcome you like a new movie from Adam Sandler, Jim Carrey or Madea.

**AWARDS:**

1<sup>st</sup> and 2nd M & F overall + 1st M & F Masters (40 yrs old +) and:

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

Top Clyde & Clydette Regardless of Size: 1M, 1F Mini-Clyde: 2M, 2F Super-Clyde: 2M, 2F

**Min Clydesdale Weights:** For Mini-Clydes: Men: 200-234 Female: 160-189 For Super Clydes: Men: 235+ Female: 190+  
May have scale on site to both confirm eligibility & embarrass

**NOTE!! YOU MUST REACH 8.8M WATER STOP IN UNDER 2 HRS, 40 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 Tues, 7/23/19 Afterwards, \$39 while shirts last (inc. raceday), \$33 when gone. WARNING: FEW EXTRA TECH SHIRTS printed than the number 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 for the newest iPhone. After 7/23, 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 & any Kardashian inner-family disputes. 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](http://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 8.8 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//BALTIMORE/VIRGINIA:** Take Rt. 222N from Lancaster to Reading. Just past our Mall, take 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, One past Penn State Berks, stay left 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"

Insurance Provided by Road Runner Clubs of America (R.R.C.A.)

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**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](mailto:rhornpcs@aol.com) , 610-779-2668, [www.pretzelcitysports.com](http://www.pretzelcitysports.com)**

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Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: M F

Race Day Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Shirt Cut \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ F Tech Shirt Size: S M L XL 2X  
(very late entries may get cotton shirt)

Mini-Clydesdale?? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No Super Clydesdale?? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No (see qualifying weights for both later in form)

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\_\_\_\_

HALF WIT! PLEASE, NO ENTRIES IN CRAYON! \*\* APP MAY BE COPIED \*\* SIGN WAIVER