



WESTERN CAPE MAZDA MX-5 CLUB

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: SOLMS DELTA 2015-03-29.

After the disappointment of Nitida, we looked forward to visiting Solms Delta in Franschhoek. And we were not let down! With everything, including the weather, playing along, we had a very pleasant outing.

Joining the run to Franschhoek were yours truly and Joanita; Charmaine Jackson and friend Rob; André and Nerine Davis; George and Anna-Marie Slade; Soné Mouton and Paul Burger; Allan and Alison Sheard; Chris and Daphne Foster; George and Mo Ford; Brian Lewer and James Lewer; Derrill Papendorf (with Barbara at home and feeling out of sorts); Duncan and Rowena Mackintosh; "JP" Bezuidenhout and Kirsty Slade; Allan Hughes (with Janine also out of sorts); Martyn "Doc" and Eleanor Warren; Rod Manson and Chris and Jo-Anne Langenhoven. Richard and Hazel Carolin also confirmed attendance but could not make it due to illness.

Here's wishing a full and speedy recovery to all our *not-feeling-so-lekker-today* Members!

Apologies were received from Brian and Avril Roy (enjoying a holiday abroad); Peter and Carla Truter; Alex and Maureen Paterson; Gerald and Jocelyn Poswell; Diane Novitzkas; Paul Riggall; Phil and Julia Wilmot; Warren and Colette Garner; Graeme Stead; Keith and Christine Clarke and Jack Bates and Lori.

With Charmaine Jackson (who organized today's meet) in the lead, we set off for Franschhoek from our usual gathering place, MacD's near Plattekloof. The Members from the South had previously joined up at the Constantia Post Office whilst the Helderberg Members joined up at Somerset West and went straight to Franschhoek from there.



Our venue: Solms Delta (www.solms-delta.co.za) describe themselves as “a wine farm with a difference”.

After an informative guided tour (*paid for by Treasurer George “Generous” Slade*) of the two museums, we were headed for the restaurant (*see pic above*) for lunch under huge Oak trees on the rolling lawns.

Right: Soné Mouton; Rob and Charmaine; Paul Burger.

Lunch was the way our Members prefer it to be: simple, well-presented and fairly priced. Proof of a decent wine list was the fact that some Members bought case-loads of the farm’s products!



Enjoying lunch in brilliant weather!

Left:

Chris Langenhoven; Rod Manson and Jo-Anne Langenhoven.

Below left:
(From L to R):

James Lewer; Rowena Mackintosh; Duncan Macintosh; Alison Sheard; George Slade (*with back to camera*); Anna-Marie Slade; “JP” Bezuidenhout and Kirsty Slade.



The meet was a huge success and our appreciation goes to Charmaine Jackson for organizing everything.

Next meeting: Last year, a poll among Members showed that, in spite of the extortionate cost of petrol, most Members still want a long, scenic drive at least two or three times per year. On the 26th April, we'll have the first of these for 2015: a trip, via Bain's Kloof, to the Winterberg Inn near Wolseley. Full details will follow later.

Thanks to everybody who came along: hope to see you all again on 26th April 2015!

Regards to all

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