## <u>Shepaug Valley-Washington, Nonnewaug-</u> <u>Woodbury Receive Roxbury Road Race Series</u> Grants

ROXBURY – The Roxbury Road Race Series has awarded grants of \$300 each to the athletic programs at Shepaug Valley High School-Washington and Nonnewaug High School-Woodbury.

Shepaug will utilize the funds to buy warm-up tops for its girls' cross country team and Nonnewaug will use its grant to help purchase a mini-sound system to communicate with athletes and coaches during its track & field meets.

The money was raised through the series' annual T-shirt/grants fund. The runners in the weekly series have accumulated more than \$40,000 since they started the T-shirt campaign in 1996. The grants program commenced in 2000.

Collectively, the runners have contributed more than \$9,000 in grants to six area high schools. Each fall, the series seeks proposals from the Brookfield, New Milford, Pomperaug-Southbury, Oxford, Shepaug and Nonnewaug high schools.

The proposals are due by March 31 and the runners select the recipients in early April.

The races, which began in 1977, start and finish almost every Saturday morning from mid-February to early-December at the Everett Hurlburt Community Park at 18 Apple Lane.

For further information, contact Scott Benjamin, the head director, at <u>ScottBenjaminWCSU2014@gmail.com</u>, (860) 354-3521 or access <u>www.roxburyraces.net</u>.

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Shepaug Valley High School Photograph: Front row, from left to right, Lauren Bresson, Tia Phon and Aileen Rosa. Back row, from left to right, Emily Prezioso, Alejandra Cespedes, Ali Parker, Bridget Snyder and Tegan Anderson.



Nonnewaug High School Photograph: Nonnewaug High School-Woodbury track & field coaches Arleigh Duff, left, of the girls' team, and Jackie Nicholas of the boys' team.