

Kane, Masopust Master Grueling Roxbury

Moosehorn Course

ROXBURY – The discussion at the weekly Roxbury Road Race Club series is whether the 9.9-mile Moosehorn course is more difficult to run than the 11-miler that proceeds up the steep incline on Botsford Hill Road.

Moosehorn is getting some votes. Although it's slightly less than a mile shorter than the Botsford Hill route, it has three major uphill sections that would even be a challenge for Rocky or Bullwinkle.

James Kane, 20, and Alison Masopust, 35, were the respective male and female champions in the Saturday, June 1, run, which featured a trip through the Roxbury countryside, which included sightings of cows, as well as Boris and Natasha.

Race officials have not determined if the respective division champs will each be awarded a DVD with all 163 episodes of "The Adventures of Rocky & Bullwinkle and Friends" as a result of their success at navigating the Moosehorn.

Kane, 20, was clocked in one-hour and seven minutes – a 6:50-per-mile pace.

Jeff Sheldon, 38, of Southbury, a former two-time season champion at Roxbury, was second in 1:10.39.

Chris Deming, 52, of Danbury, who designed the course and is a former season champion, placed third in 1:11.27.

Masopust of Morris took fourth with a clocking of 1:11.38, which bested her previous female course record of 1:13.44 from 2016.

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

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

The 34th annual William Burley MidSummer Championship will be run on Saturday, July 13, at 8:30 a.m. at the Roxbury Land Trust preserve on River

Road. For an 11th consecutive year, the runners will make a contribution to the Roxbury Land Trust. The event is named after the founder of the series.

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

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