

Dennen, Mahrer Post Victories In Eighth Annual Roxbury Land Trust Run

ROXBURY – Pat Dennen breezed to an overall victory and former women's season champion Mary Mahrer was the women's champ at the eight annual 3.0-mile Roxbury Land Trust Race.

Dennen, 36, of Middlebury, who captured last year's Bill Burley MidSummer Championship at Roxbury was clocked in 16-minutes, 28-seconds – a 5:29-per-mile pace.

Ken Merrick, 47, of New Fairfield placed second in 17:57 on the layout, which began and ended near the Roxbury Land Trust's River Road preserve. He has won the Roxbury season title the last four years and is atop the point standings again this campaign.

Mahrer, 42, who has weekend home in Roxbury, was ninth overall Saturday, September 17, in 21:32.

The runners raised \$260 for the Roxbury Land Trust through

The series will resume Saturday, September 24, at 8:30 a.m. with the eighth annual Ed Sandifer Staggered-Start Race over a 2.4-mile loop that will include a trip down the steep hill on Chalybes Road.

The runners will take off in groups according to their ability.

There will be a \$5 entry fee that can be paid that morning from 7 to 8:20. Proceeds will go to Sandifer of Newtown, who captured the series title 12 times and completed the Boston Marathon for 37 consecutive years.

The races, which are sanctioned by the Roxbury Recreation Commission, typically start and finish near the Everett Hurlburt Community Park at 18 Apple Lane.

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