

Merrick, Degirolamo Annex Roxbury Titles

ROXBURY – Four-time defending men’s season champion Ken Merrick and two-time defending female season winner Cynthia Degirolamo were again atop their respective leader boards at the Roxbury Road Race Series.

Merrick, 47, of New Fairfield was the overall winner Saturday, February 27, over a 2.4-mile course with a time of 14-minutes, 29-seconds – a 6:02-per-mile pace.

Steve Whitcomb, 37, took second in 15:14. He also placed second in the 2015 season standings at the weekly series.

Degirolamo, 49, of Newtown was 13th overall on the loop, which included a trip down the steep hill on Chalybes Road, with a clocking of 18:13.

There were 69 finishers, including a number from outside of the western part of the state who are seeking to complete the 169-town series in which they run a race in each of Connecticut’s municipalities.

The weekly series will resume Saturday, March 5, at 8:30 a.m. with a 3.1-mile run that will extend to near the bottom of Hemlock Road and back. There will be no entry fee.

Members of the upcoming Seussical The Musical production at the Shepaug Valley High School in Washington will be selling merchandise before and after the race. They will hold a fund-raiser at the 3.52-mile run on Saturday, March 12, at 8:30 a.m. The members will then be accepting optional donations, selling merchandise and awarding VIP passes to the runner with the best Seussical costume.

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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