## Merrick, De Marrais Win Roxbury Mile

ROXBURY – Two-time defending season champion Ken Merrick and former Princeton standout Marge De Marrais were in the winner's circle, Aug. 30, at the Roxbury Mille II.

Merrick, 45, of New Fairfield outlasted Ryan Ripp, 27, in the dash from the lower end of Apple Lane to the Booth Free School on South Street.

Merrick finished in five-minutes, 17-seconds and Ripp was timed in 5:19.

De Marrais, who captured the 2012 Two For The Show 3.1-mile race in the Roxbury series, was clocked in 5:44 and finished fifth overall.

The weekly series will continue Saturday, Sept. 6, at 8:30 a.m. with the seventh annual 3.1-mile Two For The Show race. There will be a \$5 entry fee that can be paid that morning from 7 to 8:20. Proceeds will be donated to fund research into autism and juvenile diabetes.

The top overall male and top overall female will each receive a \$10 gift certificate to an area running store during the post-race ceremony.

The sixth annual 3.0-mile Roxbury Land Trust Race will be held Saturday, Sept. 20, at 8:30 a.m. at the land preserve on River Road. There will be a \$5 entry fee that can be paid that morning from 7 to 8:20 a.m. Proceeds will go to the land trust.

The weekly races, which are sanctioned by the Roxbury Recreation Commission, typically start and finish near the Everett Hurlburt Community Park at 18 Apple Lane.

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