

Clarke, Burns Stride To Victory On Roxbury

3.52-miler

ROXBURY – Brady Clarke posted his third victory of the season at the Roxbury Road Race Series and Katie Burns arrived in the winner’s circle for the second consecutive week following a 3.52-mile jaunt.

Clarke, 18, of New Milford covered the loop, which included a trip down the long hill on Hemlock Road, in 22-minutes, 15-seconds – a 6:19-per-mile pace – to finish ahead of runner-up Ken Merrick, 47, of New Fairfield, who was clocked in 22:27. Merrick has won the season title in the weekly Roxbury series each of the last four years and is leading the point standings this campaign.

Burns, 21, was 14th overall in the Saturday, July 2, event with a time of 26:23.

The race came 39 years to the day of the first event in the series, which was then on an eight-week format.

The series will resume Saturday, July 9, at 8:30 a.m. with the 9.9-mile Moosehorn course, which will be run for the first time. There will be no entry fee.

The Bill Burley 5.0-mile MidSummer Championship will be held Saturday, July 16, at 8:30 a.m. It is named after the founding head director of the 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 races, which are sanctioned by the Roxbury Recreation Commission, start and finish near the Everett Hurlburt Community Park at 18 Apple Lane,

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

www.roxburyraces.net.