

Deming, Masopust Conquer Roxbury 11-miler Up Hill And Dale

ROXBURY – Chris Deming and Alison Masopust scored victories in their respective divisions at the Roxbury Road Races Club series over what is probably the most demanding course in the weekly runs – the 11-mile loop that goes up the steep incline on Botsford Hill Road, even travels through neighboring Bridgewater and includes considerable uphill over the final three miles.

Deming, 51, of Danbury was the overall winner. The former season champion was time in 1-hour, 21-minutes and 10-seconds.

Randy Watkins, 55, of New Milford was second in 1:25.15.

Masopust captured the female crown and placed fourth overall in 1:27.34.

The 34-year-old Morris resident has been the first female finisher 20 times this year after capturing the season title in 2017.

The series will continue on Saturday, October 27, at 8:30 a.m. with a 4.3-mile event that will include a jaunt up the hill on High Bridge Road.

Runners can enter through the \$25 season membership or the \$2 weekly waiver.

Youth runners can enter for free by completing the weekly waiver.

The Roxbury Marathon and Roxbury Half Marathon are slated for Saturday, November 10, at 8:30 a.m. Registration is available at www.roxburyraces.net.

The second annual Roxbury Thanksgiving Charity Race over 3.1-miles will be held on Thursday, November 22, at 9 a.m.

The race will benefit the Roxbury Scholarship Foundation's Joseph Thomas Awlasewicz Scholarship for a high school senior from Roxbury seeking to study for a career in the trades.

Runners will need to complete a waiver form when they get their race materials in the pavilion at the community park unless they are already a season member of the weekly Roxbury Road Races Club series.

The top three male and female finishers overall will each receive an award designed by runner Dave Harvey, a former season champion in the series.

Registration is available at www.roxburyraces.net. There will not be any race-day registration.

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, contact Scott Benjamin, the race director, at ScottBenjaminWCSU2014@gmail.com, (860) 354-3521 or access www.roxburyraces.net.