



# THATCHERS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA DEKKERSVERENIGING VAN SUID-AFRIKA

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## **NEWSLETTER**

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The time has almost arrived to conclude our 2006 activities. We also need to look back to contemplate on what we have achieved in the first year of the new TASA. We must also ask ourselves whether we are heading in the right direction and how we will be able to achieve our goals.

Through a process of creating an awareness of TASA, especially with the co-operation and support of the Building Authorities and the public at large, there can be no turning back and must the Thatchers Association of South Africa only go from strength to strength.

We therefore would like to bring the following aspects to your attention and trust that it will act as motivation for those Thatchers still not within the TASA fold and thus not involved in our valued cause.

### **ELECTION OF NEW REGIONAL COMMITTEES**

Regional meetings will be held during February 2007 in the six regions to elect new Regional committees before the Annual General Meeting takes place. Two additional members will be elected at the Annual General Meeting to form, together with the six Regional Chairmen, the National Chairman and Executive Officer, the new National Committee. The National Committee will elect from among their members the National Chairman, National Vice Chairman and the National Secretary. These names will be announced at the function to be held on the Friday evening on the 9<sup>th</sup> March 2007.

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND NATIONAL CONGRESS**

The Annual General Meeting will coincide with the National Congress on 9 and 10 March 2007. This event will take place at Pure Joy Guest Lodge, Derdepark, Pretoria. Non-members and other interested parties are welcome to attend.

The cost will be R790 per person sharing at the Guest Lodge. There are also other options available for spouses and partners not partaking in all the activities of the AGM and Congress. You can also stay till Sunday at Pure Joy Guest Lodge and transport to and from the airport will be available.

A booking form is attached and booking can also be done on the website. You are urged to book urgently and submit your booking info to the TASA office. Confirmation of booking will be done on receipt of payment by this office.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PERSONS WHO MADE A SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE TRADE**

At the Friday evening function TASA would like to give recognition to those who contributed to the Trade over the past years.

Nominations and suggestions will be appreciated and our office must be advised thereof not later than 31 January 2007.

### **COMPETITION**

You are also reminded of the competition in the following categories.

- Most aesthetic structure
- Largest (single) thatch roof
- Funniest thatch photo

For your information:

- Please take note that entries for the above categories must be received by this office not later than 28 February 2007
- Only paid up members may participate
- Members may enter for more than one category
- Adjudication will be done by those present at the Friday evening function
- All entries will be displayed

Prizes to be won will be announced later.

### **FOUNDER MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES**

Members that joined before 31 December 2006 will still receive a Founder Membership Certificate. A new Membership Certificate will be in force from 2007 on which stamps can be pasted for the following 5 years. A stamp as well as a certificate will be posted to you on receipt of your membership fees. Only stamps will be issued for the subsequent 4 years.

A R3000 annual membership fee is payable and membership will be in force from the month the subscription is received and will be valid for a period of one year.

### **TASA WEBSITE AND ARTICLES IN SA TIMBER HOMES MAGAZINE**

You are cordially requested to visit the TASA website often. The importance lies in the relevant articles and information available with a regular updating of the latest developments.

In the section 'For Members Only', business opportunities are advertised as received. A password is required to surf this section of the website.

The SA Timber Homes Magazine will be available at the end of November 2006. It will again feature an article about the Thatchers Trade. The magazine is available at R23-95. The subscription form for the magazine is available on our website under the section 'Industry and Technical.'

## **COMPLAINTS RECEIVED FROM THE PUBLIC RE. FAKE MEMBERSHIP**

More and more complaints are received from the public regarding Thatchers that pretend they are members of TASA. The Thatchers Association of South Africa's registered trademark is fraudulently used to obtain business. Such practices are frowned upon and offenders will be prosecuted.

The tendency is that in the case of a dispute, paid-up members tend to rectify the problem as soon as possible, while those who claim to be members leave their clients in the lurch with dire consequences.

The TASA website provides a membership list with contact information and Thatchers and Clients are encouraged to take note of the questionnaire on the website "How to select a Thatcher."

A new section is created on the website as a service to the public containing articles with explanatory photos regarding questions and complaints received. All queries are duly explained and answered.

## **JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR THATCHERS IN NATAL**

Thatchers are urgently needed in Natal. In the event of any surplus thatchers known to you, please contact Riaan Schoonraad of Five Star Rustic Thatch and Pave at 082 927 0359.

His e-mail address is [riaan@fivestarthatchandpave.co.za](mailto:riaan@fivestarthatchandpave.co.za).

Kind regards

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