

Tuesday, September 20, 2025

Andrejczyk Captures 3.7-mile Jaunt

ROXBURY – Longtime series veteran Mark Andrejczyk scored his first victory of the 2025 campaign at the weekly Roxbury Road Runners Club series over a challenging course that included a trip up the steep incline on Ranney Hill Road.

Andrejczyk, 52, of Shelton was timed on the 3.7-mile loop in 24-minutes, 48 - seconds – a 6:42-per-mile pace. He outran Jeff Lipchus, 42, of the Sandy Hook section of Newtown, who placed second in the Saturday, September 20, race with a clocking of 25:06. Lipchus had been the winner in the previous two races.

Rina McNamara won the women's division and placed fourth overall in 27:31 She won the women's season championship in 2024.

The series will on Saturday, September 27, at 8:30 a.m. with an 11-mile race that will include a trip up the steep incline on Botsford Hill.

Runners can compete through the \$30 season membership. They also can participate by completing the weekly waiver form and paying a \$5 fee. 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 Fall Classic is slated for Saturday, November 8. Pre-registration for the half-marathon, marathon and 50-kilometer races is available through UltraSignUp.

The Roxbury Thanksgiving Day Charity Race will be run over 3.1 miles on Saturday, November 27, at 9 a.m. Proceeds will go to the Roxbury Ambulance Association and the Roxbury Scholarship Foundation.

Pre-registration is available via UltraSignUp. The fee is \$10 along with a \$3.12 service charge. Race-day registration will be available at \$15 per runner on November 27 from 7:30 a.m. to 8:50 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.

For more information, contact Scott Benjamin, the race director, at ScottBenjaminWCSU2014@gmail.com or (Voice-mail) (860) 354-3521.