<u>Deming, Masopust Withstand Winds To Tally</u> <u>Triumphs On Roxbury 2.4-miler</u>

ROXBURY – Chris Deming earned the rose boutonniere and Alison Masopust garnered the orchid corsage following a windswept inaugural run in the 42nd season of the Roxbury Road Races Club series.

On the day following a Nor'easter, Deming, 51, of Danbury – a former season champion in the series who placed fifth for the 2017 season – outlasted Randy Watkins, 54, to take the 2.4-miler that included a trip up the steep hill on Chalybes Road.

Deming was clocked in 15-minutes, 51-seconds and Watkins, who took second, was timed in 15:53.

Masopust, 33, of Morris, the defending female season champ in the weekly series, was the top woman and placed third overall in 16:58.

There were 41 finishers.

The series will resume on Saturday, March 10, at 8:30 a.m. with a 3.1-mile jaunt that will include a trip up and down the hill on Hemlock Road.

Runners can enter through the \$25 season membership or the \$2 weekly waiver fee.

Youth runners will have no entry fee.

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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