

Harvey, Masopust Victorious Over New 5.7-mile Roxbury Course

ROXBURY – Dave Harvey, who a generation ago was a dominant runner in what was then a small road race series, and Alison Masopust, who has emerged as the stellar female competitor of the current campaign, were the champions over a new 5.7 mile loop at the Roxbury Road Runners Club series.

Harvey, 53, who ran at Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania and was the season champion in the weekly series in 1984 and 1988, covered the loop in 37-minutes, 33-seconds. He placed second in each of the previous six runs this year at Roxbury.

Chris Deming, 50, of Danbury was second in 38:09 after staying close to Harvey through the first four miles of the run, which included a trip along High Bridge and River roads.

Masopust, 32, of Morris posted her sixth win this season in the female division and took fifth overall in 41:56.

The series will resume on Saturday, April 22, at 8:30 a.m. with a 3.6-mile jaunt that will include a trip along a jeep trail.

Runners can enter through the \$50 season membership or the \$5 weekly waiver membership.

The 27th annual Larry Kershner MidSpring Challenge will be held Saturday, May 6, at 8:30 a.m. There will be a \$5 entry fee that can be paid that morning from 7 to 8:20.

The funds will go to the CT Challenge organization, which assists cancer survivors.

The race is named after the second head director of the series. The late Dr. Kershner, a Roxbury resident, took the races from an eight-week summer format to the current 38-race schedule during his tenure from 1980-1985.

Also, the series will be honored on Friday night, April 28, at 7:30 during a reception sponsored by the Bridgewater Grange Club at the St. Mark's Church in Bridgewater.

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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