



Medway & Maidstone
Athletic Club

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New Track

Sutton Valence

It was hoped that planning approval would have been granted and work started on the track by now. However, due to a number of local planning objections there has been some delay. It is now hoped that the plans will be considered and approved by Maidstone Council's Planning on Thursday 13th March. It will then take three 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 is now more involved in 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.

Club Website

The new website continues to go from strength to strength with over 1600 visits by over 800 different people in the first month alone.

We still need some Webmasters! – If you want to help keep the website up to date you can do so. We need a team of people who are willing to look after a small section of the site each. It is really easy to use and we can help you to learn how to do this. It could be a really good school or college project for you??? Those who are interested can contact the webmaster by e-mail: contact@mandmac.org

Photos

We also still need some photos of the club's athletes to help make the website more visually attractive. Please can club members send any photo's of themselves to contact@mandmac.org so they can be used on the website. Don't be shy, it's important we have a good cross section of photos so we can attract new members, of all ages, and sponsors. You can also use the club's new Facebook Page to keep in touch with other members and share photos etc – go to <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=8326312021> if you are a Facebook user!

Membership Renewals

Club subscriptions and membership renewals are now due. 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 Kit

There are currently t-shirts, polo shirts, jumpers and shoe bags available to purchase. We are also close to getting a range of new kit. As soon as we have samples we will notify all club members of how they can order new kit. Photos and prices will also be placed online. There is now a page on the website for Club Kit. From this page you can also contact the Club's new Kit Manager – Karen White. Visit: <http://mandmac.org/clubkit.aspx>

Grant of £1000

England Athletics have awarded the club a £1000 grant (its maximum award at any one time) which is most likely to be used to help purchase equipment for the new track. It is hoped towards the club will also be able to secure a similar amount in September in the next round of grants.

Annual General Meeting

The 2008 AGM will take place on Friday 4th April at 8pm. It will once again take place at the RAF Association Hall in Chatham (next to the library). As well as the presentation of the club's accounts, election of club officers and updates on the club's development and the new tracks, the winter season trophies will be awarded to athletes. 2008 is proving to be a very important year for your club. **Please make every effort to attend this meeting.**

Full details online at:

<http://mandmac.org/Documents/2008%20April%20ANNUAL%20GENERAL%20MEETING.pdf>

Summer is Fast Approaching

Many of the summer's fixtures are now online, with early highlights being the club's open meetings and the Easter Monday fixture at Tonbridge. Keep up to date at <http://mandmac.org/fixtures.aspx>

Help Needed this Summer

As the summer events are now fast approaching the club really requires more help at its open and league meetings in the shape of officials and volunteers. The club has to provide Track Judge, Time Keeper and Field Judge Team at each meeting. Historically this cover has been provided by stalwarts who are now in short supply. It would be appreciated if those who qualified in last year could help out at events other than those for younger age groups. Similarly anyone who is happy to help out or is interested in gaining a qualification as an official should contact Mike Beech on 01622 202446 or thebeeches@mac.com .

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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