



# WESTERN CAPE MAZDA MX-5 CLUB

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## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: WELLINGTON 2015-06-28

It's Monday and I don't like Mondays. Especially this one: it's brass monkey weather and then the power goes off – no, not scheduled as in load shedding. The outage lasts till lunch-time and my clients (those who's appointments I couldn't reschedule) and I simply have to make do.

So: it's not yet Monday afternoon and already I'm behind schedule. *And* Stage 2 Load Shedding has just been announced. But – there are more pleasant things to life than work, thinks I, so let's do the *Report!* I can do it by working off line and it usually puts me in a good mood.....

Joining us on the visit to Tecklenburg's Restaurant in Wellington were yours truly and Joanita; Brian and Avril Roy; Paul Burger and Soné Mouton; Derrill and Barbara Papendorf; Charmaine Jackson and son Alistair; George and Anna-Marie Slade; Duncan and Rowena MacKintosh; Richard and Hazel Carolin; Jack and Lori Bates; Dennis Burger and friend Trish; Diane Novitzkas and Paul Riggall; JP Bezuidenhout and Kirsty Slade; Rod Manson and friend Brian; Keith and Christine Clark and finally (*because they were there first!*) Allan and Alison Sheard.

Apologies were received from Brian Lewer; James Lewer (*visiting his kids abroad*); Jonathan and Eloise Dekel; André and Nerine Davis; Gerald and Jocelyn Poswell; Allan Hughes and Janine; Peter and Carla Truter; Paul and Moyra Goldberg; Peter van Rensburg; Chris and Daphne Foster; David Wantling; Steve and Mari Ashton and David and Julie Dyer.

The trip to Wellington was uneventful: the Northern Contingent met up, as usual, at MacD's in Platteklouf whilst the Southerners met up at Constantia Village. Following on Rod Manson's suggestion, we all met at the Engen Garage on the N1 and travelled together from there to Wellington.

Except, of course, the Helderberg "Contingent" which was made up of Allan and Alison Sheard: After bundling the hapless Alison into the MX-5, Allan cranked it up, stuck it into gear and planted his right foot on the loud pedal, never lifting it for even one second until they stopped at Tecklenburg's. Clearly, this boykie is never going to be left behind ever again! I've heard tell that although our Allan doesn't always have a "Plan B" at the ready, he never leaves home without a carefully-contrived "Route B" in the back pocket .....

Our venue: *Tecklenburg's Restaurant*, owned and operated by John and Susanna Tecklenburg, is situated in the Oude Wellington Distillery at the foot of the famous Bain's Kloof Pass, just outside Wellington. It's an idyllic setting and, judging by the advertising blurb, offers a lot.

Because of the expected size (some  $\pm 30$  diners) of our party, *Tecklenburg's* demanded that we book ahead by one and a half weeks instead of the usual “*please confirm your numbers on the Thursday before the event*” that we’d become used to. No problem: until they later **also** demanded that each Member choose and confirm his/her menu choice at the same time. Soné Mouton (with Events Tsar Brian Roy) worked really hard to get everything organized – no problem/s up to here.

The problems started when we arrived at the Restaurant: with only one extra guest, the Hostess threw an embarrassing tantrum, refused to find another chair and stormed off. As things turned out, our seating was in any event cramped and very uncomfortable – and then the real problems started.

I’m not going to dwell on these: terrible service (in spite of the fact that we pre-booked the entire menu a week and a half ahead of time) with ice cold food – and a downright rude Hostess. And no – Load Shedding was no excuse: just think of the brilliant time (and food!) we enjoyed at Dene and Zelda Zondag’s *Kelkiewyn Café* in Villiersdorp: only after we had enjoyed their hospitality and excellent fare and were about to set off for home, *did we discover that they were actually without electricity for the third day running!*

Soné Mouton and Brian Roy worked really hard to make the day successful: the fiasco that followed was not of their making. I certainly also hope that it will not deter other Members from organizing outings for the Club: this system was introduced by Brian at the start of the year and has proven to be hugely popular. Regrettably, hiccups like *Tecklenburg's* do happen.

In closing: Soné and Brian did “the right thing” by addressing a letter to *Tecklenburg's* setting out our complaints re the day: one month later, and no reply at all from them.

Next month we are off to *Thorfynn's Restaurant* in the Monkey Valley Resort, Noordhoek. Full details to follow – and remember to book early!

Regards to all

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