

December 3, 2016

## **Dennen, Masopust Post Victories In Roxbury Road Race Series 40<sup>th</sup> Season Finale**

ROXBURY – Pat Dennen and Alison Masopust captured the respective male and female laurels as 58 runners turned out for the finale of the Roxbury Road Race Series' 40<sup>th</sup> season.

Dennen, 36, of Middlebury - who captured the Roxbury Land Trust race in September, which is part of the series – covered the 2.4-mile loop on Saturday, December 3, in 13-minutes, 23-seconds – a 5:35-per-mile pace.

Matthew Magnifico, 30, who competed in the series for the first time last month, placed second in 16:34.

Masopust garnered her 26<sup>th</sup> win in the women's division in the weekly series this year and placed sixth overall in 17:42 over the course, which included a trip up the steep hill on Chalybes Road.

The run attracted several members of the 169 Towns Society – runners who are seeking to complete a race in each municipality in Connecticut.

The runners collected more than 20 unwrapped toys for needy children as optional donations from the entrants. They were placed in the collection center at the Roxbury Market.

The series averaged 47.8 runners for the 40 events in 2016.

Following the race, the runners awarded plaques for the top six overall male and female runners for the 2016 campaign.

Among the males, Ken Merrick, 47, of New Fairfield captured the overall and men's crown for a fifth consecutive year. Steve Whitcomb placed second for a second consecutive season. David McNamara was third in the season standings, Chris Deming was fourth, Russ Pribanic fifth and Scott Benjamin sixth.

In the women's division, Cynthia Degirolamo, 50 of Newtown was the champion for a third successive year. Masopust was second in the standings, Theresa Gallagher placed third, Mary Mahrer fourth, Debby Valin fifth and Janet Levy sixth.

The 13<sup>th</sup> annual Roxbury Marathon, which closed weeks ago, will be held Saturday, December 10, at 8:30 a.m., with an early bird start at 7:30 a.m. for the slower entrants. The event usually attracts runners from various parts of the United States.

**The series is tentatively scheduled to open its 41<sup>st</sup> season on Saturday, February 18, 2017.**

**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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