

Dennen, Masopust Prevail At Roxbury Lyme Disease Awareness Race

ROXBURY – Pat Dennen, who captured the MidSpring Championship run last year, and Alison Masopust, who is leading the women’s standings this year, were the respective champions in the third annual Lyme Disease Awareness Race.

Dennen, 36, was clocked in 24-minutes, 45-seconds – a 5:54-per-mile pace – over the 4.2-mile loop, which included a trip down the long incline along Ranney Hill Road and up the long hill on Hemlock Road. He was the winner of the Bill Burley MidSummer Championship 5.0-mile race last July at Roxbury.

Chris Deming, a former season champion in the weekly Roxbury Road Race Series, placed second in 27:32, just one second ahead of the third-place finisher Terry Corcoran.

Masopust garnered the women’s title for the ninth time this season at Roxbury, placing fifth overall in 27:44.

The race and concurrent 1.8-mile walk were co-sponsored by the race series and the Shepaug Valley High School class of 2017. The students raised money for their class activities from the \$5 entry fees and also collected optional donations for Lyme Disease research. State Rep. Art O’Neill (R-69) of Southbury was in attendance.

The series will resume Saturday, May 21, at 8:30 a.m. with a 3.7-mile run that will go up the incline on Ranney Hill Road after the runners travel up South Street and Route 67. There will be no entry fee.

The Roxbury Mile I will be run Saturday, May 28, at 8:30 a.m. from near the end of Apple Lane to the end of the parking lot at the Booth Free Elementary School on South Street. There will be no entry fee.

The Minor Memorial Library and the runners will present Exercise Your Mind Saturday, June 25, at 8:30 a.m. There will be no entry fee for the 2.4-mile run and 1.2-mile walk.

Following the events, there will be registration tables for the library's Exercise Your Mind reading program, refreshments, a bounce house and a juggling performance.

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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