

Netzer, Lesch Score Victories Over Challenging 7.1-mile Roxbury Route

ROXBURY_– Harry Netzer and Donna Lesch collected the championship pennants after taking their respective division titles over a hilly 7.16-mile course that wound past farms and fruit stands along the scenic roads of Roxbury.

Netzer, 25, was first overall in 48-minutes, 12-seconds – a 6:39-per-mile pace.

Jeff Sheldon, 37, of Southbury – who captured the season title in the weekly series I 2005 and 2010 - placed second in 48:42 over the loop, which included a trip along the steep hill on Painter Road.

Lesch, 50, copped the female title and was 14th overall in 59:43.

The series will resume on Saturday, October 7, at 8:30 a.m. with a 3.52-mile run that will include a trip up the long incline on Hemlock Road.

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

The series will sponsor the 32nd annual MidAutumn Championship on Saturday, November 4, at 8:30 a.m. over a 3.9-mile loop.

There will be a \$5 entry fee that can be paid that morning from 7 to 8:20 proceeds will go to the series' T-shirt/grants campaign.

The Roxbury Thanksgiving Charity Race will be held on Thursday, November 23, at 9 a.m. along a 3.1-mile course.

There will be a \$10 entry fee that can be paid that morning from 7 to 8:50. Proceeds will be directed to Hurricane Harvey relief.

Registration for the Roxbury Half Marathon – slated for November 11 – and the Roxbury Marathon – scheduled for December 9 – is available at www.roxburyraces.net.

The runs, which are sanctioned by the Roxbury Recreation Commission, start and finish near the Everett Hurlburt Community Park at 18 Apple Lane.

For more information, contact Scott Benjamin, the race director, at ScottBenjaminWCSU2014@gmail.com, (860) 354-3521 or access www.roxburyraces.net.