

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

13.1 Mile & 6.55 Mile Trail Runs

Reading, PA ** Sun, March 26, 2023 ** 10 AM

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

Online signup required so we have a central source of emails to use for emailing people in case of a postponement due to weather or if the state puts occupancy limits on places serving alcohol

After having TWO Half Wits in 2022, one has to question what totally illogical and poorly thought out decisions we can make concerning this race in 2023? Well, the fact that we're having it again certainly comes to mind as one such foolish decision. But other than that, we haven't changed it a BIT for this year; it is already stupid enough. Short of putting land mines and alligators on the course for raceday, it can't GET any stupider. 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 its 200+ miles long and thru Death Valley. This race is NOT but it certainly is an unwise endeavor anyway. It has loads of rocks, roots, branches, poor footing, uncaring on-course support and a last 2 miles of trail that will make hearty men weep and hearty women swear like sailors. 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 last year, 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 downhill, 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. **IMPORTANT! YOU SOLELY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR SAFETY AND WELFARE IN THIS RACE!** Expose some bone along the way? Spit on it and drag your open wound to an aid station so we can get you back to our EMS before you bleed out. Get lost? You have a better chance of getting lost coming TO the race than you do on our race course. Even 1 lap of this course is a HECK of a workout so those not welcome include anyone under 14 that cannot run by themselves (unless pre-approved), Dallas Cowboy fans because who wants to be in their presence for as long as it takes you to finish this event and anyone who purchases more than 4 things a year that are billed as "only available thru this TV offer". Those especially welcome are those that have "body weights" higher than their SAT scores, those that could not meet the admission standards of their local Community College and anyone who thinks they can become a Forensic Scientist by going to a 9 month tech school. 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. Availability of raceday entry highly probable)

LOCATION/REGISTRATION: Reading Liederkrantz German Singing & Sports Club, 140 Spook Lane, Reading, PA. Reg. opens at 8:45 a.m., race at 10. **WITH SHORT SLEEVE TECH SHIRT** Fee: \$38 if entered by Sun Mar 11, 2023. Afterwards, \$43 while shirts last; (including raceday), \$38 when gone. **THIS ANNUALLY IS OUR MOST SOUGHT-AFTER SHIRT SO DON'T WAIT TOO LONG TO ENTER! ALSO, WITH THE COST OF SHIRTS SKYROCKETING, WE WILL BE ORDERING EVEN LESS EXTRA SHIRTS THAN IN THE PAST SO WE DON'T GET STUCK WITH HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS OF EXTRA SHIRTS!** Entering early is the **ONLY** way to be sure you get one. **WITH NO SHIRT** Fee: \$33 if entered by Sun Mar 11, 2023. Afterwards, \$38 (including raceday).

IMPORTANT NOTE: We race in rain, snow or bitter cold yet 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.

YOU GET: Short sleeve, tech 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 60-69: 4M, 3F 70+: 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: 5M, 5F 40-49: 4M, 4F 50-59: 4M, 4F 60-69: 4M, 3F 70+: 3M, 2F . Clydesdale Awards: Top 3 M & F . Weight Mins: 210 lbs for men, 160 lbs for women.

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Questions? Problems? Contact Slowest Wit: Ron Horn,

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