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Roxbury Road Race Series Will Host A Variety Of Runs During 36th Season In 2012

ROXBURY – The 36th season of the Roxbury Road Race Series will feature 40 races, including some that will be run on new courses, and the increasingly popular half-marathon and marathon, which attract runners from across the country.

The series, which was founded by former Roxbury resident Bill Burley in 1977 with eight races over the summer, will start its 2012 season Feb. 18 at 8:30 a.m. with a 2.4-mile run that will include a trip up the steep hill on Chalybes Road.

All of the races in the regular series, as well as the marathon and half-marathon will be start at 8:30 a.m. near the Everett Hurlburt Community Park on West Apple Lane.

There will be three championship races and other events to raise money for area charities.

The Larry Kershner MidSpring Challenge, named after the second head director of the series, will be held Apr. 28 over a 4.3-mile course; the Bill Burley MidSummer Championship will be run **July 21** [cd] over a 5.0-mile layout; and the Bob Lewis MidAutumn Championship, named after the third head director of the series, will be held Nov. 3 along a 3.95-mile course that includes a jeep trail.

There will be a \$5 entry fee for each of those events with the proceeds going to the Roxbury park improvement fund.

The fifth annual Two For The Show race to benefit research for juvenile diabetes and autism will be held Sept. 8 over a 3.1-mile course and the Ed Sandifer Handicap, named after an 11-time champion of the series, will be run Sept. 29. Each of those races will have a \$5 entry fee.

There also will be two installments of the Roxbury Mile, which will be held May 26 and Sept. 1.

For the fourth consecutive year the runners and the Roxbury Land Trust will sponsor a 3.0-mile race that will be run near the land trust's parcel on River Road. The race, which will be held Sept. 22, at 8:30 a.m. will have a \$5 entry fee that will benefit the land trust.

The Harry Ong/Paul Butler half marathon, named after two runners in the series, will be held Nov. 10 at 8:30 a.m. and the ninth annual Roxbury Marathon, which is named after Sandifer, is slated for Dec. 8 at 8:30 a.m.

The entry fees for those races have not yet been determined.

Last year's marathon attracted runners from California, Washington state, Arizona, Oregon, Missouri and Texas, as well as other states.

The Roxbury Congregational Church, the Roxbury Recreation Commission and the Roxbury Road Race Series will sponsor the 12th annual Run For The Cure, which will be held Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 22, with the kids race at 9 a.m. The walkers will start the main 3.0-mile course at 9:15 a.m. and the runners will take off at 9:30 from near the church on Route 317.

There will be a \$10 entry fee, with proceeds being donated to the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life and the cancer center at New Milford Hospital.

The schedule of races may be subject to change.

The runners operate the series, which is sanctioned by the Roxbury Recreation Commission.

The schedule for the series, which will include some new courses, appears below.

For more information, contact Scott Benjamin, the head director, at BenjaminS@wcsu.edu or (O) (203) 837-9999, ext. 19825, or access www.roxburyraces.net, which posts results and other information on the series and provides a link to its Facebook page.

2012 Roxbury Road Race Series Schedule (The schedule may be subject to change.)

Date	Distance	Course
Feb. 18th	2.4	up CH

Feb.25th	2.4	down CH
Mar.3rd	3.1	HEM retrace
Mar.10th	3.52	down HEM
Mar.17th	3.52	up HEM
Mar.24th	3.57	down HEM up CH
Mar.31st	3.7	CH to RAN
Apr.7th	3.95	Jeep Trail
Apr. 14th	Boston 2.4	up CH
Apr.21st	4.2	down RAN up HEM
Apr.28th	4.3	Larry Kershner Memorial (HB)
May 5th	4.2	HEM to RAN
May 12th	3.7	RAN to SS
May 19th	5.05	Down RAN up HEM down CH

May 26th	Memorial Day 1	Roxbury Mile
June 2nd	4.5	Up CH to down HEM
June 9th	6.6	Judd's Bridge/Sentry Hill Rd. out and back
June 16th	4.2	HEM to RAN
June 23rd	6.4	MB/FR(4.8 alt)
June 30th	2.4	up/down CH (2nd annual Vanderheinden seek race)
July 7th	8.2	Judd's BR out and back (3.52 Up alt.)
July 14th	5.1	Up RAN Rte 317 Rt 67 up HEM
July 21st	5	WCTSC/Bill Burley Classic/Hall Of Fame
July 28th	New Milford	0
Aug.4th	6.2	Scott Benjamin Challenge
Aug.11th	4.3	SS HB

Aug.18th	3.7	RAN to CH
Aug.25th	7.25	"The Boot" (new course)
Sept.1st	Labor Day	1 Roxy Mile 2
Sept.8th	3.1	Two for the Show
Sept.15th	5	Squire Reverse
Sept.22nd		3.0-miles Roxbury Land Trust Run
Sept.29th	2.4	Ed Sandifer Benefit/Handicap
Oct.6th	3.52	Up HEM
Oct.13th	11	Botsford(Jeep Trail alt.)
Oct.20th	4.3	High Bridge
Oct.27th	7.25	Down HEM up RAN up Painter down 317
Nov.3rd	NYC Marathon	3.95 WCTAC/Bob Lewis Challenge
Nov.10th	13.1	Harry Ong and Paul Butler Half Marathon

Nov.17th	3.52	Down HEM
Nov.22nd	Thanksgiving	3 Run For A Cure
Nov.24th	2.4	down CH
Dec.1st	2.4	up CH/end of year awards ceremony
Dec.8th	26.2	Ed Sandifer Marathon
Dec.15th	0	Christmas Party