

The VIRGINIA HAPPY TRAILS RUNNING CLUB
welcomes you to the

Second Battle of the Bull Run Run 50

The historical Second Battle of Bull Run (Second Manassas) brought General Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia against General John Pope's Army of Virginia, back to the fields west of the trail you'll be traversing this weekend. The North's army again camped in areas common to this year's battle, although then the landscape wasn't as dense with trees and other foliage. In 1862, both Armies' soldiers, dressed in uniforms and garb weighing between 15 and 20 times that which you'll probably wear for your 50 mile battle, suffered through two days of intermittent but intense fighting in the repressive summer heat. At the battle's end, nearly 25,000 soldiers would not be going home or to the next battle -- thousands dead and others wounded or missing. This marks the second and fortunately last historical connection that the Bull Run Run 50 will have with its Civil War originating battle. But while the history of the Civil War will remain with us, we hope to engender a new and rewarding history for the Bull Run Run 50, and your participation in this year's event adds to this new history.

Some stats from the First Battle of the Bull Run Run 50:

Runners: 60 Started, 54 Finished (5 women, 49 men), split equally between North and South. The youngest was 21 (Danny Johnson), the eldest 63 (Dick Good), with 13 runners in the Senior category and 47 in Open. In Clydesdales, we had 3 women and 5 men. For half a dozen runners, the first BRR was also their first ultra. And pretty much every runner left with stories to tell of their travails on the Bull Run trails...

Category Winners:

Open Women: Debbie Roth (MN-North)	11:07
Open Men: Vassili Triantos (MD-North)	7:43
South Women: Barbara Fitz (VA)	12:30
South Men: Dave Horton (VA)	8:15
Senior Men: Frank Probst (VA-South)	9:44
N/S Senior Women: none represented	
North Senior Men: Art Moore (OH)	10:18
Clydesdale Women: Erica Russell (MD)	12:48
Clydesdale Men: Mike Strzelecki (MD)	11:32

States Represented: AL, CT, FL, MA, MD, ME, MN, NC, NH, NY, OH, PA, WV,
VA and Ontario, Canada.

Your and our success in the Bull Run Run 50 hinges noticeably on the volunteer efforts of the

Aid Station staffs, each managed by a VHTRC ultrarunner: Hemlock Overlook / Anstr Davidson; Centreville Road / Derrick Carr; Bull Run Regional Park / Brian Stecher; Bull Run Marina / Betty Sue O'Brien; Fountain Head Regional Park / Gary Paetzke; "Do Loop" / Roger Allison; and our roving Volunteer and Logistics Chief, Joe Clapper. Each station chief has other VHTRC runners and a load of willing friends who've donated their time to help make your day a success. As you pass through each station, please return the good cheer they share with you!

And though you may not be able to concurrently thank the others who support our event, also appreciate their contributions. Special thanks go to the parks staff of the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, and the separate park directors and teams at Hemlock Overlook, Bull Run Regional Park, and Fountain Head Regional Park, for actively helping us stage this event; to REI for both its grants to improve the trail system and its contribution of Ultimate bottle packs for awards and PowerBar products; to Betty Sue O'Brien for her donations for awards; and to Edwin Demoney* and John DeWalt* for their contribution to the Bull Run Run scholarship. Phil Fenty,* manager/owner of Fleet Feet in Washington, D.C., has also graciously provided equipment and materials used to support the event. Dan Velez and his crew of radio operators can't be thanked enough for helping us look organized on the course, and in relaying runners stats back to the finish area. Microsoft gave us permission to use their Access software program, to allow Spyros Sakellariadis to tailor a Race Results compilation program for all you number crunchers; and Nations Bank loaned us use of the computer equipment. Thanks also to Barbara Fitz* for her Civil War diorama and station mileage markers you'll see this weekend; and to Tim Stanley* and his 5th and 6th grade students for other artwork on display. And last on this list, as a "last-ing" motivation for you to find the finish line on Saturday, thanks to Sharon and Adrienne Shoch for returning with their massage therapy skills for your after-race recuperation. (* combatants in 2nd BRR 50)

Please, enjoy your weekend with us. Run a healthy, smart, and (relatively) swift 50 miles. If you leave here with good memories, pass them on to your friends and bring them back next year. If you have thoughts for ways to improve your experience, please share those with us. We wish you

GOOD LUCK!!!!

as a combatant in the

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Chris Scott

Loyalty of Runners at the Second Battle of the Bull Run Run 50

(Key: Clydes -- Clydesdale; * -- BRR#1 Veteran; # -- 1st Ultra)

Confederate Forces

205	Larry DeHof	Open Clydes	MD	259	David Powell*	Open	VA
207	Alex Cowie*	Senior	ONT	260	Hiroki Iwahashi	Open	VA
216	Gary Berkner	Open	VA	261	Dan Grayson	Open	VA
217	Reid Lanham	Open	VA	262	Keith Highfill#	Open	VA
219	Robert Wolfe	Open	FL	264	<u>Sarann Mock</u>	Senior	OH
220	<u>Dale Weitzel</u> *	Open	PA	266	Larry Whiting	Open Clydes	MD
227	Thomas Howell	Open	NC	269	Chuck Chandonia	Sr Clydes	TX
228	<u>Barbara Fitz</u> *	Open	VA	270	Rick Schneider	Open	MD
230	Marty McNamara	Open FL		271	John Harper*	Open	VA
233	Al Schumm	Open Clydes	VA	273	Bill Fornoff*	Senior	MD
234	Marty Szekeresh	Senior	VA	277	Mark McDonald	Open	VA
236	Sabin Snow	Senior	AZ	279	Danny Johnson*	Open	VA
241	Jim Moore*	Open Clydes	MD	280	David Carey#	Open	VA
242	Scott Murrill	Open	MD	281	David Barberot#	Open	VA
244	Tim Stanley*	Open	VA	284	Gary Reilly	Open	MD
250	Paul Walczak*	Open Clydes	VA	285	<u>Janet Stein</u>	Open	NY
251	Frank Probst*	Senior	VA	288	Steve Reed	Open	NC
257	Linn Finger	Senior	PA	289	Dennis Fugate	Open	MD
258	Al Maguire	Senior	AR	293	Mike Sloane	Open Clydes	VA

(As with history, some from the South fought *for* the North, as did some from the North *for* the South; and still others chose not to declare a loyalty. For this listing, for those who chose not to declare, we drafted you for the side most representative of your state or country in the war. If you disagree with our assignment, feel free to dodge the draft...)

Union Forces

201	David Hughes	Open	IN	245	Cliff Davies	Senior	ONT
202	Nigel Finney	Open	MN	246	Bill Monken	Open	ONT
203	Tom Green*	Open	MD	247	Jeff Hinte	Open	MD
204	<u>Jeanne Melanson</u>	Open Clydes	DC	248	Bill Piper	Open Clydes	PA
206	Jim Spencer	Open	FL	249	Charles Sabatine*	Senior	NY
208	Chas. Danielson	Open	PA	252	Bill Koppenheffer*	Open	PA
209	<u>Debbie Roth*</u>	Open	MN	253	Walter Gasdek	Senior	PA
210	Doug Taylor	Senior	NJ	254	Dick Good*	Senior	MD
211	Mike Strzelecki*	Open Clydes	MD	255	Stan Duobnis	Open Clydes	MD
212	Dick West	Senior	MI	256	<u>Margaret Schlundt</u>	Open	MD
213	Richard Smith	Open	FL	263	Randall Waldrip#	Open	VA
214	John DeWalt*	Senior	PA	265	Barry Lewis	Open	PA
215	Dek Stump	Senior	NY	267	Steven Miknis	Open	PA
218	David Rossi	Senior	PA	268	Barry Oring*	Open	MD
221	John Weitzel*	Open	PA	272	Harry Smith*	Open	PA
222	Art Gulliver	Senior Clydes	MA	274	Bill Kendall	Open Clydes	PA
223	Ken Gulliver	Open	MA	275	Edwin Demoney*	Senior	VA
224	Richard Ratzan#	Open Clydes	CT	276	Michael Talbert*	Open	ME
225	Norm Albert	Open	VA	278	Oogie Dovel	Open Clydes	VA
226	Phil Anderson	Open	MD	282	Phil Fenty	Senior	DC
229	Joe Bross	Open Clydes	PA	283	Kevin Harris	Open	NJ
231	Kenneth Andrews	Senior	NY	286	Bob Bergman	Open	PA
232	Steve Boyenger#	Open	MD	287	Ken McSherry	Open	PA
235	Ted Massa	Open Clydes	PA	290	Jack Kammerer#	Open	DC
237	Stan Neumann	Senior	MD	291	<u>Renee Ortega</u>	Open	MD
238	Bill Wandel	Senior	MD	292	Joe Dabes	Senior	NY
239	Robert Koehl	Senior Clydes	MD	294	Bryon Frenyea	Open	VA
240	Bruce Cowling	Open	PA	295	Scott Mills*	Open	VA
243	Steve Boutilier	Open	MD	296	Damian Smith	Open	PA

The "winning" side of this Battle will be determined by some convoluted formula that attempts to normalize the odds despite an overwhelming larger number of "troops" for the North than for the South. Then again, despite similar imbalance of numbers at Second Manassas, the South did kick butt...