

Merrick, Mahrer Win Roxbury Charity Run

ROXBURY – Ken Merrick, who has dominated the Roxbury Road Race Series in recent years, and Mary Mahrer, another former season champion, took the male and female titles, respectively, in the eighth annual Two For The Show 3.1-mile run.

Merrick, 45, of New Fairfield, crossed the finish line in 19-minutes, 9-seconds – a 6:11-per-mile pace. It was his sixth win of the year in the weekly series. He captured the season title the last three years and is leading the point standings again this campaign.

Steve Whitcomb, 37, placed second in 21:04.

Mahrer, 41, who has a weekend home in Roxbury, was sixth overall in her first victory of the season in the women's division. Mahrer, who was the season champion in 2010, was clocked in 22:56.

The \$223 in proceeds from the \$5-per-runner entry fee will be equally distributed between the CT Autism Resource Center in Wallingford and the Joslin Diabetes Center in New Britain

The series will resume Saturday, September 19, at 8:30 a.m. with the seventh annual Roxbury Land Trust 3.0-mile run. There will be a \$5 entry fee that can be paid that morning from 7 to 8:20 at the land trust's open space preserve on River Road. The race will start on River Road and finish at the end of the driveway in the preserve. Proceeds will go to the Roxbury Land Trust.

The Ed Sandifer 2.4-mile handicap is slated for Saturday, September 26, at 8:30 a.m. at the Everett Hurlburt Community Park at 18 Apple Lane. There will be a \$5 entry fee that can be paid that morning from 7 to 8:20. Proceeds will go to Sandifer, who captured the season title 12 times during his career running in the series.

Typically, the races, which are sanctioned by the Roxbury Recreation Commission, start and finish near the community park.

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