



THACHERS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA DEKKERSVERENIGING VAN SUID-AFRIKA

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NATIONAL CHAIRMAN

NEWSLETTER

We trust that you enjoyed the festive season and look forward to the challenges the new year will bring.

The financial situation at present shows an improvement compared to status year ending 2009. We trust that the business prospects will improve in 2010 due to the Soccer World Cup.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & NATIONAL CONGRESS

The fourth National Congress and AGM will again be held in the Cape in the month of May. Details of the events will be provided as soon as arrangements have been finalised.

NATIONAL COMPETITIONS

The following competitions will again be arranged:

- **National Thatch Roof Construction Competition**

This competition will again consist of three categories, namely for:

- Thatch Roof Contractors
- Professional Architects and Engineers
- University students

- **Photo Competition**

The National Thatch Roof photo competition will again take place but is restricted for TASA members only.

The purpose of the competition is for members to get acquainted with each other. Participation by our members will be appreciated. Come and brag with your roof constructions.

Photos will be published on the TASA website.

The National Committee decided to effect the following changes:

Category: **Largest single thatch roof structure** (overhang/shade area *exceeding* 1000 sq m)
Behind every large project hides an interesting story. The winning photo will be published together with the story as well as the logo of the company.

Most aesthetic thatch roof with overhang/shade area between 100 and 1000 sq m.

Lapas and structures with an overhang/shade area less than 100 sq m.

Funniest photo or video.

Conditions Only two photos per category may be submitted of the completed roof. Photos of the roof in progress, for example the pole structure may also be included, but the roof must be completed.

Adjudication: Adjudication will be done beforehand and will be done by the same panel of judges deciding on the National Thatch Roof Construction Competition (models).

REGIONAL MEETINGS

Regional meetings will take place during April 2010. One of the main items on the Agenda will be the election of new area managements. Contact your Regional Chairman for more information.

SANS 10400 (NATIONAL BUILDING REGULATIONS)

This matter is still under serious discussion with the SABS and other role players in the Industry to remove the obstacles in the new proposed National Building Regulations. Members will be kept posted.

GENERAL

- We will be grateful to receive interesting information and photos for the TASA website
- Please also avail yourself of the opportunity to advertise on the TASA website. Cost is R1 000 per year for full members and R3 000 for associate members.
- Vehicle stickers and magnets with the TASA logo can be ordered from the office.
- Please take note that TASA's postal address has changed as indicated below.

We trust that more bona fide Thatch Roof Contractors will join TASA this year and that cooperation among members will improve.

Kind regards

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