Deming, Danay Repeat Roxbury Champions

ROXBURY – Chris Deming, 57, of Danbury was the overall and male champion for a second consecutive year and Kateri Danay, 25, of Waterbury captured the female crown for a third straight year as the Roxbury Road Runners Club closed out its 2023 season.

Deming tallied 1,134 points over the 35-race schedule. He also is the coordinator of the chip timing system for the races and maintains the club's web site.

Randy Orzano of Sharon placed second for the season with 1.044 points. He was followed by Robert Hughes of Newtown with 1,068 points and Dan Lamb of New Milford in fourth with 869 points. Brian Bassett of Oxford was fifth with 792 points and Felipe T. Birk of Washington with 702 points.

Cindy DeGirolamo of Newtown was second in the women's division with 651 points. She is a former female season champion in the series, which has weekly races from early March until early December.

Jenny Cardoso of New Milford placed third with 458 points and Lauren Contorno of Brookfield garnered fourth place with 428 points. Rina McNamara of Kent was fifth with 380 points and Donna Lesch of Southbury collected 359 points to finish the season in sixth place.

Each of the top six male and top six female season finishers were awarded a plaque. Additionally, Janet Levy, a part-time Roxbury resident, received a plaque as a service award for her work as the treasurer for the series.

The runners concluded the campaign with a 2.4-mile run before holding the awards ceremony. Over the recent weeks they also have contributed non-perishable goods to the Roxbury Food Pantry and toys to the collection box at the Troop A State Police Headquarters in Southbury.

The 48th season of the series will tentatively start on Saturday, March 2, at 8:30 a.m. at the Everett B. Hurlburt Community Park at 18 Apple Lane. The races are sanctioned by the Roxbury Recreation Commission.

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