Saturday, October 28, 2023

Masopust Takes Third Overall Victory of 2023 At Roxbury

ROXBURY – Alison Masopust easily scored a victory over a 3.52-mile loop at the Roxbury Road Runners Club series, outdistancing her nearest competitor by nearly a minute.

Masopust, 39, of Morris was clocked in 23-minutes, 36-seconds – a 6:42-per-mile pace – on the course, which included a trip up the long hill on Hemlock Road. It marked the third time in 2023 that she was the overall champion. She has captured three female season championships at Roxbury over the recent years.

Felipe T. Birk of Washington placed second in 24:31.

The series will continue with the MidAutumn Championship over a 3.9-mile course on Saturday, November 4, at 8:30 a.m. which will include a trip along the Horrigan jeep trail.

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.

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 the Roxbury Ambulance Association.

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.