

# 'Half-Wit' Half Marathon & 'Quarter-Wit' REDO!!!

## 13.1 Mile & 6.55 Mile Trail Runs

Reading, PA \*\* Sun, July 31, 2022 \*\* 9 AM

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

There are SO many things in life that deserve a "redo". Like your marriage to your Ex; the one the whole family now refers as "that narcissic, psychopathic lump of dog doo". Or the 1964 Phillies' choice of starting pitchers when they were 6 1/2 games up with 12 games to play. Or that "mullet cut" you got just before your high school pictures. Or the decision to make "Caddyshack II". Or inviting Will Smith to the Oscars. SO many bad ideas on record that we've made that one wonders if the Wizard of Oz's Scarecrow wasn't mentally superior to us even BEFORE he got a brain. Then there's the recent Half Wit Half; a 6.55M loop that you do once or twice. We THOUGHT the course was measured correctly but then got feedback for "outer space satellite measuring devices" 24 hrs. beforehand that led us to believe it was 3/4's of a mile LONG! SO, we shortened it at the very last minute and ended up with it about 1.2 miles SHORT??!! Which means it was probably OK in the FIRST place. Kinda makes you wonder how this race got the name "Half Wit? NOT!!!! Well, we can't "undo" many bad moves that we make in life but we can "redo" some of them to get the blissful results that we THOUGHT we'd get in the first place. And that's what we're going to do with this cherished gathering of the not-very-bright; we'll do it again in 2022 but THIS time with an accurate course, correct course marking, nicer on-course volunteers, even colder alternative beverages at aide stations and with some totally "gonzo" trails "restored" after we eliminated them in a panic. The Half Wit continues to be a mecca for the "slow of mind and, in some cases, slow of foot". It's also for those that can run faster than they can think, and don't think a race is challenging enough unless you need major surgery afterwards. It has loads of rocks, roots, branches, poor footing, uncaring on-course support and uphill/downhill that never seem to end. SOME bite off more than they can chew by entering! But, as you found out earlier in 2022, NO PROBLEM!! The course is now a 6.55M loop that you can decide, in mid-course, if you wish to run once or twice, just like several of our other trail races. As long as you finish the first loop in less than 1 hr., 50 minutes (just a shade below a 17 minute per mile average), you can 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. You can sit there at our cash bar quaffing a cold one while your even DUMBER friends go out for a 2<sup>nd</sup> loop. The Half Wit & the Quarter Wit; races so tuff for their listed distance that you HAVE to do one just to see why people shudder at the mention of their race name.

**Check Payable to & Mailed to (with waiver): Pretzel City Sports, 112 W. 36<sup>th</sup> St., Reading, PA 19606**

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

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: M F      Race Day Age \_\_\_\_\_      Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_      Clydesdale?? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Email \_\_\_\_\_      Already on Pretzel City Email List? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Breathable Unisex Tech Shirt Size: XS S M L XL 2X NONE      **Sign back of entry – HWH app may be copied**

**No Half Wit/Quarter Wit registration forms filled out in Crayon will be accepted**

# Online registration on [www.pretzelcitysports.com](http://www.pretzelcitysports.com) encouraged

(not required but it SHOULD be, the way some of you write, small service fee applies, closes at midnight on Wed the week of the race)

**LOCATION/FEE:** Reading Liederkrantz German Singing/Sports Club, 143 Spook Lane, Reading, PA. Reg. opens at 7:45 a.m., race at 9. **Fee:** \$37 WITH shirt OR \$32 WITHOUT shirt if entered by Fri, July 15. Afterwards, including raceday, \$42 WITH shirt and \$37 with NO shirt or when they run out. **OUR MOST SOUGHT-AFTER SHIRT annually: DON'T WAIT TOO LONG TO ENTER! BUT AS A HALF WIT, YOU WILL ANYWAY!**

**YOU GET:** Short sleeve, breathable unisex tech shirt in sizes XS 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, kids playground/picnic tables/EMS on site, accurate course (THIS time), and a cash bar at the finish, where you can rehydrate either after the event or even DURING the race when you finish your 1<sup>st</sup> loop (trust me; it WILL happen)!

## AWARDS:

**For the FULL (or in this case, FOOL) Half-Wit 13.1M event:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 2nd M & F and the following: 0-39: 6M, 6F 40-49: 4M, 4F 50-59: 4M, 4F 60-67: 4M, 3F 68+: 3M, 1F . Clydesdale Awards: Top 3 M & F .

**For the Quarter-Wit 6.55M event:** 1<sup>st</sup> M & F and the following: 0-39: 4M, 4F 40-49: 3M, 3F 50-59: 3M, 3F 60-67: 3M, 3F 68+: 3M, 2F . Clydesdale Awards: Top 3 M & F

**Clydesdale Weight Minimums for both events:** Men: minimum of 210 lbs. or 190 if 5 ft., 9 inches tall or less. Women: minimum of 165 lbs., 145 if 5 ft., 4 inches tall or less. Honor system, no scale on site.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE #1:** If the temperature projected for noon that day is 95 degrees or more, we reserve the right to require all runners to finish in the Quarter Wit. We have been holding 8-10 trail races a year for 26+ years and only ONCE have we ever taken such a drastic step. But since all of you are of limited smarts and unable to make sound decisions about your own welfare, we'll make that decision for you; kinda like the blind leading the blind.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE #2:** Who knows any more WHAT the hell will be going on with Covid by then. Check our site, [www.pretzelcitysports.com](http://www.pretzelcitysports.com) near raceday if the world situation has gotten pretty bad. We may allow you to run "face mask & vaccination free" (not PANTS free, that's at ANOTHER race(s) we hold) or you may have to run wearing a suit of armour. If so, this does NOT automatically qualify you as a Clydesdale!

**IMPORTANT NOTICE #3:** Turn by turn descriptions of the course, if requested, ONLY begin at the ¾ mile mark. Part of the 1<sup>st</sup> mile of the course goes over private property and we ONLY have permission to do that on raceday.

**OTHER STUFF:** No refunds, mailed shirts or awards, no outside alcohol allowed on site. **Also, you are responsible for your welfare & for getting back to the finish!!** You WON'T get lost but if you DO, you're an adult; find your own way back. Same is true for younger runners; they should be mature enough to find their way back to the start/finish. As such, entry for those under 16 in the FULL 13.1M race is not advised.

**Questions? Problems? Contact Slowest Wit: Ron Horn, [rhornpcs@aol.com](mailto:rhornpcs@aol.com), 610-779-2668 day or night**

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Tel:(\_\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_ Best Time to Call (circle one): Day Night Either

WAIVER: I know that running a trail run is a potentially hazardous activity. I should not enter or run unless I am medically able & properly trained. I also know that there will be traffic, winter 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 effects of the weather, the conditions of the roads and getting lost, 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, the Reading Liederkrantz, all municipalities in which the event is held, the race committee, volunteers, all other organizations directly or indirectly associated with the race, any or all sponsors including their agents, employees, assigns or anyone acting on their behalf, or anyone else associated in any way with this race, from any or all claims or liability for death, personal injury or property damage of any kind or nature whatsoever arising out of, or in the course of, my participation in this event. This waiver extends to all claims of every kind or nature whatsoever; foreseen or unforeseen, known or unknown. Also, 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 & UNDERSTAND THIS WAIVER:

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_/20\_\_\_\_

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