

Merrick, Masopust Take Crowns At Roxbury

ROXBURY -- Ken Merrick and Alison Masopust were first and second overall in a challenging 4.2-mile jaunt at the Roxbury Road Race Series.

Merrick, 45, of New Fairfield covered the loop, which included a trip down the long hill on Hemlock Road and up the steep incline along Ranney Hill Road, in 25-minutes, 33-seconds – a 6:05-per-mile pace.

He has won the season title in the weekly series each of the last three years and has captured two of the races during the current season.

Masopust, 31, of Morris took the female title for the third time this year in the Saturday, June 6, run with a clocking of 27:25.

The series will resume Saturday, June 13, at 8:30 a.m. with a 6.6-mile out-and-back event that will include a journey along Sentry Hill Road. There will be no entry fee.

The 30th annual Bill Burley MidSummer Championship will be run over a 5.0-mile course 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 a.m. Proceeds will go to the Roxbury park improvement fund.

The race is named after the founder and first head director of the series, which began in 1977. Dr. Burley was an elementary school principal in New Milford for more than 20 years.

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

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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