

Merrick, Masopust Mark Victories In Roxbury

3.52-miler

ROXBURY – Four-time defending season champion Ken Merrick bested a field of 42 rivals to win a 3.52-mile jaunt Saturday, March 19, at the Roxbury Road Race Series.

Merrick, 47, of New Fairfield covered the loop, which included a trip up the long hill on Hemlock Road, in 21-minutes 58-seconds – a 6:14-per-mile pace. It was his third victory in the first five races of the 2016 season at the weekly series.

Terry Corcoran, 47, placed second overall in 22:44.

Masopust, 31, of Morris posted her third win of the campaign in the female division, taking sixth overall in 23:55.

The series will resume Saturday, March 26, at 8:30 a.m. with a 4.3-mile run that will include a trip down the hill on High Bridge Road.

The Larry Kershner MidSpring Challenge will be held on that same 4.3-mile course 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 a former head director of the series.

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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