

## **Lubeley, Masopust Prevail Over Roxbury 6.6-miler**

ROXBURY – Justin Lubeley and Alison Masopust took the laurels Saturday, April 23, over a 6.6-mile jaunt at the Roxbury Road Race Series.

Lubeley, 39, of New York City covered the loop, which included a trip up and down part of Chalybes Road, in 42-minutes, 28-seconds – a 6:23-per-mile pace.

Former two-time season champion Jeff Sheldon, 35, of Southbury was second in 44:22.

Masopust, 31, of Morris posted her seventh victory in the women's division in the first 10 races of the season of the weekly series. She placed third overall in 45:43.

The series will continue Saturday, April 30, at 8:30 a.m. with a 4.2-mile run that will travel down the hill on Hemlock Road and up the incline on Ranney Hill Road. There will be no entry fee.

The 26<sup>th</sup> annual Larry Kershner MidSpring Challenge will be held Saturday, May 7, 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 race is named after the late Dr. Kershner, who lived in Roxbury and was the head director of the series from 1980 to 1985. During that time he expanded the series from its initial format of eight races over the summer to where it became 40 races, stretching from the third week of February to the first week of December, in 1986, the year after he left as head director.

The third annual Lyme Disease Awareness Race will be held Saturday, May 14, at 8:30 a.m. over a 4.2-mile route. There will be a \$5 entry fee to help the Class of 2017 at the Shepaug Valley High School-Washington, which is the co-sponsor for the event. Optional donations will be taken for Lyme Disease research. State Rep. Art O'Neill (R-69) of Southbury will speak during the post-race ceremony.

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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