

Saturday, June 11, 2022

Sheldon, Danay Collect Four-Victory Clovers

ROXBURY – In suburban Elmont, Long Island on Saturday, June 11, they had the Run For The Carnations – the August Belmont Stakes.

Hours earlier in rural Roxbury, Connecticut they had the Run For The Divots, Rocks And Mud – The Jeep Trail Stakes.

Jeff Sheldon and Kateri Danay each made it four consecutive victories in their divisions at the weekly Roxbury Road Runners Club series by conquering the 3.9-mile River Road jeep trail course.

The 0.2-mile trail, which starts just before the 3.0-mile mark is narrow and requires dexterity to navigate. The course was initiated in 1990 after Mark Chantry, a former season champion in the series, designed the route and then measured it in his jeep.

Sheldon, 42, of Southbury – a former two-time season champion in the Roxbury series – was clocked in 24-minutes, 42 seconds – a 6:20-per-mile pace. Tim O’Shea, 32, of Waterbury placed second overall in 28:24.

Danay, 24, of Waterbury annexed the woman’s division and was sixth overall in 31:13. She was the 2021 female champion in the series.

The series will continue on Saturday, June 18, at 8:30 .a.m. with a 5.9-mile event that will travel in both directions along River Road and also will go up the jeep trail.

Runners can enter through the \$25 season membership. They also can compete by completing the weekly waiver form. If they have a timing chip the cost is \$2. If they do not have a timing chip the fee is \$5. Youth runners can compete for free after completing the weekly waiver form.

The Bill Burley MidSummer Championship Race over a 3.0-mile course is scheduled for Saturday, July 9, at 8:30 a.m. – beginning and finishing at the Roxbury Land Trust preserve on River Road. The race is named after the first director of the series.

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

For more information, contact Scott Benjamin, the race director, at ScottBenjaminWCSU2014@gmail.com, (Voice-mail) (860) 354-3521, or access www.roxburyraces.net or the Roxbury Races Facebook page.