

Sheldon, Mahrer Prevail In Roxbury Lyme Disease Race

ROXBURY – Two former season champions – Jeff Sheldon of Southbury and Mary Mahrer of Roxbury – wore the championship fedoras following the fourth annual Lyme Disease Awareness Race at the Roxbury Road Runners Club series.

The two winners are from the 69th state House district, which is represented by Art O'Neill (R-Southbury), who attended the event for a third consecutive year.

It has been organized for all four years by Martin Meyer of Roxbury and Kathleen Sinatra of Bridgewater, who both will graduate next month from Shepaug Valley High School in Washington. Their families have assisted them with the effort.

They raised \$332 from the entry fees for Lyme Disease Awareness and another \$100 for their class activities.

Sheldon, 36, a two-time season champion in the weekly series, covered the 3.52-mile loop on Saturday, May 13, in 21-minutes, 27-seconds – a 6:06-per-mile pace.

Five-time defending champion Ken Merrick, 48, of New Fairfield placed second in 22:43 on the rolling course, which included a trip down the hill on Hemlock Road.

Mahrer, 41, was 14th overall in 27:27.

The series will resume on Saturday, May 20, at 8:30 a.m. with a 4.2-mile run that will include a trip down the long incline along Ranney Hill Road and up the hill on Hemlock Road.

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

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