

## **Sheldon Tallies First Roxbury Win Of 2014; Krebs Posts Sixth Triumph**

**ROXBURY – Two-time season champion Jeff Sheldon scored his initial victory of the 2014 campaign and two-time reigning female title-holder Theresa Gallagher-Krebs annexed her sixth triumph of the year Saturday, June 28, at the Roxbury Road Race Series.**

**Sheldon, 33, of Southbury spend through the annual Brian Vanderheiden 2.4-mile seek race in 13-minutes, 20-seconds – a 5:33-per-mile pace.**

**Under the format, which was recommended by Vanderheiden, a veteran of the Roxbury runs, half of the field runs in one direction over the course and the other half of the field travels simultaneously the opposite way.**

**Sheldon and second-place finisher Ken Merrick, who has 10 victories this season at Roxbury, each ran down the steep hill on Chalybes Road. Merrick, 45, of New Fairfield was timed in 14:13.**

**Gallagher-Krebs, 45, of Roxbury, who also went down Chalybes Road, placed eighth overall in 17:02.**

**Earlier in the week the runners donated \$100 from their T-shirt/grants campaign to the Joey fund to benefit the family of the 11-year-old Roxbury boy, Joey Awlasewicz, who perished in an accident June 19.**

**The series will resume Saturday, July 5, at 8:30 a.m. with a 3.6-mile run that will include a trip along a jeep trail. There will be no entry fee.**

**The Bill Burley 5.0-mile 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 be announced during the post-race awards ceremony.**

**The event is named after Dr. Burley, a former Roxbury resident and New Milford elementary school principal, who established the series in 1977 and was its head director through 1979.**

**There will not be a race Saturday, July 26, since the 47<sup>th</sup> annual New Milford Village Fair Days 7.8-mile run will be held that morning.**

**The weekly 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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