

Merrick, Krebs Take Roxbury Laurels Over 6.8-mile Course

ROXBURY – Two-time defending season champion Ken Merrick and three-time defending women’s season title-holder Teresa Krebs won their respective divisions Saturday, May 17, over a 6.8-mile course at the Roxbury Road Race Series.

Merrick, 45, of New Fairfield covered the loop, which went down the hill on Hemlock Road and up the series of hills on South Street, in 42-minutes, 32-seconds – a 6:15-per-mile pace.

Eric Vazquez, 15, was the runner-up in 43:02.

Krebs, 44, of Roxbury was clocked in 50:08 and placed ninth overall.

The weekly series will resume Saturday, May 24, at 8:30 a.m. with the Roxbury Mile I, which will start near the end of Apple Lane and proceed to the parking lot of the Booth Free School on South Street.

There will be no entry fee.

The Bill Burley MidSummer Championship will be held Saturday, July 19, at 8:30 a.m. over a 5.0-mile course that will go up the steep hills on Squire Road.

There will be a \$5 entry fee that can be paid that morning from 7 to 8:20 at the Everett Hurlburt Community Park at 18 Apple Lane, near where the race will start and finish.

The top overall male and top female will each receive a \$10 gift certificate to an area running store.

The race is named after the founder and first head director of the series. Dr. Burley was a former longtime Roxbury resident and former elementary school principal in New Milford. He started the series under an eight-race format in July 1977.

For more information on the series, contact Scott Benjamin, the head director, at BenjaminS@wcsu.edu or (O) (203) 837-9999, ext. 19825.