

# Taking flight

*Mignonne Clay won one million air miles in the Diners Club Million Miles competition*

## MIGNONNE CLAY WAS CHRISTMAS SHOPPING AT WOOLWORTHS IN SANDTON ON

19 December 2009. She used her Diners Club Card to pay for the R687.19 purchase, and went about her day.

There was nothing unusual about the transaction, and no doubt she was mentally ticking off her list of gifts for her husband and two grown-up sons, or possibly wondering if the Christmas meal would need a different dessert.

Little did she know what had happened as her Diners Club Card was swiped. Mignonne had just won the Million Miles competition – a prize of a million air miles from South African Airways that she could divide up into 18 international return flights, 50 domestic return flights or a trip around the world.

Her husband, John, the primary Diners Club account holder, heard the news first. When he phoned to tell Mignonne, she wouldn't believe him. 'It took quite a lot of convincing. I had read about the competition in *Signature*, but then I promptly forgot about it. I'm someone who is forever entering competitions, but I never win, so this is absolutely fantastic.'

She has three years in which to redeem the prize, and they haven't settled on anything yet. 'Ideally I'd like to use it to take the family away. My oldest son is 29 and lives in London, so it will be great to all go away together, possibly to North America. I'd like to explore the Boston area and then head off to one of their ski resorts. I can't ski at all (I can just get off my bottom) but my sons and husband have tremendous fun. They can go to the higher slopes while I stay on the nursery ones.

'Alternatively, I'd like to use the tickets to go to China with my husband. My biggest dream is to see the Great Wall of China, and then we'll probably visit my husband's family in Australia.' They can redeem any remaining miles with any of the SAA Voyager programme partners, including car rental, game lodges and health spas.

Almost as good as winning the prize, says Mignonne, is the knowledge that it was her transaction that won and not her husband's. 'I keep telling him how jealous he is and rubbing it in that I won it. It is tremendously satisfying. All I need now is to win the Lotto! 🍀

### MORE WINNERS

- Saji Joseph won 500 000 SAA air miles after opening a new Diners Club account.
- JC Swanepoel paid for a purchase at Makro with his Diners Club Card and won a home entertainment system.
- Peter McKerchar won a R30 000 stay at Pezula Resort Hotel & Spa.
- Michael Stormer won a R20 000 stay at the Royal Swazi Spa.
- Ayesha Randeree won a Raymond Weil Nabucco watch worth R23 950.