

Saturday, November 2, 2024

First-time Entrants Wear First-Place Fedoras At Roxbury

ROXBURY – A pair of newcomers to the Roxbury Road Runners Club series – one who traveled more than hour to get to the race and the other coming from the immediate area – were the fastest harriers in their respective division over a challenging 4.5-mile course.

Kevin Ehrlich, 36, from South Windsor was the overall winner in the Saturday, November 2, event with a clocking of 33-minutes, 49-seconds – a 7:31-per-mile pace -over the loop, which included a trip up the long, steep hill on Squire Road.

Natalie Orletski, 14, of Bridgewater, who recently completed her freshman season on the Shepaug Valley High School cross country team was second overall and first in the female division with a time of 34:17.

The Roxbury Fall Classic - which will include a 50-kilometer race, a marathon and half-marathon - is slated for Saturday, November 9.

The regular series will continue Saturday, November 16, with a 6.6-mile race that will include a trip along parts of Sentry Hill Road.

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

The runners will collect non-perishable items for the Roxbury Food Pantry through Saturday, December 7.

The Roxbury Thanksgiving Day Charity Race will be held on Thursday, November 28, a 9 a.m. over a 3.1-mile course. Proceeds will benefit the Roxbury Scholarship Foundation and the Roxbury Ambulance Association.

Advance registration is \$13.62 and can be completed at Ultra Signup:
<https://ultrasignup.com/register.aspx?did=116758>

The race-day registration will be held on November 28, from 7:30 to 8:50 a.m. at a cost of \$15 per runner. Proceeds will go to the Roxbury Scholarship Foundation and the Roxbury Ambulance Association.

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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