

Saturday, August 24, 2024

Harris takes the race, Clarke guesses the closest pace

ROXBURY – Dwight Harris captured the race and Irene Clarke won the contest in the first-ever Guess Your Pace Race.

Harris, 38, of Southbury covered a new, 3.6-mile course at the Roxbury Running Club series in 25-minutes, 19-seconds – a 7:02-per-mile pace.

Clarke, 55, of New Milford led the list of guessers with a per-mile pace prediction on Saturday, August 24, that was only 3.6 seconds off her actual time.

The contest was held for the first time, as the runners wrote down their prediction before the race and then ran the course, which included a trip along West Chalybes Road and Cedar Ridge Road.

Former series champion Mike Abraham, 65, of Roxbury placed second overall with a clocking of 25:47. The former New Milford High School cross-country coach leads the season standings in the weekly series with 731 points – more than 80 points ahead of his nearest competitor.

Miriam Acevedo, 47, of New Milford, placed third overall and was the first female finisher in 26:04. It was her 10th triumph this season in the female division.

The series will continue with the Roxbury Mile II on Saturday, August 31, at 8:30 a.m., which will travel from Squire Lane to the parking lot at the Booth Free School on South Street.

Runners can enter through the \$30 season membership. They also can participate by completing the weekly waiver form and paying \$5. Youth runners and current and former first responders and military personnel can participate for free after completing the weekly waiver form.

The Roxbury Fall Classic – with a half marathon, marathon and 50-kilometer race – is scheduled for Saturday, November 9. The Roxbury Thanksgiving Day Charity Race, a 5-kilometer run – will be held on Thursday, November 28, at 9 a.m.

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

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