

Saturday, April 26, 2025

Lipchus Takes Roxbury Road Race Blue Ribbon In Mild April Showers

ROXBURY – The weekly Roxbury Road Runners Club series touches all four seasons – starting in late winter, encompassing all of the spring and summer and most of the fall.

After starting the season in February with snow still on the ground and then high temperatures in the 70s last mid-week, the temperature declined slightly on Saturday, April 26, and there were mild spring showers as Jeff Lipchus scored his second win of the 2025 campaign.

The 41-year-old Sandy Hook, Newtown resident covered a 6.5-mile course in 43-minutes, 37-seconds – a 6:42-per-mile pace.

Jeff Sheldon, 44, of Southbury was second on the route, which included a trip down the long hill on Hemlock Road and up the Horrigan Trail – with a 45:26 clocking. He is a former two-time season champion in the series.

Kateri Danay, 27, of Waterbury was the first female finisher and placed 10th overall in 55:17. She won the women's season crown each year from 2021 through 2023.

The series will continue with the Larry Kershanr MidSpring Challenge on Saturday, May 3, at 8:30 am. over a 4.3-mile loop that will include a trip down the hill on High Bridge Road.

The race will honor the former head director of the series who was instrumental in extending the schedule from an eight-week summer series to starting in 1986 a 38-race format from February to December.

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