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Nihill, Masopust Score Victories At Roxbury Charity Race

ROXBURY – Joey Nihill, succeeded his second place finish four weeks ago in a 7.25-mile event with a victory in a 3.1-mile race – making him, at age 14, one of the youngest winners in the 41-year history of the Roxbury Road Runners Club series.

Nihill of Southbury increased his advantage on five-time defending series champion Ken Merrick, 48, of New Fairfield, the runner-up, over the second half of the out-and-back loop, finishing in19-minutes, 31-seconds – a 6:18-per-mile pace.

Merrick was clocked in 19:46.

Masopust, 33, of Morris garnered her 15th triumph in the women's division this season with a sixth place finish overall.

The 10th annual charity race netted $190 in proceeds from the $5 per runner entry fee. Those funds will be evenly divided between Lawrence Memorial Hospital in New London, which does research regarding juvenile diabetes, and Autism Resources And Services For Connecticut, which conducts research into autism.

The weekly series will resume on Saturday, August 19, at 8:30 a.m. with a 6.2-mile run that will include a trip up the steep hill on Painter Road.

There will be a $5 contribution fee that can be paid that morning from 7 to 8:20. Proceeds will go to the Roxbury Recreation Commission, which has sanctioned the races since they started in 1977.

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

The races start and finish near the Everett Hurlburt Community Park at 18 Apple Lane.

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