

'Half-Wit Half' Marathon

13.1 Mile Trail Run, Reading, PA

Sunday, July 26, 2020 * 8:30 AM * No Field Size Limit!

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

New for 2020-new month, earlier start, TOTALLY NEW & MUCH EASIER TRAIL

There are certain clothing items that you never see classy, refined, well educated people wear. Bucket hats, for instance. NEVER was there a Noble Prize presentation ceremony where the winner showed up in a bucket hat. Or suspenders; perhaps under a suit jacket, but NEVER as outerwear. Bib overalls. Sequined baseball hats. Tube tops. Socks with beer mugs on them. Anything with Elvis' picture. The list goes on and on. But look at the prom photos, wedding pictures or mug shots of almost all the participants of our past Half Wit Half races and that pretty much describes what they are wearing in that pic. SOME are wearing MOST that we listed above AT THE SAME TIME! The Half Wit Half draws a rather eclectic and underachieving crowd; you CAN'T be all that sharp & want to do this race. Now, in 2020, we ARE making it a bit easier, no handrails on the inclines, trails swept free of leaves or moving sidewalks like at the airport. But it WILL be less hilly, less rocky, and more scenic. And as a result, we expect the average IQ of our entries to rise from its 24 year norm of 64 to a more robust figure of 79. But trust us, no rocket scientists, poet laureates or patent holders show up for this event. You do NOT have to be a person of limited gray matter to do the Half Wit. But it helps! The HWH is a "tuffie", with bad footing, hot weather, smartass volunteers & more challenge to it than trying to get a telemarketer to stop calling. The "type A's" love it because it's a REAL challenge and a HECK of a workout that you can finish without needing a headlamp. And the back of the pack-ers love it because they're dumb enough to love anything that is bad for them; McDonalds, Pabst Blue Ribbon, self-inflicted tattoos, candy cigarettes, etc. It has rocks and roots, single/double/triple track trails, uphill that are bad & downhill that are worse, fallen limbs, 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 wee ones 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 "of mind" than they are "of foot". **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 play Frisbee golf that day instead. Also, you're somewhat on your own at this race. Get dinged? Drag your torso to one of our aide stations. Get lost? Won't happen but if you do, find your own way back. As a "tuff" race, runners under 18 yrs old are not permitted without advanced approval. Others discouraged from entering are people that correctly answer most Double Jeopardy questions, pay their taxes on time or find places without using GPS-you may be too bright for this race. But if you graduated in the bottom 20% of your class, always return library books late or mistake Monopoly money for Canadian money (admittedly, they DO look a lot alike), we welcome you like a pizza delivery driver welcomes a house with a sturdy porch and no dog.

AWARDS: 1st and 2nd M & F overall + 1st M & F Masters (40 yrs old +.) and:
0-29: 3M/3F 30-39: 5M/5F 40-49: 5M/5F 50-59: 5M/5F 60-67: 4M, 2F 68+: 2M, 1F
Mini-Clyde: 2M, 2F Super-Clyde: 2M, 2F
(age & gender differentials in awards given based on past 2 years entries in each category)

Clydesdale Weight Minimums: For Mini-Clydes: Men: 200-234 lbs. Female: 160-189 lbs. For Super-Clydes: Men: 235+ lbs. Female: 190+ lbs. May have scale on site to both confirm eligibility & embarrass

NOTE!! YOU MUST REACH THE LAST WATER STOP (estimated at 10M) IN UNDER 2 HRS, 30 MIN. If it takes you any longer, it's dangerous for you to go on (ask the last person in 1999). So that you're not tempted to "finish or die trying" after that, we remove the last section's course markings from that point which makes it REAL tuff to find your way. We also reserve the right, if mega-hot, to put in other midrace time limits 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 7:30 a.m., race starts at 8:30 a.m. Fee: \$34 w/soft style T-shirt in a M or F cut if postmarked by Tues, July 14th. Afterwards, \$39 while shirts last during post-reg period and \$40 on raceday, \$33 when gone. **WARNING: FEW EXTRA 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 times you have seen the cumulative Star War movies. After 7/14, you may receive a cotton shirt instead of a soft style & the option of getting a Female cut may be gone. We race in heat, rain, humidity & presidential campaigns. 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" soft style T-shirt reflecting the limited smarts of those entered, horse's butt awards & medals, 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! Anticipate some type of finishers awards for all too; if the number of finishers exceeds our number of finisher awards, we will substitute an alternative that is easier to mail. **WALKERS, PLEASE NOTE!!! IF YOU CANNOT RUN AT LEAST HALF THE COURSE, DO NOT ENTER!!! YOU'LL NEVER MAKE THE CUTOFF.**

DIRECTIONS TO RACE: On you cell or computer, get directions to Reading Liederkrantz, using address of **140 SPOOK LANE, READING, PA.** Next to Reading's somewhat famous Stokesay Castle Restaurant.

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Head Half Wit: Ron Horn, rhornpcs@aol.com , 610-779-2668, www.pretzelcitysports.com

PLEASE HAVE SOMEONE HELP YOU FILL THIS OUT ** APP MAY BE COPIED ** SIGN WAIVER ON BACK

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Sex: M F

Race Day Age _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____ Shirt Cut ____ M ____ F Soft-style T-Shirt Size: XS S M L XL 2X
(XS size based on manufacturer availability. Also, 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____