

Schemm, Foley Stride Smoothly To Staggered Start Victories At Sandifer Race

ROXBURY – J.T. Schemm, a former standout at Brookfield High School, and Joann Foley of Waterbury gave performances worthy of a horseshoe of orchids in placing first in their respective divisions at the 10th annual Ed Sandifer Staggered-Start Race.

Schemm, 42, had a staggered-start time of 12-minutes, 1-second over the 2.4-mile loop, which included a trip down the steep hill on Chalybes Road.

Foley, 55, of Waterbury was clocked in 12:13 on Saturday, September 22, taking second overall.

Under the format, the runners take off based on their ability so, in theory at least, they should all finish simultaneously.

The race is named after Sandifer of Newtown, who captured the Roxbury Road Races Club series season title 12 times. He completed the Boston Marathon each year from 1973 through 2009.

In actual time, Wade Birkins, 28, of Roxbury tallied his fourth win in less than two months, with a clocking of 14:13. Randy Watkins, 54, of New Milford, who is atop the point standings this season, appeared second on the tote board overall in 15:14.

Alison Masopust, 34, of Morris was the female champ and took fourth overall in 15:45. It was her 18th triumph of 2018 in the women's division at the weekly series.

The series will resume on Saturday, September 29, at 8:30 a.m. with a 7.2-mile jaunt that will include a trip up the inclines along Painter Hill Road.

Runners can enter through the \$25 season membership or the \$2 weekly waiver. Youth runners can participate for free by completing the weekly waiver.

Entries for the Roxbury Marathon and Roxbury Half Marathon – which will be both held on Saturday, November 10 – are being taken through the link a.

The second annual Roxbury Thanksgiving Charity Race will be held on Thursday, November 22, at 9 a.m. over a 3.1-mile route. There will be no race-day registration. Runners can enter for \$12.50 through the Ultra Sign-Up link at www.roxburyraces.net. Proceeds will go to the Joseph Thomas Awlasewicz Scholarship through the Roxbury Scholarship Foundation.

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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