

Sheldon, Masopust Capture Garlands On Roxbury 4.4-mile Loop

ROXBURY – Former season champions Jeff Sheldon and Alison Masopust gave performances that should have earned them a root beer float with whip cream and a red maraschino cherry on the top as they annexed their respective titles over a 4.4-mile route at the Roxbury Road Race Club series.

Sheldon, 38, of Southbury, who was season champion in 2005 and 2010, outran Wade Birkins, 28, of Roxbury on the course, which included a trip up the steep hill on Chalybes Road and down the long incline on Hemlock Road.

Sheldon was clocked in 27-minutes, 10-seconds – a 6:10-per-mile pace – and Birkins in 27:27 as the runner-up.

Masopust, 34, of Morris was fourth overall and first in the female division.

She was timed in 29:39, and again leads the point standings for the season in the women’s division after capturing that distinction last year.

The series will resume on Saturday, October 13, at 8:30 a.m. with a 5.0-mile jaunt will include a trip up the steep hill on Squire Road.

Runners can enter through the \$25 season membership or the \$2 weekly waiver. Youth runners can complete the weekly waiver and compete for free.

Registration for the Roxbury Marathon and Roxbury Half Marathon is available at www.roxburyraces.net. Both races will take off on Saturday, November 10, at 8:30 a.m.

The second annual Roxbury Thanksgiving Charity Race will be run over a 3.1-mile loop on Thursday, November 22, at 9 a.m. Registration is available through Ultra Sign-up at www.roxburyraces.net.

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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