

Saturday, July 8, 2023

Consalvo Sets Course Record As Runners Honor Roxbury Land Trust; Race Founder Bill Burley

ROXBURY – Tommy Consalvo entered the record books as the Roxbury Road Runners Club paid tribute to the Roxbury Land Trust and to Bill Burley, the founder for the race series.

Consalvo, 25, of Brookfield strode through the 3.0-mile layout in 16-minutes, 25-seconds, eclipsing the record of 16:28 set in 2016 by Pat Dennen of Newtown on the route, which includes a trip into the Roxbury Land Trust preserve on River Road.

It was Consalvo's eighth victory in 2023 at the weekly series.

Kateri Danay, 25, of Waterbury posted her eighth win of the season in the female division and placed ninth overall in 22:44.

The series presented a check for \$350 to the Roxbury Land Trust after the race. The runners have held races at the River Road preserve almost every year since 2009.

Burley, a former Roxbury resident who now lives in Colorado, initiated the series in 1977 after running in a similar format in Westport. He continued as head director of the Roxbury races through 1979.

The races will continue on Saturday, July 15, at 8:30 a.m. with a 6.4-mile race that will include a trip along Falls Road.

Runners can compete through the \$25 season membership. They also can participate by completing the weekly waiver form. If they have a timing chip, the fee is \$2. If they do not have a timing chip, the cost is \$5. Youth runners and current and former members of the military and first responders can compete for free after completing the weekly waiver form.

There will be no race on Saturday, July 29, since the New Milford Parks & Recreation 7.8- and 3.1-mile races will be held.

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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