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Roxbury Road Race Series To Start 35th Season

ROXBURY – The 35th season of the Roxbury Road Race Series will start on Saturday, Feb. 19, at 8:30 a.m. with a 2.4-mile race.

There will be a race every Saturday through Dec. 3, except for July 30, when the 44th annual New Milford 7.8-mile run will be held in conjunction with Village Fair Days.

The eighth annual Roxbury Marathon will be held on Saturday, Dec. 10, at 8:30 a.m.

The Roxbury half-marathon will be held on Saturday, Nov. 12, at 8:30 a.m.

The series also will feature the Larry Kershner MidSpring Challenge, which will be held over a 4.3-mile course on Apr. 30.

The race is named after a former director of the series.

The Bill Burley Mid Summer Championship will be held on July 16 over a 5.0-mile course.

That event is named after the founding head director of the series.

The Bob Lewis MidAutumn Championship will be held on Nov. 5 over a 3.95-mile course.

That race is named after the current head director, who has held that position since 1986.

The Two For A Show race will be held Sept. 10 over a 3.1-mile course to benefit a charity and the Ed Sandifer race, named after an 11-time season champion, is scheduled for Sept. 24.

All of the races are free, except for the special events, where there will be a \$5 entry fee.

The entry fees for the Roxbury Marathon and Half-Marathon will be determined in the near future.

The series also will be a co-sponsor for the 11th annual Run For A Cure 3-mile race on Thursday, Nov. 24, which starts and finishes near the Roxbury Congregational Church. There will be a \$10 entry fee for that race, which benefits the cancer centers at the New Milford and Danbury hospitals and the Relay For Life, which is a component of the American Cancer Society.

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

There is a point system and the top runners in the season standings will be awarded plaques after the Dec. 3 race.

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The Roxbury Road Race Schedule For 2011, The 35th Season

Feb. 19: 2.4 miles (up Chalybes Road.)

Feb. 26: 2.4 miles (down Chalybes Road.)

Mar. 5: 3.1 miles (Hemlock Road.)

Mar. 12: 3.52 miles (down Hemlock Road.)

Mar. 19: 3.52 miles (up Hemlock Road.)

Mar. 26: 3.7 miles (South Street to Ranney Hill Road.)

Apr. 2: 3.7 miles (Chalybes Road to Ranney Hill Road.)

Apr. 9: 3.95 miles (Jeep trail.)

Apr. 16: 2.4 miles (up Chalybes Road.)

Apr. 23: 4.3 miles (Two-mile mark on High Bridge Road.)

Apr. 30: 4.3 miles (Larry Kershner MidSpring Challenge. Two-mile mark on High Bridge Road)

May 7: 4.2 miles (Hemlock Road to Ranney Hill Road.)

May 14: 3.7 miles (Ranney Hill Road To South Street.)

May 21: 4.8 miles (Judds Bridge Road)

May 28: The Roxbury Mile I

June 4: 4.5 miles (Chalybes Road to Hemlock Road.)

June 11: 6.6 miles (Judds Bridge Road to Sentry Hill Road.)

June 18: 4.2 miles (Ranney Hill Road to Hemlock Road.)

June 25: 6.4 miles (Minor Bridge Road) Also a 4.8 mile alternate.

July 2: 2.4 miles (up Chalybes Road.) (Vanderheiden Seek Race.)

July 9: 4.3 miles (Two-mile mark on South Street.)

July 16: 5.0 miles (The Bill Burley MidSummer Championship. Hall of Fame ceremony.)

July 23: 5.0 miles (Reverse direction.)

July 30: (No race due to the 7.8-mile New Milford Village Fair Days event.)

Aug. 6: 6.2 miles (Painter Ridge)

Aug. 13: 8.2 miles (Judds Bridge)

Aug. 20: 3.7 miles (Ranney Road to Chalybes Road.)

Aug. 27: Roxbury Mile II.

Sept. 3: 7.3 miles (The jeep trail and Hemlock Road.)

Sept. 10: 3.1 miles (Two For The Show race.)

Sept. 17: ~~4.8 miles (Judds Bridge)~~ **Roxbury Land Trust – start/finish at River Rd Preserve**

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Sept. 24: 2.4 miles (Ed Sandifer Benefit) (The Roxbury Handicap.)

Oct. 1: 3.52 miles (up Hemlock Road)

Oct. 8: 11 miles (Botsford Hill Road) (3.95-mile alternate race.)

Oct. 15: 3.7 miles (Chalybes Road to Ranney Hill Road.)

Oct. 22: 3.52 miles (down Hemlock Road.)

Oct. 29: 3.95 miles (Jeep trail.)

Nov. 5: ~~3.95 miles~~ **3.52 miles Down Hemlock Rd** (The Bob Lewis MidAutumn Championship race.)

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Nov. 12: 13.1 miles (The Roxbury Half-marathon.)

Nov. 19: 3.52 miles (down Hemlock Road.)

Nov. 24: Run For A Cure (3.0 miles at Roxbury Congregational Church.)

Nov. 26: 2.4 miles (down Chalybes Road.)

Dec. 3: 2.4 miles (**Bring a toy for charity**) (up Chalybes Road and awards ceremony.)

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Dec. 10: The Roxbury Marathon, 26.2 miles.