

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

13.1 Mile & 6.55 Mile Trail Runs

Reading, PA ** Sun, March 1, 2026 ** 10 AM

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

**Online reg ONLY so there's a central, legible source of emails so we can reach you, if the weather suck!
No mail in registrations since many Half Wits can not write that well, in fact, they can't write at all!**

You would think that there'd be certain institutions where the collective intelligence of the group would be indisputable. And then some Doctor from Harvard Medical School comes out with a statement that says if you eat 4 lbs of broccoli every day (without butter, of course), you can reverse testicular cancer AND if you've already had one 'nad' removed, it will grow back! Or, some Astrophysicist from MIT publishes a paper that says there is probably life on Venus but none in Iowa and parts of Nebraska. Or let's take our Government! PLEASE! Obviously, since it is staffed by such geniuses like Lauren Bobert, Marjorie Taylor Greene and Robert F Kennedy Jr, it's apparent that having an SAT score over 11 is not a prerequisite for making the rules of our country. No, there are only 2 places where you can be sure without any question that the IQ's of the people there are lower than a snake's belt buckle; the audience at "Let's Make a Deal" and those entering the Half Wit or Quarter Wit. Annually, the Half Wit Half has become the NEW mecca for the "slow of mind and, in some cases, slow of foot". Its entries are "braver" than they are "smart" or, in reality, just too damn dumb to know any better. It's a HIGHLY competitive race where only the best runners medal. Yet, anyone with more guts than gray matter can finish it sometime before Memorial Day. 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. And did we mention rocks, roots, downed trees and the almost un-doable Mt. WhatDaFug #2???! Bite off more than you can chew? NO PROBLEMO!! We've converted the race 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., 35 minutes (just a shade above a 16 minute per mile pace), 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., 35 minutes to do the first loop, you MUST finish 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/ WELFARE IN THIS RACE!** Draw blood? Gush your way to an aide station; we'll drive you back. Get lost? Won't happen! A 3rd grader could follow this course. But as the show says, "Are You Smarter than a 3rd Grader?" If not, ask someone you meet in the woods out walking their dog that looks SEMI-normal for directions instead of OTHER morons doing the race. Even 1 lap of this course is a HECK of a workout, so those not welcome include 1) anyone under 14 that cannot run by themselves (unless pre-approved) 2) anyone who thinks that a "doodle-dog" is one that likes to draw and 3) anyone who thinks that if they tear the label off their mattress, they WILL go to prison. Those ALWAYS welcome are folks that binge-watch "Two and a Half Men", anyone who was ever booed off a Karaoke stage by his/her own family and former hookers that still wore a white dress at their wedding. Many of you ran this event in the past when it ONLY a half marathon 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 see who is dumb enough to do the loop 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 (use THIS for GPS). Next to Reading's famous Stokesay Castle. Reg. opens at 9 a.m., race at 10. **WITH T-SHIRT** Fee: \$40 if entered by Fri, Feb 13th, 2026. Afterwards, \$45 while shirts last; (including raceday), \$40 when gone. **WITH NO SHIRT** Fee: \$35 if entered by Fri, Feb 13th, 2026. 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, heat, political upheavals, etc. yet on rare occasions, we MUST postpone it. Check our site above after 6:30 AM the day of the race **ONLY if the roads are pretty much impassable. If postponed, it'll be the NEXT SATURDAY;** same time, same place, better conditions. No refunds, mailed shirts or awards, no alcohol brought onto the premises; must purchase theirs due to state law. **CASH AND CHECKS ACCEPTED ONLY** on raceday; poor internet/cell service at race site means no Venmo, credit card nor Apple Pay. ATM on site but it doesn't always work. **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 or Theo.

YOU GET: 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. Snacks & 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)! Results posted the next day on www.pretzelcitysports.com.

AWARDS: LOADS of them!

For the FULL (or in this case, FOOL) Half-Wit 13.1M race: 1st & 2nd Overall M & F and the following age groups: 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., 145 if 5 ft., 4 inches tall or less. Honor system; No scale on site!

For the Quarter-Wit 6.55M event: 1st Overall M & F and the following age groups: 0-39: 5M, 5F 40-49: 4M, 4F 50-59: 4M, 4F 60-69: 4M, 4F 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., 145 if 5 ft., 4 inches tall or less. Honor system; no scale on site!

GPS ADDRESS: 143 Spook Lane, Reading, PA 19606 or "Spook Lane & Hill Rd" or "Hill Rd & Glen Rd".

PLEASE NOTE: As indicated, there is a cutoff for the first loop. Once that cutoff is passed, we will begin taking all course markings down 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? Fears? Contact Slowest Wit: Ron Horn, rhornpcs@aol.com (preferable means of contact) or call 610-779-2668 day, night, weekends