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## **Parker, Meyn Take Staggered Titles, Merrick, Masopust Master Actual Times Results**

**ROXBURY – As usual, the popular Ed Sandifer staggered-start race featured a convergence of runners of various abilities along South Street as they entered the final mile with victories in one category by Daphne Parker and Greg Meyn and by season leaders Ken Merrick and Alison Masopust in the other component.**

**Parker, 53, was the overall winner with an adjusted time of 27-minutes 32-seconds on the 2.4-mile route that included a trip down the long hill on Chalybes Road at the Roxbury Road Runners Club series.**

**The race, which began under Sandifer's direction in 1988, has the runners start according to their ability.**

**Meyn 32, placed second overall and first among the men in 28:21.**

**Merrick, 48, of New Fairfield was timed in 15:00 in actual time to post his 13<sup>th</sup> triumph of the season. He has won the season title each of the last five years in the weekly series.**

**Masopust, 33, of Morris wore the women's championship top hat for the 20<sup>th</sup> time this season, taking seventh place overall in 17:32. She leads the season standings among the females.**

**The race is named after Sandifer, who won the Roxbury series title 12 times and completed the Boston Marathon each year from 1973 through 2009.**

**The Newtown resident and former math professor at Western Connecticut State University in Danbury attended the event and donated the \$210 in proceeds from the entry fees to the series' T-shirt/grants campaign.**

**In November, the runners will be distributing T-shirts for the 22<sup>nd</sup> consecutive year. Following the staggered-start race, they presented a plaque to former season champion Dave Harvey, who used to live in Bridgewater, for producing the art work for the T-shirts starting in 1997.**

**The series will continue on Saturday, September 30, at 8:30 a.m. with a 7.25-mile jaunt that will include a trip up the long hill on Painter Road.**

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

**The 31<sup>st</sup> annual MidAutumn Championship will be run over a 3.9-mile loop on Saturday, November 4, at 8:30 a.m.**

**There will be a \$5 entry fee that can be paid that morning between 7 and 8:20. Proceeds will go to the T-shirt/grants fund.**

**Regarding the grants, the series is seeking proposals from cross country and track & field coaches at the Shepaug Valley-Washington, Brookfield, Oxford, New Milford, Pomperaug-Southbury and Nonnewaug-Woodbury high schools by March 31 on what they would do with \$600 or some portion of that sum to improve their programs. A committee will select the winners in April.**

**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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