

Massachusetts Runner Wins Roxbury Handicap; Series Honors Sandifer

ROXBURY – Chuck Keating, 72, a Massachusetts resident who was visiting family in the area, won the 26th annual Roxbury Handicap, which honors Ed Sandifer, an 11-time champion in the weekly Roxbury Road Race Series.

Keating finished the 2.4-mile race, which was run on a staggered start according to the ability of the runners, in 10-minutes, 7-seconds.

Longtime runner Dean Perry, 63, was second in 11:23 over the loop, which included a trip down the steep hill on Chalybes Road.

Nora Hulton, 49, placed third and was the first female finisher with a clocking of 12:04.

The entry fee of \$5 per runner raised \$190, which Sandifer donated to the Roxbury Road Race Series T-shirt/grants fund.

The series will continue Saturday, Oct. 5, at 8:30 a.m. with a 3.52-mile run that will include a jaunt up the long hill on Hemlock Road. There will be no entry fee.

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

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