

Pretzel City Sports, Reading, PA presents the 5th annual

“Dumb Dutchman” Half Marathon

& “Half A Half” (6.55M) Races

9 A.M start for both races ** Sun, May 31, 2020

Trooper Thorn's Irish Beef House, Rt. 10, Reading, PA

***Region's flattest, fastest & most affordable 13.1M Race
plus the Region's ONLY “Half a Half” race !***

They're in fields all over PA all summer; the Pennsylvania Dutch working in the blazing heat while wearing long pants & long sleeve shirts. Often, they farm or build structures without using motorized or electric devices, using only horse drawn plows or hand tools. Some call these Dutchmen “industrious, hardy, hardworking, etc.” Others think that they're just plain “dumb!” We in Berks Co. are proud to be “Dumb Dutchmen” and we think that it's right to name our race after us (and them) since the only other folks that go out & work that hard in the heat are runners! Come join us for the ONLY Summer half that we know of, or PR in the more sensible 6.55M race, a distance so rarely run that you PR just by finishing. Then, enjoy the day on the deck of Berks Co.'s BEST Irish pub & eatery, with your first cold one on US!!

LOCATION & WHAT YOU GET: Trooper Thorn's Irish Beef House, 451 Morgantown Rd. (Rt 10), Reading, (1/2 mile south of Lancaster Ave exit of the Rt. 422 Reading Bypass). Reg. opens at 8 AM; both races start together at 9. Clock at finish, light refreshments, instant results, A FREE BEER WITH EACH ENTRY regardless of distance entered, finisher award for all half finishers (some may have to be mailed if the # of finishers exceeds our preliminary estimate), **buffet breakfast/lunch to all afterwards**, door prizes for each race, 6.55M ceremony not delayed till end of half, loads of street parking nearby, **unisex tank top singlet** to all prereg & post reg while they last, wide starting area, GREAT post-race atmosphere, results posted on pretzelcitysports.com the next day and at back of chute.

FASTEST HALF IN THE REGION!! 1st half of the half marathon is the “half a half” course. Portion of the course is “out and back” but not the whole thing. 98% OF THE COURSE IS FLAT, many sections are shaded. Uses both city streets & 8-9 ft. wide dirt/crushed cinder trail. Finishes right behind Trooper Thorns. Crosses Schuylkill River bridges up to 6 times, 2 short rises on the course. 5 water stops anticipated for half, 2 for half a half. **2M point & finish line is 200 yards from the starting line; other sections easily accessed by car; SPECTATOR-FRIENDLY!**

AWARDS: Half Marathon: Top two male and female overall and top M & F master (40+) plus:

18 & und: 2M, 2F 19-29: 4M, 4F 30-39: 4M, 4F 40-49: 4M, 4F 50-59: 4M, 4F 60-67: 3M, 3F,
68+: 3M, 2F Clydesdale: 3M, 3F

6.55M Half a Half: Top male and female overall plus:

18 & und: 3M, 3F 19-29: 3M, 3F 30-39: 3M, 3F 40-49: 3M, 3F 50-59: 3M, 3F 60-67: 3M, 3F 68-74: 3M, 3F
75+: 2M, 1F Clydesdale: 3M, 3F

Clydesdale Qualification: Minimum weight of 210 for men, 160 for women. Clydes not eligible for age group awards. Honor system, no scale on site.

FEE: Prereg cost is \$50 for the Half and \$35 for the “half a half” if postmarked by Thurs, May 14. After that date, including raceday, \$55 for the Half and \$40 for the 6.55M race, while shirts last. Price gets reduced by \$8 for either race after shirts run out. Held rain or shine. Course is 98% stroller friendly. Dogs not recommended for a summer race of this distance. No refunds. No mailed shirts or awards. No finisher awards for the “half a half”.

PLEASE NOTE: Because of their higher price & the fact that they are ordered from California, **VERY FEW EXTRA SINGLETs WILL BE ORDERED. SO WE STRONGLY SUGGEST YOU PRE-ENTER.** Singlets are guaranteed to all people entering by the price change date. If the number of people signing up after that date exceeds our extra singlet supply, all additional entries will receive a softstyle T-shirt instead, while they last. **Since the extra singlets will be assigned based on the date of entry, PEOPLE THAT REALLY WANT THIS RARELY GIVEN PREMIUM SHOULD PRE-ENTER, EVEN IF THE PRE-REG DATE HAS PASSED.**

DIRECTIONS TO TROOPERS: Take the Rt 422 bypass around Reading. Take the Lancaster Ave exit and turn left if coming from the Philly side and right if coming from the Lancaster/Lebanon side. You’ll be turning AWAY from the river that the bypass goes along. IMMEDIATELY after you turn, you’ll see the Queen City diner on your left, TURN LEFT just before the diner; this will put you on Rt 10. Go approx ½ mile down Rt 10, Troopers will be on your left side, just next to a big grassy field. GPS’ers: Use 451 Morgantown Rd, Reading, PA. It may give you a shorter way to get there if approaching from the South.

Course Records: Alex Epler 1:21:25 (2017) Jen Esposito 1:37:07 (2019)

Optional Online Registration Available at www.pretzelcitysports.com (nominal service fee applies, closes at midnight, the Wednesday before race day)

Check Payable to & Mailed to (with waiver): Pretzel City Sports, 112 W. 36th St., Reading, PA 19606
Dumbest Dutchman: Ron Horn, rhornpcs@aol.com , 610-779-2668, www.pretzelcitysports.com

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Sex: M F Race Day Age _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____ Unisex Tank Top Singlet Size: S M L XL XX
(circle size)

Email _____ Already on Pretzel City Email List? ___ Yes ___ No

Tel:(_____) _____ Distance: Half Marathon 6.55M (Circle distance)

Clydesdale? ___ Yes ___ No **Clydesdale entries NOT eligible for age group awards**

WAIVER: I know that running a road 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 on the course and assume the risk for running in traffic. 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 and the condition of the roads, 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, any subcontractors & facilities it utilizes, all municipalities in which the race is held, the race committee, volunteers, 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 I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS WAIVER: (if under 18, legal guardian must sign)

Signature _____ date ____/____/____

Parent must sign instead if under 18 years old

Dumb Dutchman App may be duplicated.

Insurance by R. R. C. A.