

## **Sheldon, Masopust Romp At Roxbury Run**

**ROXBURY – Former two-time season champion Jeff Sheldon and this year's women's points leader, Alison Masopust, took the laurels Saturday, April 29, at the Roxbury Road Runners Club's 4.8-mile run.**

**Sheldon, 36, of Southbury covered the loop which went out to a point on Judd's Bridge Road and back in 29-minutes, 45-seconds, 6:12-per-mile pace.**

**Defending five-time season champion Ken Merrick, 47, of New Fairfield placed second in 30:23.**

**Masopust, 33, of Morris was the first female finisher and took sixth overall in 33:06 for her seventh triumph this season in the women's division at the weekly series.**

**The 27<sup>th</sup> annual Larry Kershner MidSpring Challenge will be held Saturday, May 6, at 8:30 a.m. over a 4.3-mile course that will include a trip down the hill on High Bridge Road.**

**There will be a \$5 entry fee to raise money for the CT Challenge bicycle event, which assists cancer survivors.**

**Runners can gain entry to the run through the \$50 season membership or a \$5 weekly waiver.**

**The late Dr. Kershner, a former long-time Roxbury resident, was head director of the series from 1980 to 1985 and expanded what was an eight-race summer schedule to 40 races. He taught Science at New Milford High School, where he became the department chairman, for many years and then was a professor in the Education Department at Western Connecticut State University in Danbury.**

**The fourth annual Lyme Disease Awareness Run/Walk will be held Saturday, May 13, at 8:30 a.m. over a 3.52-mile layout for the run and a 1.8-mile loop for the walk. It is sponsored by Class of 2017 at Shepaug Valley High School in Washington.**

**There will be a suggested \$10 entry fee to benefit Lyme disease awareness.**

**State Rep. Art O'Neill (R-69) of Southbury will be one of the featured speakers at the post-race ceremony.**

**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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