

Deming Prevails Over Challenging Botsford Hill Course

ROXBURY – Former season champion Chris Deming conquered the steep incline on Botsford Hill Road on his way to capturing the annual 11.2 mile jaunt that is a feature of the weekly Roxbury Road Races Club series.

Deming, 53, of Danbury covered the route in 1-hour, 20-minutes and 28-seconds – a 7:19-per-mile pace – with Matthew Magnifico, 32, placing second in 1:24.42.

Monique Crane, 55, was the first female finisher and took ninth overall in 1:37.44.

The series will conclude its 43rd season on Saturday, December 14, at 8:30 a.m. with a 2.4-mile loop that will include a trip up the hill on Chaylbes Road. The runners will be collecting unwrapped toys for needy children.

Runners can participate through the \$25 season membership or the \$2 weekly waiver fee. Youth entrants can run for free by completing the weekly waiver form.

Following the race, the plaques will be presented to the top six male and top six female runners in the season standings.

The 2020 season is tentatively scheduled to start with fun runs in February with the first official race tentatively set for Saturday, March 7, at 8:30 a.m.

The series also recently contributed non-perishable foods from its recent drive to the Roxbury Food Bank at the Christ Church.

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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