

Saturday, July 12, 2025

## Abraham Annexes Burley Race Crown

ROXBURY – Shepaug Valley High School ace Wylden Abraham easily captured the Bill Burley Founders Run for his eighth win of 2025 at the weekly Roxbury Road Runners Club series.

Abraham, who lives in Roxbury, was clocked in 18-minutes, 34-seconds over the 3.05-mile loop that went from the entrance to the Roxbury Land Trust's River Road Preserve to the end of River Road and then returned to near the pond area at the preserve.

Jeff Lipchus of the Sandy Hook section of Newtown placed second in 19:02 in the Saturday, July 12, event.

Tim O'Shea was third in 19:18 and Mike Abraham, Wylden's father, took fourth in 21:27. Mike Abraham was the 2024 season champion in the series.

Miriam Acevedo of New Milford posted her eighth win of 2025 in the women's division at Roxbury. She was sixth overall in 22:36.

The runners donated \$500 to the Roxbury Land Trust. Except during the 2020 pandemic, they have contributed to the land trust each year since 2009.

Roxbury Land Trust Executive Director Lisa Roush assisted with the timing of the race and spoke at the post-race ceremony about the land trust's activities.

Burley started the Roxbury series in 1977 with an eight-week summer schedule and remained as the race director through 1979. The series expanded to its current early-March to early-December format in 1986.

The races will continue on Saturday, July 19, at 8:30 a.m. with a 6.2-mile event that will start and finish near the Everett B. Hurlburt Community Park at 18 Apple Lane, the usual site.

Runners can participate through the \$30 season membership. They also can enter by completing the weekly waiver form and paying a \$5 fee. Youth entrants, current and former members of the military and current and former first responders can run for free after completing the weekly waiver form.

There will be no race on Saturday, July 26, due to the New Milford Parks & Recreation 8-mile and 3.1-mile races.

The series will resume on Saturday, August 2, at 8:30 a.m. with a 6.4-mile race.

The races are sanctioned by the Roxbury Recreation Commission.

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#### Results of the 3.05-mile Race

1. Wylden Abraham 18:34
2. Jeff Lipchus 19:02
3. Tim O'Shea 19:18
4. Mike Abraham 21:27
5. Steve Leslie 21:56
6. Miriam Acevedo 22:36
7. Donna Lesch 22:53
8. Franklyn Gandiaga 24:06
9. Kateri Danay 24:09

10. Scott Cooney 24:20
11. Nick Nassra 24:57
12. Dan Burns 24:58
13. Clare Keller 25:01
14. Cindy DeGriolamo 25:05
15. Dave Wolfe 25:11
16. Dan Lamb 26:09
17. Scott Benjamin 26:23
18. David Flynn 26:29
19. Bob McDonald 26:47
20. Dan Lynch 26:53
21. Melinda Benson 27:02
22. Irene Clarke 27:12
23. Bob Rania 27:27
24. Jeanne Colin 29:29
25. Erin Sodhi 29:41
26. Rich Federico 30:13
27. Ross Levy 30:18

28. Joseph Danay 30:45

29. Lauren Contorno 33:19

30. Jennifer DiFRanco 34:02

31. Joel Faria 34:16

32. Russ Pribanic 34:18

33. Harry Ong 35:07

34. Gillian Bienvenu 36:11

35. Jess Reed 38:02

36. Beth Hayden 38:29

37. Charlie Euston

Alternate Race: Janet Levy, 2.1 miles: 38:39