For Immediate Release

Contact: Scott Benjamin

ScottBenjaminWCSU2014@gmail.com

(v/m) (860) 354-3521

Saturday, October 24, 2026

Roszko Makes It Four Out Of The Last Five; Acevedo Reaches The Lucky 13

ROXBURY – The morning chill indicated that the autumn time change was near.

As the runners were on their return trip along the dirt surface along Dorothy Diebold Lane with foliage on the trees and historic houses and a farm nearby it was clear that Stephen Roszko was again underscoring his rise to the top of the Roxbury Road Runners Club series.

The 39-year-old New Fairfield resident has said he enjoys the "camaraderie" of the weekly runs. Not along ago he was placing second or third. Now he has won four of the last five races since his initial triumph on September 19.

On Saturday, October 24, he led from the first mile to the finish of a 7.9-mile loop, clocking in at 58-minutes, 36.19-seconds - a 7:23-per-mile pace.

In the first half of the out and back course, the runners had to climb the steep incline on Painer Hill Road, one of the most challenging stretches in the 35 races.

That section goes past Toplands Farms, where they sell farm-fresh brown eggs. That farm was owned by Dorothy “Mumsie” Diebold and her husband, Richard. Dorothy Diebold was an award-winning needle-pointer and a scratch golfer.

Mike Abraham, 67, of Roxbury was second 1:00.58. He was the season champion at Roxbury the last two years.

Miriam Acevedo, 49, of New Milford garnered her 13th win this year in the women’s division. She was seventh overall in 1:05.41.

With four races remaining in the season, Chris Deming, 59, of Danbury tops the overall season standings with 1,337 points. He appears primed for his third season title in the last five years.

Acevedo is second in the overall standings and first among the women with 1,083 points. She annexed the season crown in 2025.

The series will continue on Saturday, October 31, 8:30 a.m., with a 5.0-mile race that will include a trip up the long hill on Apple Lane.

Runners should bring at least one non-perishable good. They will be donated to the Roxbury Food Pantry at the Roxbury Church of Christ.

The races, which are sanctioned by the Roxbury Recreation Commission, start and finish near the Everett B. Hurlburt community Park at 18 Apple Lane.

Registration is available through Roxbury Road Runners Club.

Runners should arrive early and check in so that they are logged into the computer system or sign the entry sheet near the starting area.

Current and former military personnel, current and former first responders and youth entrants should inquire about discount fees. The general charge is $45 for a season pass and $10 for the weekly waiver.

The Roxbury Fall Classic, which includes a 50-kilometer race, marathon and half-marathon, is scheduled for Saturday, November 14. Registration is available at https://runsignup.com/Race/CT/Roxbury/RoxburyMarathonHalfMarathonand50k

The ninth annual Roxbury Thanksgiving Day Charity Race is slated for Thursday, November 26, 9 a.m., over a 3.1-mile route.

Registration can be accessed via https://runsignup.com/Race/CT/Roxbury/RoxburyThanksgivingDayCharityRace.

The fee is $10 plus a $1.60 handling charge – for a grand total of $11.60. Race-day registration of $15 per runner – plus a $1.90 handling fee for a grand total of $16.90 - - will be available November 26 at the pavilion to the community park from 7:30 to 8:50 a.m.

If you are interested in working as a registration table attendant or course marshal for the Thanksgiving Day race, please contact Scott Benjamin at ScottBenjaminWCSU2014@gmail.com or (v/m) (860) 354-3521.

Additional information on the series is available via the Roxbury Races Facebook Page.

Full results from the October 24 race are available via Roxbury Road Runners Club