

# **Nihill, Masopust Score Victories Over Roxbury Trails**

**ROXBURY – A standout runner at an esteemed prep school and the defending two-time women’s season champion each earned a garland of carnations after completing a trail run that required going over rocks, roots and stumps.**

**Joey Nihill, 16, of Southbury, an incoming junior at the Taft School in Watertown, covered the 3.0-mile route at the Roxbury Road Races Club series in 20:14 – a 6:45-per-mile pace.**

**Harry Netzer, 26, placed second on the loop, which included runs up and down a jeep trail near River Road, in 21:28.**

**Alison Masopust, 35, of Morris was the female champion on the course, which was designed by runner Steve Leslie of Brookfield, Masopust, who has annexed the last two female season championships in the weekly series, was fifth overall with a clocking of 23:12.**

**The series will resume on Saturday, June 22, at 8:30 a.m. with a 3.9-mile course that will include a trip up the jeep trail.**

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

**The runners will sponsor the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Roxbury Land Trust/Bill Burley MidSummer Championship on Saturday, July 13, at 8:30 a.m. over a 3.0-mile layout that will start and finish near the land preserver on River Road.**

**The series will make a donation to the land trust. The event is also named after Burley, a former Roxbury resident who initiated the series in 1977 and served as the head director through 1979.**

**Usually 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](mailto:ScottBenjaminWCSU2014@gmail.com), (860) 354-3521 or access [www.roxburyraces.net](http://www.roxburyraces.net).

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