

Merrick, Harvey, Masopust In Usual Roxbury Positions

ROXBURY – Ken Merrick and Dave Harvey took first and second place, respectively for the sixth consecutive week at the Roxbury Road Runners Club series on Saturday, April 8, and Alison Masopust annexed the female title for the fifth time in the first six events of the 2017 season.

Merrick, 47, of New Fairfield, the five-time defending champion, was clocked in 23-minutes, 10-seconds, while Harvey, 53, of Killingsworth was the runner-up in 23:20 on the 3.7-mile loop, which included a trip down the steep hill on Chalybes Road and up the long incline along Ranney Hill Road.

Masopust, 32, of Morris was ninth overall in 25:55.

The series will resume on Saturday, April 15, with a 5.7-mile jaunt that will include a trip down the hill on High Bridge Road and a journey along part of River Road and back to a jeep trail.

Runners can enter through the \$50 season membership or the \$5 weekly waiver provision.

The 27th annual MidSpring Challenge will be held on Saturday, May 6, at 8:30 a.m. over a 4.3-mile route. There will be a \$5 contribution that will go to the CT Challenge organization, which benefits cancer patients. The race is named after Larry Kershner, who was the second head director in the series, serving from 1980 to 1985.

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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