

Saturday, June 3, 2023

Bell Takes Moosehorn Crown

ROXBURY – Dillon Bell, 24, of Brookfield prevailed over the grueling 9.9-mile Moosehorn course at the Roxbury Road Runners Club series.

Bell was clocked in one-hour, five-minutes and sixteen-seconds over the loop, which included several long uphill sections, including Moosehorn Road.

Former two-time series season champion Jeff Sheldon, 43, of Southbury placed second in 1:06.40.

Rina McNamara of Kent was the first female finisher and took seventh place overall on Saturday, June 3, in 1:24.53.

The weekly series will continue on Saturday, June 10, at 8:30 a.m. with a 3.9-mile race that will honor the late Ed Sandifer of Newtown.

He was a 12-time series season champion and completed the Boston Marathon 37 consecutive years.

Following the race there will be a brief ceremony near the finish line and then a breakfast at the Ed Went Room in the Roxbury Town Hall. The top finishers will be presented with wooden medallions designed by Dave Harvey, a former season champion in the series and one of Sandifer's regular training partners.

Runners can compete through the \$25 season membership. They also can participate by completing the weekly waiver. 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 military personnel and first responders can compete for free.

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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