<u>Dennen, Odell Charge To Victory At Roxbury</u> <u>Half Marathon</u>

ROXBURY – Pat Dennen and Sherri Odell strode through cool temperatures along rural roads – both dirt and paved – to annex the respective titles in the Roxbury Half Marathon.

Dennen, 37, of Middlebury covered the 13.1-mile route in 1-hour, 22-minutes and 6-seconds – a 6:16-per-mile pace to put another feather in his championship hat.

He won the 2015 Bill Burley MidSummer Championship run at the weekly Roxbury Road Runners Club series and the 2016 Roxbury Land Trust 3.0-miler, which the series also co-sponsors.

David Breyer, 43, placed second in 1:32.11.

Odell, 32, of Litchfield was third overall and wore the women's crown with a clocking of 1:35.02.

There were 49 finishers in the event that was sponsored by the road race series with assistant director Chris Deming handling the registration and timing.

The weekly runs will resume on Saturday, November 18, at 8:30 a.m. with a 3.52-mile jaunt that will include a trip down the hill on Hemlock Road.

Runners can enter through the \$50 season membership or the \$5 weekly waiver.

The series will sponsor a 3.1-mile Thanksgiving Charity Race on Thursday, November 23, at 9 a.m. There will be a \$10 entry fee, which can be paid that morning from 7 to 8:50.

Proceeds will go to Hurricane Harvey victims in Texas.

The series will collect pajama and other pre-owned clothing donations on Saturday, November 25, at 8:30 a.m. before the runners cover a 2.4-mile loop that will include a jaunt down the steep hill on Chalybes Road.

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

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