



**Medway & Maidstone
Athletic Club**

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New Tracks

Sutton Valence

It is now almost certain that the planning application for a the new track will be heard by Maidstone Borough Council's Planning committee on Thursday 5th June. Once this is confirmed we will e-mail you to confirm and to ask as many club members as possible to attend the planning meeting in order to show support for the scheme! We do not want to be outnumbered by local residents. Once approval is given (fingers crossed), it will then take four weeks to get the contractor in place and a further ten to build the track. We will also update club members ASAP after the meeting.

Black Lion

The club remains in talks with Medway Council about the development of the Black Lion track and is providing advice and support to Medway Council. The Council has made its planning application for the Medway Park development, which includes the track, and it remains on track to open in Summer 2009.

Go to the club website at: <http://mandmac.org/suttonvalence.aspx> or <http://mandmac.org/blackliontrack.aspx> to read more about the plans for both tracks.

Summer Buzz

"Anyone who has been to one of this summer's events will have noticed there is a buzz about the club this year! The support from athletes, parents, friends, relatives and other club members has been excellent and it is making a difference to performances! I want to say thank-you for this effort and encourage everyone to keep up the enthusiasm and get along to as many future meetings as possible!"

Paul Alcock, Chairman

Club Social Night – “Toast the Track”

To build on the 'buzz' at this summer's meetings the club will be holding a social evening on Saturday 26th July at Medway Rugby Club in Rochester. It would be good to see as many people as possible at the event which will include a DJ and Buffet! Hopefully it will be an opportunity to toast the successful start of the work on the new track! Full details can be found attached or online at: www.mandmac.org

You can get tickets – priced just £5 at the Track, at most upcoming track meetings or by Contacting Us to arrange the best way to get them to you!

If club members have any ideas for other social events they would like to see held in the coming months please let us know!

Membership Renewals

2008 Club subscriptions and membership renewals are now well overdue. If you haven't already submitted your form and paid your membership fee you should not be claiming to be a club member at road races and should not be competing in league teams. The new renewal form is online at: <http://mandmac.org/membership.aspx> . This year's form is a bit longer than in previous years but it is important all members fill it in and send to the membership secretary ASAP.

If you are not intending to renew your membership, you need to formally notify the club – use the website to contact us or make contact with Steve Whiting, Membership Secretary.

Club Structure

Works continues to prepare the club for possibly becoming an unincorporated charity.

Further news will of course be brought to all members before any decision is made. There will be also an Extra-Ordinary Meeting to agree a new constitution. If you wish to talk to anyone at this stage please contact Club Treasurer, Martin Gray, at martingray@mandmac.org .

Medway Mile

The Club is once again supporting the Medway Mile in Gillingham on 27th July 2008. If you wish to run in one of the three elite races – Under 17's (including under 15's), Seniors (including U20's) and Veterans please visit <http://mandmac.org/clubevents.aspx> and contact adrianlowther@hotmail.com to request an entry – it is free!

There will also be the chance for everyone to run in the mass run on the afternoon. The Club will also be using the day to showcase athletics events, give local people the chance to try the sport and recruit new members!

Officials Help Needed

We are now a month into the season and there is desperate need for more people to come forward and volunteer as officials at club events. You do not need to be qualified and do not need to spend the whole day officiating – any help will be of use. If you are interested in

becoming a qualified official or wish to know more about giving a hand contact Mike Beech at thebeeches@mac.com . **Without support events cannot take place!!!**

Club Kit

The new Club Kit continues to be on sale. A full range of t-shirts, polo shirts, jackets, kit bags, hats, fleeces and new club vests are available to purchase. Full details, including pictures, of all of this new kit are online. From this page you can download an order form and also contact the Club's new Kit Manager – Karen White. Visit: <http://mandmac.org/clubkit.aspx>

Next M&M Open Meeting

The Club's next summer open meeting takes place on Wednesday 28th May. Full results and details of the next two open meetings are online at <http://mandmac.org/clubevents.aspx>

A raffle will be held on the night to raise funds for the club – anyone wishing to donate a raffle prize (please) should contact Karen White through the club website or bring one along on the day!

Staying up to date!

With the new website it should be easier than ever to stay up to date – as long as everyone lets us know their news!!! If you do not wish to receive these bulletins please let us know by return of e-mail. Similarly, can all members please forward this bulletin to their training partners or athletes they coach (it is better people receive it twice than not at all). Those athletes who do not receive this direct are asked to forward their e-mail address to contact@mandmac.org so they can be added to the distribution list.

Don't forget you can stay up to date with all the latest club news...

online @ www.mandmac.org

**Contact us and send your questions to the committee and team managers at:
contact@mandmac.org**

Please share this Bulletin with other club members and ask anyone not receiving it direct to let us know their e-mail address.

If you have received this Bulletin in error or do not wish to receive it in the future please let us know by return of e-mail. Thank-you.