

Readyoff, Masopust Garner Season Titles; **O'Shea Captures Season Finale**

ROXBURY – Dan Readyoff and Alison Masopust wore the golden tiaras as season champions and Tim O'Shea got the garland of orchids as the race winner on the final Saturday of the 43rd year of the Roxbury Road Races Club series.

Readyoff, 50, an attorney, was the overall season champion with 1,211 points in the standings. Masopust, 35, of Morris annexed her third consecutive women's season crown and was second overall with 1,163 points for the campaign in the weekly series, which extends from early March to mid-December.

O'Shea, 29, was timed in 15-minutes, 50-seconds – a 6:36-per-mile pace – on the 2.4-mile course that was run on Saturday, December 14, and included a trip up the steep hill on Chalybes Road.

Elsewhere in the men's season standings, former season champion Chris Deming, 53, of Danbury placed second with 1,143 points; Rick Lowry, 57, was third at 922; Dan Lamb, 57, of New Milford took fourth with 916 points; Steven Leslie of Brookfield was fifth with 880; and Larry Deming, 62, placed sixth with 841 points.

In the women's standings, Lauren Contorno, 54, was second with 639 points; Anita Hannan, 53, of New Milford placed third with 604 markers; Cynthia DeGirolamo, a former three-time women's season champion, 52, of Newtown was fourth at 507 points; Donna Lesch of Southbury placed fifth with 484 markers; and Irene Clarke, 50, of New Milford was sixth with 449 points.

All of the top six men and top six women in the standings received plaques.

The runners also collected about 15 toys, which were donated to the Marine Corps Reserve box at the Bank of American branch on Main Street South in Southbury.

The 44th season will tentatively start in February with some fun runs, and the first official race is tentatively set for Saturday, March 7, at 8:30 a.m.

A final schedule will likely be distributed in January.

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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