

Roxbury Road Race Series To

Start 39th Season

ROXBURY – The Roxbury Road Race Series will start its 39th season Saturday, February 21~~28~~, at 8:30 a.m. with a 2.4-mile run that will start and finish near the Everett Hurlburt Community Park at 18 Apple Lane.

There will be about 40 events in the weekly series, which began in July 1977 with an eight-week schedule .

The series will be highlighted by the Larry Kershner MidSpring Challenge May 2 over a 4.3-mile loop; the Bill Burley MidSummer Championship July 18 over a 5.0-mile layout; and the MidAutumn Championship November 7 over a 3.95-mile course. The Kershner and Burley events are named after former head directors of the road race series.

Each of those races will have a \$5 entry fee to raise money for the Roxbury park improvement fund.

Also, there will be a \$5 entry fee for the Two For The Show 3.1-mile run September 12 to raise money to research autism and juvenile diabetes; the Roxbury Land Trust 3.0-mile race September 19 to generate funds for open space preservation; and the Ed Sandifer Handicap September 26, to raise revenue for a 12-time season champion of the series.

The series also will sponsor the Roxbury Half Marathon November 14 and the Roxbury Marathon December 12.

About 80 percent of the races are free. They s are open to runners of all ages.

For more information, contact Scott Benjamin, the head director, at ScottBenjaminWCSU2014@gmail.com or (860) 354-3521.

Roxbury Road Race Series Schedule For 2015

May

9. Shepaug Valley Fund Raiser: 4.2 miles down Ranney Hill Road and up Hemlock Road.

NOTE: The May 9 Race is a Shepaug Valley High School Sophomore Class Benefit for Lyme Disease Awareness. There will be a \$5 entry fee and an optional \$5 donation to The American Lyme Disease Foundation is suggested.

16. 3.7 miles up Ranney Hill Road to South Street.

23. 4.8 miles along part of Judd's Bridge Road.

30. Roxbury Mile I.

June

6. 4.2 miles down Hemlock Road and up Ranney Hill Road.

13. 6.6 miles along Judd's Bridge Road and Sentry Hill Road.

20. 6.4 miles along Minor Bridge Road and Falls Road.

27: 2.4 mile Brian Vanderheiden Seek Race.

July

4: No race in observance of Independence Day.

11. 3.6 mile High Bridge Road to the Jeep Trail.

18: The 5.0-mile Bill Burley Championship Race.

25: No race in observance of the 7.8-mile New Milford Village Fair Days Race.

August

- 1. 6.2 miles up Painter Ridge Road.**
- 8. 8.2 miles to Judd's Bridge.**
- 15. 3.7 miles down Ranney Hill Road and up Chalybes Road.**
- 22. 5 mile course up Apple Lane.**
- 29. Roxbury Mile II.**

September

- 5. 7.25 mile Boot course.**
- 12. Two For The Show 3.1 miles to the bottom of Hemlock Road.**
- 19. Roxbury Land Trust 3.0 miles at the River Road Preserve.**
- 26. Ed Sandifer handicap.**

October

- 3 3.52 miles up Hemlock Road.**
- 10. 11.2 miles up Botsford Hill Road.**
- 17. 4.3 miles with the 2-mile mark on High Bridge Road.**
- 24. 7.25 miles down Hemlock and up Painter Ridge Road**
- 31. 3.52 miles down Hemlock Road.**

November

- 7. 3.95 miles jeep trail for the MidAutumn Championship.**
- 14. Roxbury Half Marathon. (Pre-Registration Only - \$15)**
- 21. 3.52 miles down Hemlock Road. (Ugly sweater donations for charity.)**

28. 2.4 miles down Chalybes Road.

December

5. 2.4 miles up Chalybes Road. (Toy donations for needy children.)

12. Roxbury Marathon. (Pre-Registration Only - \$15)