

Parker, Burns Top Roxbury Seek Race

ROXBURY – Running in opposite directions, Sean Parker and Katie Burns emerged as the winners of the annual 2.4-mile Seek Race Saturday, June 27, at the Roxbury Road Race Series.

Parker, 16, a runner at Shepaug Valley High School, paced the field with a time of 13-minutes, 36-seconds – a 5:40-per-mile pace – over the loop.

Former series season champion Ken Merrick, 45, of New Fairfield was second in 14:06.

In the race, which was devised by Brian Vanderheiden, one of the runners in the series, half of the field runs in the direction in which they go up the hill on Chalybes Road and the other half of the field runs in the opposite direction.

Burns 20, captured the female crown and was sixth overall with a 17:39 clocking.

There will be no race Saturday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.

The series will resume Saturday, July 11, at 8:30 a.m. with a 3.6-mile event that will include a trip along a jeep trail. There will be no entry fee.

The 30th annual 5.0-mile Bill Burley MidSummer Championship will be held Saturday, July 18 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 race is named after the founder and first head director of the series, which began July 2, 1977.

There will be no race Saturday, July 25, in observance of the 48th annual New Milford Village Fair Days 7.8-mile run.

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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