

Saturday, May 31, 2025

Bell Claims Moosehorn Title

ROXBURY – Dillon Bell took the blue ribbon on a course that would be a major challenge not only for Bullwinkle Moose but also for Rocky, Boris and Natasha.

Bell, 26, of Brookfield prevailed on the 9.9-mile Moosehorn course at the weekly Roxbury Road Runners Club series.

The loop is the second longest of the year in the 38-race schedule. It not only goes up the long, steep hill on Route 317, but also up the climb along the dirt surface that constitutes Moosehorn Road.

Bell, the cross-country coach at Post University in Waterbury, covered the route in 1-hour, 13-minutes and 58 seconds – a 7:28-per-mile pace. He captured seven races in the Roxbury series during 2024.

Jeff Lipchus, 41, of the Sandy Hook section of Newtown placed second in the Saturday, May 31, event with a 1:15.29 clocking.

Miriam Acevedo, 48, was the first female finisher and took sixth overall with a time of 1:32.22

The series will continue with a 6.2-mile event on Saturday, June 7, at 8:30 a.m. that will include a turnaround on Sentry Hill Road.

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

On Saturday, July 5, the series will hold its third Roxbury Family Fun Run at 8:30 a.m. around the .41-mile track at the community park. There will be a 2.4-mile race following the fun run.

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

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