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NEWSLETTER



John Smith
NATIONAL CHAIRMAN



THIRD NATIONAL CONGRESS AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM and National Congress held on the 15 and 16 May in Pretoria was very successful. It was also an enjoyable social occasion. The various competitions created much excitement amongst delegates and participants.

Our National Chairman Mr John Smith could unfortunately not attend as he was hospitalised. He had to content himself with information received via e-mail and cell phone messages regarding developments at the forum. We wish him well.

The involvement and support of our members must be lauded. To every member that attended the events; thank you very much.

Sponsors and Speakers

We thank our sponsors who together with the speakers presented the workshops activities. They played a major role in the success of these events. Sponsorships to the value of R22 500 were received.

<u>Sponsors were:</u>	Arch Wood Protection SA (Pty) Ltd (<i>Main sponsor</i>)	
Comondale Poles	Alternative Structures	BlogHaus Design
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Scotmar	Pole & Timber Center	

HIGHLIGHTS

Constitution

At the AGM it was decided that a member who served in the position of National Chairman, National Deputy Chairman, National Treasurer or Area chairman for two consecutive years may be re-elected to serve in the same position in the absence of a suitable candidate not being available.

Election of the TASA Executive Committee

The present Executive Committee members have been re-elected. They are Messrs John Smith (National Chairman), Hennie van Rensburg (National Vice Chairman) and David Hoffman (National Treasurer).

Result of Photo Competition for TASA members (The power point presentation is on TASA's website)

Those present elected the following members as winners from 36 photos received:

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| • Largest Single Roof | R2 000 | Kim Thatchers |
| • Most Aesthetic Roof | R2 000 | Thatch-it |
| • Funniest Thatchers photo or video | R1 000 | Hoffmans Thatching Specialists |



Largest single roof



Most aesthetic roof



Funniest thatch photo

Result of the second National Thatch Roof Construction Competition

Our appreciation goes to all participants for their originality displayed, their effort, time, cost incurred and interpretation of the floor plan to produce and provide models of such outstanding quality. The transportation thereof must have been quite demanding

The participants were: Thatch-it (Gauteng), Hoffmans Thatching Specialists (Mpumalanga), Biggarsberg Thatchers (Natal) and Lucas Quality Thatchers (Western Cape).



The Judges were: Mr Mike Hull (Hull Consulting Engineers), Prof. Wally Burdzik (University of Pretoria), Abrie Visagie (Lucas Quality Thatchers) and me Liesl Schoonraad (Natural Homes Group).

For Thatch Contractors

Best Pole Structure	R4 000	Biggarsberg Thatchers
Most aesthetic pole structure	R4 000	Biggarsberg Thatchers
		Half page free advert in the magazine SA Roofing

We congratulate Shaun Smith of Biggarsberg Thatchers who won both prizes with his model



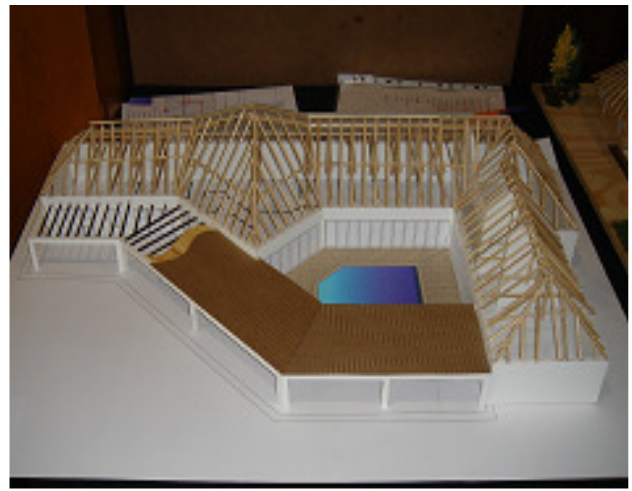
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Thatch-it



Hoffmans Thatching Specialists



Lucas Quality Thatchers

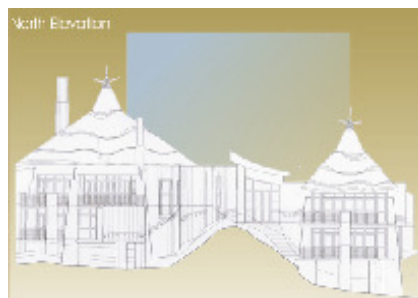
Architects & Designers

Best design	R3 000	Walker Smith Architects (Natal)
Most aesthetic design	R3 000	WJA Architects (Mpumalanga)

Eleven Architectural firms entered the competition and outstanding designs were received. Every participant will receive a certificate for participation as well a golf shirt per entry. The winners will also receive a framed certificate apart from their prize money. Photos of all entries will also be published in magazines.



Best design



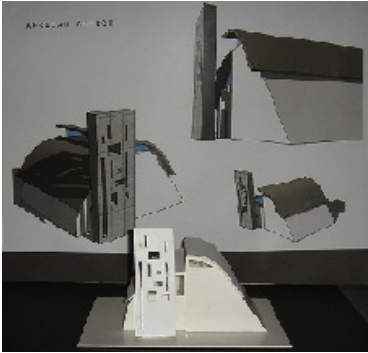
Most aesthetic design



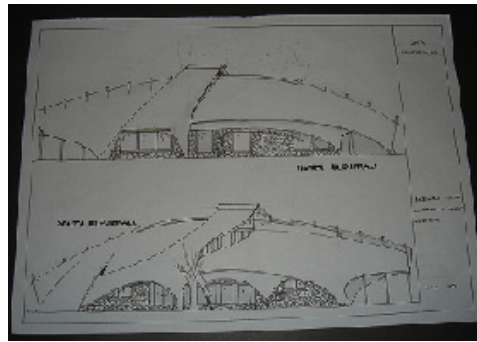
University Students

Seven second year Architectural students from the University of Pretoria participated and three entries were received.

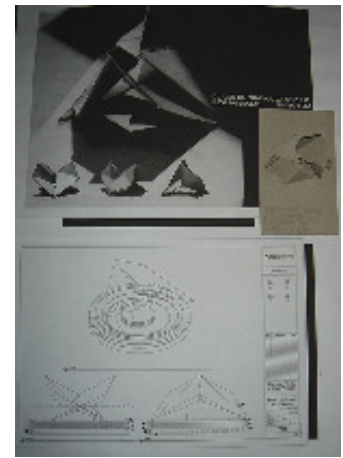
Prizes were allocated as follows:	Best design	R1 000	Reynard Smit, Kira Bester, Anike Nurnburger en Andreas Schultheiss
	Most aesthetic design	R1 000	Morgan Kloes



Best design



Most aesthetic design



Accreditation

A proposal was accepted at the AGM that allows the National Committee to continue with the process of Accreditation and to make changes where necessary.

Substitutions for Binding Materials

A need exists in the market place for substitutions for polypropylene, sisal twine and stainless steel wire. Even treated sisal twine burns through and steel wire is a high risk in areas with a high lightning intensity. A product must be found or developed that does not stretch and is fire resistant so that the thatch will remain tightly bound, in the case of fire.

Timber Marketing Forum

It was decided at the AGM that Mr John Smith will attend the meetings of the Timber Marketing Forum representing TASA. Depending on budget constraints, it was decided that TASA will become a member of the above organisation.

Team Building

A team building weekend will be arranged in the near future for all area managements. The road ahead will be contemplated as well as matters such as Accreditation.

Other matters to be discussed will be:

- Interaction with Banks, Insurance Companies and Local Governments to be intensified.
- A training manual to be compiled to form part of accreditation
- Stake holders in the building industry to be identified and closer collaboration to be achieved.
- Closer connections to be achieved with institutions like the NHBRC and other relevant Associations.

We trust that business opportunities will be created and be on offer for our members despite the tight economic climate. Portfolios will therefore have to be created and assigned to members to play an active role. This will have to be results driven.

To this end and for the future of TASA the co-operation and involvement of our management core is imperative.

Kind regards

John Smith

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TASA COMPETITION 2009 - Thatch Roof Contractors

BEST ROOF STRUCTURE

Give a total for each of the following aspects out of 10, 1 being the lowest, 10 being the highest/best score.

CONTESTANT: _____

Structural:

Structural Design Accuracy _____
Has NBR been followed? _____
Rainwater disposal and valley design _____
Has light been taken into consideration? Roof windows etc? _____
Proper overhang _____
Scale Accuracy _____

Aesthetic:

Style Design _____
Interpretation of the design _____
Creativity _____
Presentation _____

Total: _____

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MOST AESTHETIC STRUCTURE

Give a total for each of the following aspects out of 10, 1 being the lowest, 10 being the highest/best score.

CONTESTANT: _____

Structural:

Structural Design Accuracy _____
Has NBR been followed? _____
Rainwater disposal and valley design _____
Has light been taken into consideration? Roof windows etc? _____
Proper overhang _____
Scale Accuracy _____

Aesthetic

Style Design _____
Interpretation of the design _____
Creativity _____
Presentation _____

Total: _____

TASA COMPETITION 2009 - Architects and Designers

BEST THATCH DESIGN

Give a total for each of the following aspects out of 10, 1 being the lowest, 10 being the highest/best score.

CONTESTANT: _____

PLANS:

Quality of plans _____
Accuracy of Plans A3 _____
Presentation _____
NBR accuracy _____
Plans on CD as well _____

DESIGN:

Style _____
Creativity _____
Proportions _____
Aesthetics _____

MODEL: NOT COMPULSERY

Proportions _____

Total: _____

TASA COMPETITION 2009 - Architects and Designers

MOST AESTHETIC BUILDING DESIGN

Give a total for each of the following aspects out of 10, 1 being the lowest, 10 being the highest/best score.

CONTESTANT: _____

PLANS:

Quality of plans _____
Accuracy of Plans A3 _____
Presentation _____
NBR accuracy _____
Plans on CD as well _____

DESIGN:

Style _____
Creativity _____
Proportions _____
Aesthetics _____

MODEL: NOT COMPULSERY

Proportions _____

Total:
