



**Medway & Maidstone
Athletic Club**

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New Tracks

Sutton Valence

It was hoped that planning approval would have been granted and work started on the track by now. The local planning objections noted in the last Bulletin remain unsolved, however, it is anticipated that the plans will be considered and approved by Maidstone Council's Planning Committee by the end of May. It will then take four weeks to get the contractor in place and a further ten to build the track. As soon as the planning meeting date is confirmed we will e-mail all club members as we wish to get as many club members along to the meeting, to show support for the plans, as possible. 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. 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.

Membership Renewals

Club subscriptions and membership renewals are now overdue. 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.

Club Structure

It is envisaged the club could grow substantially if the plans for the 2 new tracks at Sutton Valence and Black Lion succeed. This will mean greater commitments (including the Club signing a long lease to be able to use the Sutton Valence track). Therefore over the past few months the committee members have been discussing how best to take the club forward.

Following on from the club structure presentation to the AGM, at a committee meeting held on 11th April 2008, a decision was taken to start the process going forward of the club becoming an unincorporated charity.

Members will receive information through MMAC Bulletins and there will be opportunities for members to meet and to discuss matters with members of the committee. 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 .

Club Chairman, Paul Alcock, said, "The decision to move towards becoming a charity has the full support of the committee, but we want to give all members the chance to have their say. I hope everyone will take the chance to listen to the arguments and back this proposal in the coming months."

Help Needed

There is still a need for volunteers and people to help officiating at events. If you can help at all this summer please let us know. Perhaps you are travelling to races with family members? Could you spare an hour of that day? Particular help is needed at the Southern Women's League Meeting in Crawley on 26th April, if you can help there or at any other meeting this summer contact Mike Beech at thebeeches@mac.com

Club Kit

A new range of Club Kit was launched at the club's first summer open meeting on 5th April. There is now a full range of t-shirts, polo shirts, jackets, kit bags, hats, fleeces and new club vests 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>

Annual General Meeting

The 2008 AGM took place successfully on Friday 4th April. Not only were the Winter Season Awards presented (see below) but the club elected a new Chairman and Treasurer. Karen White was also elected to the vacant Social Secretary post. Visit: <http://mandmac.org/agm.aspx> for all the details.

Winter Awards Winners

The Winter Season Awards were presented by outgoing Club Chairman Alan Beaumont at the AGM. Details of all winners can be found online at: <http://mandmac.org/clubawards.aspx> . Notably, Mike Coleman received the Jeremy Willson trophy in recognition of his success this winter. Photos are also online!

Open Meeting Success

The Club's first summer open meeting took place on 5th April. Full results and details of the next two open meetings are online at <http://mandmac.org/clubevents.aspx>

Team Managers for Summer

Parents or athletes who have not yet spoken to their respective team manager for the summer, need to make contact with them now! Find out who your manager is by visiting:

<http://mandmac.org/committeeandmanagement.aspx>

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.

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