

Kharitonov, Guterl Take Titles At 11th Annual Roxbury Marathon

ROXBURY – Tony Kharitonov, 46, of Milburn, N.J. easily captured the 11th annual Roxbury Marathon, covering the rolling course in 3-hours, 10-minutes and 3-seconds – a 7:15-per-mile pace.

The first female finisher, Maggie Guterl, 34, of West Chester, PA. was second overall in the field of 83 finishers with a clocking of 3:15:11 over the 26.2-mile layout. The turnout for the Saturday, December 13, run was slightly less than the 88 finishers for the 2012 Roxbury Marathon.

Greg Waterfield, 46, of West Haven took third overall in 3:17.22.

The top five overall male and female finishers each received a plaque designed by Dave Harvey, who ran the marathon and is a former two-time season champion in the weekly Roxbury Road Race Series.

A number of volunteers handled registrations, finish-line recording, water stations and course security in the event, which started and finished near the Everett Hurlburt Community Park at 18 Apple Lane. Chris Deming, a former season champion in the road race series, handled the registration and finish-line timing.

Runners from various parts of the United States competed in a race that has only a \$15 entry fee and reportedly is the only marathon in New England during December.

The marathon was sponsored by the Roxbury Road Race Series, which will embark on its 39th season starting Saturday, February 21, at 8:30 a.m. with a 2.4-mile run that will start near the community park.

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