

Roxbury's Kershner MidSpring Challenge Slated For May 2

ROXBURY – The 25th annual Larry Kershner MidSpring Challenge, a staple of the Roxbury Road Race Series, will be run over a 4.3-mile course and will offer a prize for the respective top overall male and female finisher.

The run is scheduled for Saturday, May 2, at 8:30 a.m. and will raise money from the \$5 entry fees for the Roxbury park improvement fund. Registration will be held that morning from 7 to 8:20 a.m. The rolling loop will include a trip down the hill along the dirt surface on High Bridge Road.

Ken Merrick of New Fairfield and Alison Masopust of Morris, were the respective champions last year in the event, which is named after the late Dr. Kershner, a former educator who served as head director of the series and took the first steps in expanding it from an eight-week summer format to the current schedule of 40 races annually.

The longtime Roxbury resident began teaching Science at New Milford High School in the 1960s and ascended to the position of department chairman before becoming a professor in the Education Department at Western Connecticut State University in Danbury, where his work included helping teachers write their master's thesis.

This year's top male and female finisher will each receive a \$10 gift certificate to an area running store.

The event will be the first of three championship races in the series this year. The Bill Burley MidSummer Championship, named after the founder of the series, will be run July 18 over a 5.0-mile course and the Mike Abraham MidAutumn Championship, named after a former assistant director of the series, is scheduled for November 7 along a 3.95-mile loop.

The MidSpring Challenge, like most of the races in the weekly series, will start and finish near the Everett B. Hurlburt Community Park at 18 Apple Lane.

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