

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

“Dumb Dutchman”

Half Marathon

& “Half A Half” (6.55M) Races

Sun, Oct 11, 2020

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

8:30 A.M start for Half a Half ** 9 AM start for Half

Two stand-alone races. Limit of 250 entries for EACH race

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

Normally, this race is held in June, when the Pennsylvania Dutch work in the blazing heat while wearing long pants & long sleeve shirts. They also work without using motorized or electric devices. That's why some call them “Dumb Dutchmen”, something we here at Pretzel City are equally proud to be called. For the ONLY other people who work that hard in the heat are runners! However, in 2020, we won't be so “dumb”; we'll do the race in the more normal half marathon weather due to it being postponed due to Covid. Join us for what may be one of the FEW Half Marathons in the area this year. Or PR in the more sensible 6.55M race, a distance so rarely run that you PR just by finishing.

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 from 7:30 am till 8:15 AM for half a half-starts at 8:30 am, reg opens at 8:15 for Half Marathon –starts at 9 AM. 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), a **breakfast box for all afterwards**, door prizes for each race, 6.55M awards ceremony not delayed till end of half, loads of street parking nearby, soft style T-shirt 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. **Masks needed for registration, food table, bathrooms, etc.**

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

One of the FASTEST HALFS IN THE REGION!! Due to municipal restrictions implemented due to the Covid situation and the limited options we have to develop the route on this railtrail, the course will be 2 out and back 5 mile loops followed by a 5k out and back loop. Not the most interesting course in the world. But **80+% OF THE COURSE IS IN THE SHADE** and there are only **3 small hills in the entire course**. **PLUS, it is great for spectators. FLAT, many sections are shaded.** Uses an 8-9 ft. wide dirt/crushed cinder trail. Crosses Schuylkill River bridges 12 times, 6 times for the shorter course. 6 water stops anticipated for half, 1 for half a half. **Start, finish and mid-point turnarounds for each loop are at the same place. Mid-point of each lap easily accessed by car.**

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 Monday, Sept 28th. 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 100% stroller friendly. Dogs not allowed due to the width of the course. No refunds. No mailed shirts or awards. No finisher awards for the “half a half”. If the number of Half finishers exceeds our supply of finisher medals, some may be mailed after the fact.

PLEASE NOTE: Because of their higher price, **VERY FEW EXTRA SHIRTS WILL BE ORDERED. SO WE STRONGLY SUGGEST YOU PRE-ENTER.** Soft style mens & womens cut shirts are guaranteed to all people entering by the price change date. If the number of people signing up after that date exceeds our extra soft style shirt supply, all additional entries will receive a regular unisex T-shirt instead, while they last. **Since the extra shirts will be assigned based on the date of entry, PEOPLE THAT REALLY WANT THIS 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)

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 ____/____/____ Soft Style shirt Size: S M L XL XX Men? ____ Womens? ____
(circle size) (check off which “cut”)

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.