

Saturday, April 15, 2023

33rd Annual Kershner MidSpring Challenge Run Slated For May 6

ROXBURY – The Roxbury Road Runners Club series will honor the former race director who turned the series into the biggest of its kind in Connecticut.

The runners will sponsor the 33rd annual Larry Kershner MidSpring Challenge on Saturday, May 6, at 8:30 a.m. to recognize the late Kershner, a longtime Roxbury resident who directed the series from 1980 through 1985.

He developed the nine-month long format, which was initiated in 1986 and has continued. The Roxbury runners sponsor more races per year than any series in Connecticut and the most of any along the East Coast, except for the Fresh Pond series in Cambridge, MA.

Members of Kershner's family are expected to attend the event, which will be run over a 4.3-mile route that will include a trip down the hill on High Bridge Road.

For many years Kershner was chairman of the Science Department at New Milford High School and also taught the Education Research course at Western Connecticut State University in Danbury. In 1985 he became a full-time professor in the Education Department at the university.

Runners can compete through the \$25 season membership for the weekly series. They also can participate by completing the weekly waiver form. If they have a timing chip, the fee is \$2. If they do not have a chip, the cost is \$5. Youth runners and current and former first responders and military personnel can compete for free after completing the weekly waiver form.

The races, which are sanctioned by the Roxbury Recreation Commission, start and finish near the Everett B. Hurlburt Community Park at 18 Apple Lane.

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