

Merrick, Masopust Holding Five-leaf Roxbury Clovers

ROXBURY – Four-time defending season champion Ken Merrick and Alison Masopust, who captured the MidSpring and MidSummer championship races last year, each annexed their fifth victory of the season in the respective male and female divisions at the weekly Roxbury Road Race Series.

Merrick, 47, of New Fairfield covered the 3.9-mile loop in 24-minutes, 48-seconds – a 6:22-per-mile pace.

Terry Corcoran, 47, placed second overall in 25:56 on the course, which included a jaunt along a jeep trail in the final mile.

Masopust, 31, of Morris took fourth overall with a 26:52 clocking.

The series will resume Saturday, April 16, at 8:30 a.m. with a 2.4-mile event that will include a trip up the steep hill on Chalybes Road. There will be no entry fee.

The 26th annual Larry Kershner MidSpring Challenge will be run Saturday, May 7, at 8:30 a.m. over a 4.3-mile route that will travel down the hill on High Bridge Road near the midway point. There will be a \$5 entry fee that can be paid that morning from 7 to 8:20 a.m. Proceeds will go to the Roxbury park improvement fund.

The third annual Shepaug Valley High School-Washington Lyme Disease Awareness Run/Walk will be held Saturday, May 14, at 8:30 a.m. There will be a \$5 fee that will go toward the Class of 2017's fund. Runners/walkers also can pay an optional fee that will be utilized for Lyme Disease Awareness.

The run will be on a 4.2-mile layout and the walkers will travel 1.8 miles.

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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