

## **Burley Midsummer Run Slated For July 16**

**ROXBURY – The Bill Burley MidSummer Championship will be run Saturday, July 16, at 8:30 a.m. over a 5.0-mile loop as part of the Roxbury Road Race Series.**

**The race is named after the founder and first head director of the weekly series. There will be a \$5 entry fee that can be paid that morning from 7 to 8:20. Proceeds will go to the Roxbury park improvement fund.**

**The 5.0-mile course will include a trip up the steep hills on Squire Road.**

**Dr. Burley, a former Roxbury resident and former elementary school principal in New Milford, started the series July 2, 1977 as eight races on Saturdays through July and August. The current 40-race schedule from mid-February to early-December began in the mid-1980's.**

**The concept came from a similar series in Westport, where he had been a participant.**

**He served as head director of the Roxbury series through 1979 and was inducted into the Roxbury Road Race Series Hall of Fame in 2007.**

**The races, which are sanctioned by the Roxbury Recreation Commission, start and finish near the Everett Hurlburt Community Park at 18 Apple Lane.**

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