Scannell Prevails Over Competitive Roxbury Field

ROXBURY – Chris Scannell of Middlebury outlasted four challengers, who each finished within 50 seconds of him, Saturday, July 5, over a 3.6-mile course at the Roxbury Road Race Series.

Scannell covered the loop, which included a trip down the hill on High Bridge Road and along the jeep trail off of River Road, in 22-minutes, 10-seconds.

Bill Goodman, 34, placed second in 22:22. Ryan Ripp, third, Ken Merrick, fourth, and Mark Andrejczyk, fifth, also were in close pursuit of Scannell.

The series will resume Saturday, July 12, at 8:30 a.m. with an 8.2-mile run, which will travel to the bridge on Judds Bridge Road and then back to the finish line. There will be no entry fee. Alternate courses also will be available.

The 5.0-mile Bill Burley MidSummer Championship will be held Saturday, July 19, at 8:30 a.m. 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 top overall female finisher will each receive a \$10 gift certificate to an area running store. The latest inductees into the Roxbury Road Race Series Hall of Fame will also be introduced at the post-race awards ceremony.

The event is named after Dr. Burley, the first head director of the series and a former longtime Roxbury resident. He was an elementary school principal for many year years in New Milford.

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

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