

Saturday, October 14, 2023

Andrejczyk Conquers Roxbury Hills; Danay Annexes 15th Female Title

ROXBURY – Mark Andrejczyk took the lead early held it through the steep inclines on Squire Road and Apple Lane to win a 5.0-mile race at the weekly Roxbury Road Runners Club series.

The 50-year-old Shelton resident, who has been racing at the Roxbury events for a number of years, was clocked in 34-minutes, 10-seconds – a 6:50 per mile pace.

Chris Deming, 56, of Danbury placed second in 35:47. Deming, who won the Roxbury season title last year, is atop the 2023 standings with 1002 points.

Kateri Danay, 25, of Waterbury was the first female finisher in the Saturday, October 14, event and took eighth overall with a clocking of 39:37. It was her 15th victory in the women's division for 2023. She captured the female season title in both 2021 and 2022.

The series will continue with an 8.2-mile race on Saturday, October 14, at 8:30 a.m. that will include a trip in both directions along Judd's Bridge 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 cost is \$2. If they do not have a timing chip, the fee is \$5. First Responders, former and current members of the military and youth runners can compete for free after completing the weekly waiver form.

Starting on Saturday, October 28, through Saturday, December 2, the runners will collect donations of non-perishable items for the Roxbury Food Pantry, which is sponsored by the Christ Church of Roxbury. They also will accept cash donations to purchase items for the food pantry.

The Roxbury Marathon, Half Marathon and 50-kilometer races are scheduled for Saturday, November 11, at 8:30 a.m. Further information is available at the Roxbury Races Facebook page.

The Roxbury Thanksgiving Day Charity Race will be held on Thursday, November 23, at 9 a.m. Pre-registration is available at <https://ultrasignup.com/register.aspx?did=105567>. Proceeds will be donated to the Roxbury Scholarship Foundation and first responders.

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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