

Merrick, Masopust Master Roxbury 4.2-miler

ROXBURY – Defending four-time season champion Ken Merrick and the top runner in the female division this campaign, Alison Masopust, were the respective male and female champions over a rolling 4.2-mile loop at the Roxbury Road Race Series.

Merrick, 47, of New Fairfield, who is again leading the standings this year in the weekly series, posted his sixth triumph of the season with a clocking of 27-minutes, 14-seconds – a 6:29-per-mile pace.

Mark DePalma was second in 27:28 over the course, which included a trip down the long hill on Hemlock Road and up the steep incline on Ranney Hill Road.

Masopust, 32, of Morris garnered her 11th victory this season in the female division and was fourth overall with a time of 27:49.

The series will resume Saturday, June 11, at 8:30 a.m. with a 3.1-mile run that will travel up and down the long hill on Hemlock Road. There will be no entry fee.

Exercise Your Mind, an event to promote the Roxbury Minor Memorial Library's summer reading program, will be held Saturday, June 25, at 8:30 a.m. There will be no entry fee for either the 2.4-mile run that will include a trip down part of West Chalybes Road or the 1.2-mile concurrent walk on the track at the community park.

There will be registration tables for the reading program, refreshments, a bounce house and a juggler.

The 31st annual Bill Burley MidSummer Championship will be held Saturday, July 16, at 8:30 a.m. over a 5.0-mile course that will include a trip up the steep hill on Squire Road.

There will be a \$5 entry fee for the race, which is named after the founder and first head director of the series. 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 Hulburt Community Park at 18 Apple Lane.

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