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Roxbury Road Race Series To Start Season Feb. 16

ROXBURY – The Roxbury Road Race Series will launch its 37th season Saturday, Feb. 16, with a 2.4-mile run, the first of more than 40 events during a season that will also include a marathon, half marathon and a benefit Thanksgiving Day run.

There will be 40 races during the regular season, which will extend until Saturday, Dec. 7.

That schedule will include the Larry Kershner MidSpring Challenge Apr. 27 over a 4.3-mile course. That race is named after a former head director of the series.

The Bill Burley MidSummer Championship, which named after the founder and first head director of the series, will be run over a 5.0-mile course July 20.

The Bob Lewis MidAutumn Championship is slated for Nov. 2. That 3.95-mile event is named after the head director of the series from 1986 to 2011.

The weekly races start each week near the Everett Hurlburt Recreation Center beginning at 8:30 a.m., except for Sept. 21, when the runners will start and finish a 3.0-mile course near the Roxbury Land Trust's River Road preserve during the fifth annual benefit run for that organization.

The Two For The Show run to raise money for juvenile diabetes and autism is slated for Sept. 7 and the Ed Sandifer Handicap, named after an 11-time season champion of the series, will be run Sept. 28. The runners also will take donations of toys for needy children at the Dec. 7 race, which will be the regular season finale.

The series will hold the Roxbury Half Marathon Nov. 9 and the Roxbury Marathon Dec. 14. The details on registration for both events will be announced in the coming months.

The marathon has regularly attracted runners from various parts of the United States.

The runners also will co-sponsor the 13th annual Run For The Cure Nov. 28, Thanksgiving Day, at the Roxbury Congregational Church. The church and the Roxbury Recreation Commission are the other co-sponsors.

The series also will announce in April the recipients for its grants to area high school cross country and track and field programs. This will be the 14th consecutive year that funds have been awarded.

The races are sanctioned by the Roxbury Recreation Commission. About 80 percent of the events are free. The \$5 entry fees for the Kershner, Burley and Lewis runs are given to the Roxbury park improvement fund.

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The 2013 Roxbury Road Race Series Schedule

February

16: 2.4 miles up the hill.

23: 2.4 miles down the hill

March

2: 3.1 mile to the end of Hemlock Road.

9: 3.52 miles down the hill.

16: 3.52 miles up the hill.

23: 3.57 miles down Hemlock Road and up Chalybes Road.

30: 3.7 miles down Chalybes Road and up Ranney Hill Road.

April

6: 3.95 miles (the jeep trail course.)

13: 2.4 miles up Chalybes.

20: 4.2 miles down Ranney Hill Road and up Hemlock Road.

27: The Larry Kershner MidSpring Challenge over 4.3 miles. 2.0 miles on High Bridge Road.

May

4: 4.2 miles down Hemlock Road and up Ranney Hill Road.

11: 3.7 miles Ranney Hill Road to South Street.

18: 5.05 miles down Ranney Hill Road up Hemlock Road and down Chalybes Road.

25: The Roxbury Mile I.

June

1: 4.8 miles to Judds Bridge Road and turnaround.

8: 6.6 miles to Sentry Hill Road and back.

15: 4.2 miles down Hemlock Road and up Ranney Hill Road.

22: 6.4 miles, the Minor Bridge Road and Falls Road route, with a 4.8-mile alternate race.

29: The 2.4-mile Brain Vanderheiden Seek Race going in opposite directions.

July

6: 8.2 miles (Judd's Bridge course.)

13: 3.6 miles. (Revised jeep trail course. Runners will take High Bridge Road to River Road and then the jeep trail.)

20: The 5.0-mile Bill Burley Championship race up Squire Road.

27: (No race due to New Milford 7.8-miler.)

August

3: 6.2 miles up Painter Ridge Road.

10: 4.3 miles with the 2.0-mile mark on South Street.

17: 7.25-mile The Boot

24: 3.7 miles down Ranney Hill Road and up Chalybes Road.

31 The Roxbury Mile II.

September

7: The 3.1-mile Two For The Show. (Out and back to the end of Hemlock Road.)

14: The 5.0-mile course going down Squire Road.

21: The 3-mile Roxbury Land Trust race. (River Road.)

28: The 2.4-mile Ed Sandifer Handicap. (Down Chalybes Road.)

October

5. 3.52 miles up Hemlock Road.

12: 11-mile run (Up Botford Hill Road.)

19: 4.3 miles with the 2.0-mile mark on High Bridge Road.

26: 7.25-mile down Hemlock Road, up Ranney Hill Road and up Painter Ridge Road.

November

2: The 3.95-mile Bob Lewis MidAutumn Championship.

9: The Roxbury Half Marathon.

16: 3.52 miles down Hemlock Road.

23: 3.52 miles up Hemlock Road.

28: The Run For A Cure at the Roxbury Congregational Church.

30: 2.4 miles down Chalybes Road.

December

7: 2.4 miles up Chalybes Road (Toy Drive.) Christmas Party that night.

14: The Roxbury Marathon.