

Race Report For Apr. 7, 2012, By Scott Benjamin

Sheldon Shines At Roxbury 3.95-miler

ROXBURY – Jeff Sheldon, 31, of Southbury easily won a 3.95-mile run at the weekly Roxbury Road Race Series - covering the rolling loop, which included a jeep trail, in 22-minutes, 26-seconds – a 5:45-per-mile pace.

Kevin Ortega, 19, who had been the winner a week earlier over a 3.7-mile layout, placed second in the Apr. 7, run, crossing the line in 24:10.

Theresa Krebs, 42, of Roxbury was the first woman, being clocked in 25:39. It marked her eighth victory in the female division in as many starts this year at the series.

The races will resume Saturday, Apr. 14, at 8:30 a.m. with a 2.4-mile run that will include a trip up the steep hill on Chalybes Road. There will be no entry fee.

The 22nd annual Larry Kershner MidSpring Challenge will be held Saturday, Apr. 28, at 8:30 a.m. over a 4.3-mile course that will include a trip down the long hill on High Bridge Road.

There will be a \$5 entry fee that can be paid that morning from 7 to 8:20. Proceeds will go to the Roxbury park improvement fund.

The top overall male and female finisher will each receive a \$10 gift certificate to a local running store.

The grants committee is currently reviewing proposals from four high school cross country/track and field programs and will formally announce its decisions at the awards ceremony following the Mid Spring Challenge.

On another topic, the runners also are considering options to buy cones that would be used at the Roxbury Marathon and Roxbury Half Marathon and other races.

Our thanks again to the crew at the finish line, and to Chris Deming, who operates www.roxburyraces.net and compiles the results each week.