

‘Half-Wit Half’ Marathon & “Quarter-Wit” Half-A-Half

13.1 Mile & 6.55 Mile Trail Runs

Reading, PA ** Sun, March 24, 2024 ** 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

It used to be that the “epitome of purity” were the teenage daughters on TV family sitcoms. Then, it recently came out that the actress that played Marsha Brady, the “purist” of the pure, later traded sex and naked pictures of herself to secure drugs. Valerie Bertinelli was barely out of her teens and still on “One Day at a Time” before she was married and cheated on rocker Eddie Van Halen. Miley Cyrus could hardly wait to discard her Hannah Montana outfits, in fact, all of her clothes; and finding a picture of her in her 20’s while “dressed” was like trying to find a condom in a convent. However, she DID have an excuse; as her recent hit says, she “Used to be Young” (THIS from a 31 year old; that is “less old” than most of my wardrobe). Is ANYTHING totally “pure” anymore? YES, the LEGENDARY HALF WIT HALF (and Half-a-Half); purely stupid events if ever there was one (or two). Since the passing of Jerry Springer (and, as a result, the end of his show), the Half Wit Half has become the NEW mecca for the “slow of mind and, in some cases, slow of foot” yet also for the Type A’s that don’t think a race is challenging enough unless its run “west” in the “east-bound” lanes of the Schuylkill Expressway during rush hour. Like all PCS events on Mt Penn, it has loads of rocks, roots, branches, poor footing, uncaring on-course support. It also has a last 2 miles of trail that will make hearty men wet themselves & hearty women fondly remember labor during childbirth. Yet, on the plus side, it has unique aide stations w/alternate beverages, a very well-marked course, probably our most memorable shirt annually, a covered finishing area, a cash bar at the finish, etc. Bite off more than you can chew? NO PROBLEEMO!! We’ve 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 some of our other trail races. Providing that you finish the 1st loop in less than 1 hr., 45 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., 45 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 Half; the only place you can feel like a “superior being” other than your spouse’s family functions. **IMPORTANT! YOU SOLEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR SAFETY AND WELFARE IN THIS RACE!** Clip yur clavicle? Crawl to an aide station; we’ll drive you back. Fug-up yur funnybone? Crawl to an aide station; we’ll drive you back. Get lost? Won’t happen! Even a moron could follow this course. But since you’ll be running with a LOT of morons, ask someone you meet in the woods for directions (providing they are not masked & have a meat clever for a hand). 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), anyone who ever made an email friend with a formerly “unknown” disposed Minister of Finance from Nigeria & anyone who has an affinity for chewing tobacco or snuff while running. Those especially welcome are folks that support their local running stores, those that can’t keep their feet still when bluegrass music comes on and anyone who ever used the term “I’m rubber. You’re glue. Whatever you say bounces off of me and sticks on you”. 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 nutty 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 9 a.m., race at 10. **WITH SHORT SLEEVE COTTON SHIRT** Fee: \$40 if entered by Mon, March 11, 2024. Afterwards, \$45 while shirts last; (including raceday), \$40 when gone. **WITH NO SHIRT** Fee: \$35 if entered by Mon, March 11, 2024. Afterwards, \$40 (including raceday). VERY limited number of extra shirts will be printed so if you don't want to be shut out of a shirt, pre-enter even if it's after the cutoff date! We race in rain, snow or bitter cold yet on rare occasions, we MUST postpone it (unlikely in late March but it HAS happened in the past). 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 SATURDAY (can't hold it the next Sunday, that's EASTER)** same time, same place, better weather. No refunds, mailed shirts or awards, no outside alcohol allowed on site. CASH AND CHECKS ACCEPTED ONLY ON RACEDAY; poor internet/cell service at race site. Shirt type may be changed if availability problems emerge. **Racing with a pet:** permitted IF you stay toward the back for the first ¼ mile or so, pet must be comfortable around other people/animals and it MUST be on a VERY short leash at all times, unless its name is Ernie. Pet CAN'T be brought into the restaurant/bar. If need be, we'll bring your breakfast out to you.

YOU GET: Short sleeve cotton or 50/50 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, aide stations with unique selections. 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. Men: minimum of 210 lbs. or 185 if 5 ft., 9 inches tall or less. Women: minimum of 160 lbs., 140 if 5 ft., 4 inches tall or less. Honor system; bulk up during Xmas if necessary!

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. Men: minimum of 210 lbs. or 185 if 5 ft., 9 inches tall or less. Women: minimum of 160 lbs., 140 if 5 ft., 4 inches tall or less. Honor system; bulk up during Xmas if necessary!

PLEASE NOTE: As indicated, there is a cutoff for the first loop. Once that cutoff is passed, we will begin stripping the course of all markings so that you do not do something stupid like trying another lap despite missing the cutoff. You SHOULD know better but if you were all that smart, you wouldn't be entering this race now, would you?

**Questions? Problems? Fears? Contact Slowest Wit: Ron Horn, rhornpcs@aol.com
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