

'Half-Wit Half' Marathon & "Quarter-Wit" Half-A-Half

13.1 Mile & 6.55 Mile Trail Runs

Reading, PA ** Sun, March 27, 2022 ** 10 AM

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

New course-date-extra event in its 26th year! But the SAME level of stupidity!

**Online registration only due to the possible need to close registration immediately if limits or restrictions are placed on the race by the state, due to Covid.
Raceday entry probable but not guaranteed so enter early!**

They say you "can't teach an old dog new tricks". We're not sure if that's true but we'll never know, because dogs are too smart to do this race. The better question is can we teach the "morons" that have done this event faithfully for a quarter of a century to embrace the new design of the Half Wit Half and Quarter Wit Half a Half. Because from what we've derived, past attempts to teach people that are dumb enough to enter this race ANYTHING, either scholarly or just practical, have failed MISERABLY! The Half Wit Half has become a mecca for the "slow of mind and, in some cases, slow of foot" and also for the Type A's that don't think a race is challenging enough unless you need a tourniquet sometime during it. It has loads of rocks, roots, branches, poor footing, uncaring on-course support and for a few of you, you MAY be biting off more than you can chew! But for the first time, THAT WON'T BE A PROBLEM!! For we have converted the course to a 6.55M loop that you can decide, in mid-course, if you wish to run it once or twice, just like several of our other trail races. Providing that you finish the first loop in less than 1 hr., 50 minutes (just a shade below a 17 minute per mile average), you can go on and do another loop to get the full half; or if you decide that that is a REALLY stupid idea; finish in the Quarter Wit; there are awards in each. Now, if you need more than 1 hr., 50 minutes to do the first loop, we WILL count you in the Quarter Wit and when you finally come to your senses, YOU WILL THANK US!!! The Half Wit loop will STILL have outrageous uphill and technical downhills, rocks and roots throughout, foliage that grabs at your clothing/ankles and LOTS that make it quite an accomplishment to complete it, whether you do 1 loop or two. Like all our trail races, it has unique aid stations with alternate beverages, a very well-marked course, probably our most memorable shirt annually, a covered finishing area, a cash bar at the finish, etc. **NOW, EVEN FOX NEWS DOESN'T KNOW WHAT THE COVID SITUATION AND SUBSEQUENT RESTRICTIONS WILL BE BY NEXT MARCH AND THEY KNOW EVERYTHING!! JUST ASK THEM!** So, check pretzelcitysports.com leading up to raceday to see if we have to implement any mask requirements and if raceday entry is still OK. Come on out and run either a distance that will lay you out for the day or half that distance which seems a LOT smarter to us. Which means you'll probably do the whole thing anyway. Many of you ran this event in the past and swore that you would never do it again. Now, you can do HALF of it and still see how outrageous a course we can design. And also see who is dumb enough to do it twice!!!!

Registration on www.pretzelcitysports.com required

(small service fee applies, closes at midnight on Wed the week of the race)

LOCATION/REGISTRATION: Reading Liederkrantz German Singing & Sports Club, 140 Spook Lane, Reading, PA. Reg. opens at 8:45 a.m., race at 10. Fee: \$35 if entered by Monday, March 14, 2022. with a guaranteed short sleeve, soft style T-shirt. Afterwards, \$40 while shirts last; (including raceday), \$34 when gone. THIS ANNUALLY IS OUR MOST SOUGHT-AFTER SHIRT SO DON'T WAIT TOO LONG TO ENTER!

YOU GET: Short sleeve, soft style T-shirt in sizes S thru 2X with a memorable design and no sponsors on the back, indoor toilets, lots of goodies at the finish line, WELL marked course, plenty of parking, instant results, EMS on site. Hot & cold grub & a cash bar at the finish, where you can rehydrate either after the event or even DURING the event, if you so dare (and some of you CERTAINLY will)!

AWARDS:

For the FULL (or in this case, FOOL) Half-Wit 13.1M event:

1st & 2nd M & F and the following: 0-39: 5M, 5F 40-49: 4M, 4F 50-59: 4M, 4F 60-67: 4M, 3F 68+: 2M, 1F . Clydesdale Awards: Top 3 M & F . Weight Mins: 210 lbs for men, 160 lbs for women.

For the Quarter-Wit 6.55M event:

1st M & F and the following: 0-39: 4M, 4F 40-49: 3M, 3F 50-59: 3M, 3F 60-67: 4M, 3F 68+: 2M, 1F . Clydesdale Awards: Top 3 M & F . Weight Mins: 210 lbs for men, 160 lbs for women.

IMPORTANT NOTICES: We can still get some REALLY bizarre weather in late March.. And while we race in rain, snow or bitter cold, on rare occasions, we MUST postpone it. Check our site above after 6 AM the day of the race **ONLY if roads are pretty much impassable (not just a little “sub-par”)**. **If postponed, it'll be THE NEXT SUNDAY** same time, same place, better weather. No refunds, mailed shirts or awards, no outside alcohol allowed on site. **Also, you are responsible for your welfare & for getting back to the start/finish!!** You WON'T get lost but if you DO, you're an adult; find your own way back. Same holds true for younger runners; they should be old enough to find their way back to the start/finish. For that reason, entry for those under 16 in the FULL 13.1M race is not advised.

Questions? Problems? Contact Slowest Wit: Ron Horn, rhornpcs@aol.com, 610-779-2668 day or night

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