

Two Roxbury Race Results, Four Winners

ROXBURY – Runners of varying abilities wore the garland of orchids at the 37th annual Ed Sandifer Staggered-start race.

The 2.4-mile event is named after Sandifer, a former Newtown resident who was the season champion 12 times in the weekly Roxbury Road Runners Club series.

In the race, the runners took off according to their ability.

Cindy Scannell of Middlebury was the winner in the staggered -start results on Saturday, October 4, with adjusted time of 24:47. Russ Pribanic, 71, of Roxbury won the men's title with a 29:08 clocking.

In the actual-time results, Jeff Lipchus, 42, of the Sandy Hook section of Newtown prevailed with a time of 15-minutes, 9-seconds –a 6:19-per-mile pace. It was his 10th victory at Roxbury in 2025.

Kaleigh Constatine, 29, of Southbury was the female champion and placed fourth overall with a clocking of 17:15. It was her fifth win in the women's division this year at Roxbury.

Mike Abraham, 66, of Roxbury was third in the actual-time results at 16:54, He leads the season standings with 1,028 points. Mirriam Acevedo, 48, of New Milford, who was fifth in the actual time results with a time of 17:20, is second in the season standings and leads the females with 864 points.

The races will continue on Saturday, October 11, at 8:30 a.m. with a 3.7-mile jaunt that will include a trip up the steep incline on Chalybes Road.

Runners can compete through \$30 season membership. They also can participate by completing the weekly waiver form at paying \$5. 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.

The Roxbury Fall Classic – which will offer a half-marathon, marathon and 50-kilometer race – is slated for Saturday, November 8. Pre-registration is available via UltraSignup.

The Roxbury Thanksgiving Day Charity Race will be run on Thursday, November 27, at 9 a.m. over a 3.1-mile loop. Pre-registration is \$10 with a \$3.12 service fee through UltraSignup. Race-day registration of \$15 per runner will be available on November 27 from 7:30 a.m. until 8:50 a.m.

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

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