Lipchus Collects Fourth Roxbury Blue Ribbon

ROXBURY – Jeff Lipchus garnered his fourth win of the season and the third consecutively by galloping over a grueling 8.3-mile course at the weekly Roxbury Road Runners Club series.

Lipchus, 42, of the Sandy Hook section of Newtown was clocked in 58-minutes, 17-seconds – a 7:01-per-mile pace – over the loop, which included a climb up Painter Hill Road.

Dwight Harris, 39, of Southbury placed second in 59:37.

Michelle Ratajczyk, 40, of New Milford was the first female finisher and was ninth overall with a 1:13.02 clocking.

The series will continue with a 3.9-mile race on Saturday, May 17, at 8:30 a.m. that will include a trip along the Horrigan Trail – a jeep trail.

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

The Roxbury Mile I, which typically attracts some family entries, is scheduled for Saturday, May 24, at 8:30 a.m.

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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