Fitch Top Harrier Over 3.1-Mile Loop

ROXBURY – Scott Fitch outlasted Steve Leslie to capture at 3.1-mile race that included a trip down and then up the long hill on Hemlock Road.

Fitch, 45, was closed in 21-minutes, 45-seconds – a 7:01-per-mile pace – in the Saturday, October 16, event. Leslie of Brookfield placed second in 21:55.

Kateri Danay, 23, was third overall and garnered the female crown with a time of 22:49.

David McNamara, who placed fifth in the race, is leading the season standings at the weekly Roxbury Road Runners Club series with 720 points. Danay is second with 637 points.

The series will resume on Saturday, October 23, at 8:30 a.m. with a 3.7-mile loop that will include a trip down the long incline along Ranney Hill Road.

Runners should pre-register before Friday, October 22, at www.roxburyraces.net.

They can enter through the \$25 season membership. They also can participate by completing the weekly waiver form. If they have a timing chip, the cost is \$2. If they don't have a timing chip, the fee is \$5. Youth runners can compete for free after completing the weekly waiver form.

Starting Saturday, November 6, through the final race of the season on Saturday, December 11, the runners will collect non-perishable food donations for the Roxbury Food Bank.

The Roxbury Thanksgiving Day Charity Race will be held on Thursday, November 25, at 9 a.m. to raise funds for the Roxbury Scholarship Foundation.

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

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