

Saturday, September 27, 2025

## Schindel Captures Long, Challenging Roxbury Run

ROXBURY – New York City resident Sam Schindel, 23, broke seven minutes a mile over a course at the weekly Roxbury Road Runners Club series which travels 11.2 miles and oversees scenic farm land.

He was timed in 1-hour, 15-minutes, 56-seconds over the route – which included a journey up the steep Botsford Hill incline in the fifth mile.

Harry Netzer, 33, a former winner of the Roxbury Marathon, placed second at the Saturday, September 27, event. He was clocked in 1:16.30.

Rina McNamara, 47, of Litchfield was the first female finisher and placed fifth overall in 1:31.59.

The series will continue with the annual Ed Sandifer 2.4-mile staggered-start race. The event is named after a former 12-time series season champion.

The runners will take off on the course, which will include a trip down the steep hill on Chalybes Road, according to their typical pace-per-mile time.

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

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

The eighth annual Roxbury Thanksgiving Day Charity Race will be held on Thursday, November 27, at 9 a.m. over a 3.1-mile loop. Pre-registration can be made through UltraSignup. The cost is \$10 plus a \$3.12 handling fee. Race-day registration is \$15 and can be completed on race day from 7:30 to 8:50 a.m.

Proceeds will be donated to the Roxbury Scholarship Foundation and the Roxbury Ambulance Association.

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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